



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
and sorry I could not travel both
and be one traveler, long I stood
and looked down one as far as I could
to where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
and having perhaps the better claim,
because it was grassy and wanted wear;
though as for that the passing there
had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
in leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
somewhere ages and ages hence:
two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.

~ Robert Frost
The Road Not Taken

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Hope for Tomorrow

Sandra Eithun
(b. 1963)

INTROIT

Jean Berger
(1909-2002)

A rose touched by the sun's warm rays
all its petals gently does unfold;
so you, when touched by God's great mercy,
let joy and gladness win your soul.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Leader: From you comes my praise
in the great congregation.

**People: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord.**

Leader: All the families of the nations
shall worship before God.

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and God rules over the nations.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav - en re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 22:22-25, 29-30

PLAINSONG

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
“May your heart live for ever!”

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Wilderness Road

John Wilkinson

ANTHEM

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Awake thou wintry earth,
fling off thy sadness.
Ye vernal flow’rs laugh forth
your ancient gladness.

A new and lovely tale
throughout the land is sped,
it floats o'er hill and dale
to tell that death is dead.

Descended to the grave,
where our belov'd lie sleeping,
hath Christ return'd to save
man's heart from woe and weeping.

O earth, break forth and sing,
renew thy bright array,
with fairest blooms of spring
bestrew the Savior's way.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith,"
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG 10.10.10.4

John Brownlow Geyer, 1969

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by
2. We share by wa - ter in His sav-ing death. Re - born we
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spir - it's
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows As Christ's new

death He broke its fear - ful hold; And our de - spair He turned to
share with Him an Eas - ter life As liv - ing mem - bers of a
pow - er shakes the church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the
bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse, re - stored and

blaz - ing joy.
liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One.
whole, will sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Allegro (Triptych for Four)

John C. Dare
(b. 1967)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGISTS: Virginia and Dom Rebeck

MUSIC: Handbell Ensemble; Members of the Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan, conductor; Ken Lovett, organist

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PCCH QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Several members have called to say that their quarterly statements contained errors. Please check your statement and contact Megan McGowan, our new church administrator, if you have a question or a problem.

MAY SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

May 16

- Discussion of “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson

May 23

- Conclusion of “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on May 12 and May 26

Join us for Bible study this Spring. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619850858?pwd=VmdRcHQ4Wm5nRHZxVjY2V3lTcFR0Zz09>

PCCH KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY CANCELLED

This year’s party on Saturday, May 1 has been cancelled. We will look forward to a festive gathering next year. In the meantime, the Church Life Committee is hoping to schedule events over the summer as people become more comfortable getting together in large groups. If you have ideas, please share them at PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PCCH SOFTBALL GAME

*Sunday, May 2, 9:00—11:00 a.m., Miles Park, 303 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill
(Located at the upper softball field next to the pavilion)*

We have a change of location this year because of restrictions at the Crefeld School field and this is the only time and location that we could acquire with all the restrictions in place for COVID. The worship service at 10:00 a.m. can be watched after the softball game. For further information contact Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org. All are welcome to participate or attend.

ONLINE PLAY READING OF A NEW COMEDY CANCELLED

Due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to present this reading on Friday, May 14. We look forward to resuming Play Readings in the future when we can participate and enjoy them together in person.

ALL-AGES NATURE WALK AT THE SCHUYLKILL CENTER

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Close to 30 PCCHers attended the first event at the Schuylkill Center in April; don't miss out this time as we enjoy time together outdoors and see what changes Nature has brought to the Center grounds! Bring your family and join your friends for this all-ages, all-church event on Saturday, May 15. We will meet at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy’s Mill Road. This is an all ages event—the Schuylkill Center will be offering Nature Explorer Kits for families along with a self-guided tour. The sign-up pages have more details; please sign up at <https://forms.gle/tbgjwFNxgp4H5k3Y6> to let us know you’re coming, and to give us your contact info in case we need to communicate updates. Email PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com with questions. Please remember to wear a mask!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday this spring, we will hold an afternoon worship service at 4:00 p.m. in the tent. The service will feature a sermon, prayers and choral music, lasting approximately 45 minutes. With the advent of spring, join fellow church members for this time to gather—please wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocols.

TENT SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of 1-2 people each week to help with light set-up for our weekly 4:00 pm worship service, tables and chairs. Arrival time of around 3:30 p.m. with easy instructions. If you are able to help, please email Evelyn Carpenter at ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your support.

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Throughout the course of our Sunday 4:00 p.m. worship services in the tent, we will receive food donations for our mission partners, including Face to Face, PIHN and Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Especially needed are shelf-stable food items. You may also continue Shop Rite gift cards, or simply make a monetary donation. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Online – www.chestnuthillpres.org

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Vimeo

Our weekly recorded church school videos now include a welcome song, a worship set-up, and a Bible story with Austin, as well as a yoga component with Amy Raphael! The yoga poses reinforce the Bible story the children have heard—just one more way to help these faith stories “stick” in our children’s minds and hearts.

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to follow our Church School Vimeo page. Following us helps others to find our page online (The more followers we have, the more Vimeo will promote our site.), and it will ensure that new videos come to your inbox when they are posted. Here’s the link: <https://vimeo.com/user122846953>

JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL

Sundays, 11:00—11:30 a.m. (Under the Tent)

Rehearsal will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will last approximately 30 minutes. Children will work with Julie Snyder on songs, play musical games together, and have some social interaction.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.: Church Softball Game (Miles Park)

Senior High Youth Group only, Sunday, May 2, 5:00—6:00 p.m.: Youth Sunday

Recordings (Tent)

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

HfH is a nonprofit agency now in its 21st year of operation which provides deeply discounted lodging and support at volunteer-Host and Private-Setting homes as a caring response to the housing needs of patients and their families who come to Greater Philadelphia for specialized medical care. If you are able to provide such housing, or would like to learn more, contact cathy.davis@hostsforhospitals.org.

T-SHIRT SALE BENEFITS PCCH PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This T-shirt Fundraiser will allow us to welcome families to our preschool who might not be able to afford tuition otherwise. Celebrating multiculturalism and diversity, and creating an environment of inclusion and equity, is not only something we talk about each day in our classrooms, but is also something we take action on. You can place your order using the link on our website: <https://pcchpreschool.org/t-shirt-fundraiser/>

The price of each T-shirt, featuring our original logo on American Apparel brand T-shirts, is \$20 each. There is also an interactive blank cell listed for an additional donation to the school's scholarship fund. Please consider a donation.

Orders must be placed before Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 9. T-Shirt pick up will take place at the school. You will be contacted via email in order to arrange a check to be mailed to the school.

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Thursday, May 13, 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Presented both **online** (<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>) and to a **limited in person** audience (15 people max) in Widener Hall. Please RSVP at 215-247-4654 if you plan to attend in person. *Due to covid-19 guidelines and precautions we will not be serving desserts and beverages at this series for those viewing in person. A \$5 is donation requested.*

Speaker: Drew Brown

Topic: Philadelphia's consolidation of 1854 and how it led to us drinking the Schuylkill River

On a single day in 1854, Philadelphia was transformed from a County with 29 separate and unique municipalities into a Consolidated County composed of one, new, all-encompassing City of Philadelphia that we know today. In a presentation illustrated with historic photographs and original, hand-drawn engineering sketches from the Historical Collection of the City of Philadelphia Water Department, you will recognize scenes that you may never have connected to the water system, starting with Chestnut Hill's Water Tower, not just a monument but an essential component of water delivery in Chestnut Hill beginning in 1849.

Drew Brown speaks regularly about the City of Philadelphia Water Department's current and historic operations. He is a civil/environmental engineer with more than forty years of experience with the Water Department. Not a native of Philadelphia, he says that the Water Department's history has been a fascinating framework for exploring the City's people and their neighborhoods. He lives in Chestnut Hill with his wife and two of his three adult children.

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is NOW OPEN for **in-person activities** (*both inside and outside*), as well as a variety of classes you can **participate in live online!** When in person at the Center we will be following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, will still be posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/> The schedule for upcoming in-person and online events can be found there too.

Upcoming online classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for both **in person** and **online participation** on Zoom by computer, tablet or dial in by phone. *Instructions and link to join for online events, sent after you register.* Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

LOTUS BLOSSOMING YOGA

Tuesdays, through June 29, 10:30—11:45a.m., \$10 per class. Class is held in the tent.

Friday yoga becomes Tuesday while we meet outside. We will be able to greet old friends and meet new ones. All levels welcome, as both intermediate yoga and chair yoga will meet together. This is a traditional gentle class exploring breathing techniques, postures (asana) and meditation with perhaps some poetry and a few stories tucked in. For those attached to their mats and blankets feel free to bring them and we'll adapt postures for all. The emphasis here is gentle. It is suggested that everyone bring a blanket since the chairs outside are metal.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MUSIC—PART 2

Thursday May 6, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free

Presented in person to a limited number of people, and on Zoom to join/watch from home.

Lecturer Margaret Montet returns to present the second half of the lecture she began in October as part of our Speakers Series. Minimalist, Dodecaphonic, Electronic, and Aleatoric music, serious art music, experimental opera, Bop, and Free Jazz: The twentieth century saw a plethora of musical styles flourish and falter. Let's look further into the previous century to follow these trends and genres into the 21st century. Starting where we left off in Part 1, we'll listen to and analyze music of American-born and émigré composers Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber, Arnold Schoenberg, film composers, Minimalists, and even a sampling of 21st century composers in the second part of this two part series.

BASIC APPLE (IOS) DEVICE—TIPS & TECHNIQUE

Thursday, May 13, 2:00—3:30 p.m., \$12

This class is **In Person** for a limited number of participants.

In this session, we'll cover the essentials to learn how to effectively use the basic functions and Apps on iPhones and iPads. We'll also spend time on the Camera and Photos Apps. You'll want to know your Apple password to be able to take full advantage of your device features.