

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA**

Once to ev'ry (one) and nation  
comes the moment to decide,  
in the strife of truth and falsehood,  
for the good or evil side;  
some great cause, God's new Messiah,  
off'ring each the bloom or blight,  
and the choice goes by forever  
'twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble,  
when we share her wretched crust,  
ere her cause bring fame and profit,  
and 'tis prosperous to be just;  
then it is the brave (one) chooses  
while the coward stands aside,  
till the multitude make virtue  
of the faith they had denied.

~James Russell Lowell (1845)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 18, 2020

10:00 a.m.

**INTROIT**

*Entrance Responsory*

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

The Lord is in his Holy Temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before him.  
The Lord preserve his going out and his coming in;  
from this time forth forever more.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion  
and is exalted over all the peoples.  
**People: Let us praise God's great and awesome name.**  
Leader: God is a lover of justice who has established equity.  
**People: God has established justice  
and righteousness.**  
Leader: Extol the Lord our God,  
and worship at God's holy mountain.  
**People: For the Lord our God is holy.**

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN**

*You That Know the Lord Is Gracious*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

You that know the Lord is gracious,  
you for whom a corner-stone  
stands, of God elect and precious,  
laid that you may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation  
you a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation,  
walls that may re-echo praise.

Tell the praise of him who called you  
out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
strength renewed and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
praise and magnify the Lord.

Words: C.A. Alington, 1950  
Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

## **WELCOME**

## **FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Draw us close, eternal God, as your word is read and proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of your truth and grace. Amen.

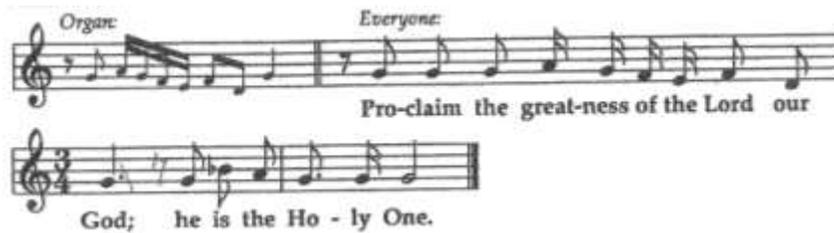
## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord', and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir: Antiphon****Congregation: Antiphon**

The Lord is King; let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.

**Congregation: Antiphon**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**Congregation: Antiphon**

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**Congregation: Antiphon****GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Church and State”

John Wilkinson

**ANTHEM**

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

A New Creed, United Church of Canada

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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 Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Henry Alford, 1844; alt. Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - jice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
You are near And seek where You are found:  
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fanfare*

William Mathias  
(1934-1992)

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

**LITURGIST:** Pretz Family, Rachele, Dan, Natalie and Samuel

**MUSIC:** Members of the Gallery Choir: Katy Avery, Julie Snyder, Kevin Radtke, Jackson Williams; Daniel Spratlan, conductor; Ken Lovett, organist

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## **THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### **WALKING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP 2021**

Today PCCH launches its 2021 stewardship campaign, “Walking in Faith.” Over the course of the next few weeks, you will hear conversations with church members who will share their faith experience and how the ministry of PCCH has mattered to them. Watch your mail for an introductory letter and additional communications as we plan for our response on November 22. Thinking about stewardship during a global pandemic is a challenging matter; nonetheless, your financial support is vitally important as we continue to reach out and connect through worship, education and service. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration, as together we walk in faith.

### **DONATE FOOD, TOILETRIES and MASKS**

As our mission partners continue to meet critical human need during a pandemic, we have the opportunity to support their ministries. Each Sunday in October at our evening prayer, Monday (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) or Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you are encouraged to bring the following items to the church.

- Shelf stable food items for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry and Face to Face (Face to Face in particular needs individual size apple sauce, juice boxes, trail mix bars)
- Travel-size toiletries: deodorant, toothpaste, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, tissues, soap, shaving cream, etc. for Face to Face
- Cloth face masks for West Kensington Ministry

If none of these drop-off times are convenient, contact the church office. Thank you for your support.

### **JOIN THE SANDWICH BRIGADE!**

Our mission partner Face to Face needs sandwiches and lunch bag items to hand out on Fridays to help tide food-insecure clients over the weekends. We’ve signed up to supply those struggling individuals and families on October 30. Here’s how you can help: Prepare peanut and jelly sandwiches (apply PB to both sides of bread, to prevent sogginess). Put each sandwich in a Ziploc bag and bring them to the church kitchen **by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday October 29**. Face to Face also needs individual snack items: fruit cups or applesauce, oranges, granola bars, water bottles, packets of nuts. Your donation of these, as well as paper lunch bags, would be greatly appreciated. While we can’t gather to assemble these bags together, we’d love to see photos of your in-home assembly line! Send photos to [llefer@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:llefer@chestnuthillpres.org) or post at the Church Life Facebook page. You are welcome to write notes to include in the assembled lunch bags. Questions? Contact Beth Vaccaro ([bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com)) or Suzan Willcox ([sewillcox@comcast.net](mailto:sewillcox@comcast.net)).

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

**Log onto** <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/> and click on the Church School tab.

Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday prior to worship for children of all ages. We would love to have the adults tuning in to pay attention to what we do in church school—often a purely behind the scenes venture. The sessions continue to be available on the website.

## SECOND HOUR ONLINE

Second Hour Online Continues to Welcome Mission Partners...  
Join us LIVE at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday morning for conversations with the leaders of our mission partners.

**October 18 – Adan Mairena of West Kensington Ministry**

**October 25 – Beth Vaccaro of the Community Partnership School**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157837121?pwd=cXB4d2l2WnJuM0VCQzB3d1VxTmxTUT09>

## CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND PUBLIC LIFE

**October 18, 4:00 p.m. with Beth Shalom Hessel under the tent**

**“How Honest about our History can Help us become a City on a Hill”**

Join Beth Shalom Hessel for a conversation about the vital and difficult work of dismantling the mythologies that have upheld our national narratives in order to create more honest and fulsome histories that create space for confession, healing, and reconciliation.

*Beth Shalom Hessel is a Presbyterian minister and church historian. Her family actively participates in life at PCCH. Prior to her appointment as the Executive Director of The Athenaeum of Philadelphia in 2019, Beth served as the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society. Beth received her Ph.D. from Texas Christian University, where her dissertation was titled “Let the Voice of Christian America Speak: Religion and Empire in the Japanese American Incarceration Camps, 1942–1945.”*

## EVENING PRAYER SERVICES at 5:00 p.m. – Socially Distanced and Under the Tent!

- October 18 – Focus on Stewardship (Come hear Beth Hessel at 4:00 p.m. and stay for evening prayer)
- October 25 – Reformation Sunday

Join us each Sunday through the end of October under the tent for a service of evening prayer. These services – approximately 45 minutes – will feature scripture, prayers, readings, a brief reflection as well as solos and hymns offered by our soloists.

Please wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines.

It will help us in our planning if you RSVP by contacting the church office at 215.247.8855 or [ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org). We will have extra chairs set out if you decide to attend at the last minute.

## YOUTH GROUP

No Youth Group this Sunday, October 18.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., in the tent**

We will gather in the PCCH tent for Theology on Tap this month! We have lighting and one heater (don't know how much it will heat, but there is one). So bundle up, bring your beverage of choice, and a mask. Simple rule will be if you're drinking, no talking, so that we keep all health protocols intact. Any questions, email Brian Russo [brusso@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:brusso@chestnuthillpres.org).

## **EVENING PRAYER MOVES TO SANCTUARY**

As the weather gets a bit chillier, the Return to Church Team, with the support of the Session, invites you to Evening Prayer services in the Sanctuary. On the first four Sundays in November—1, 8, 15 and 22—we will gather at 4:00 p.m. (note the time) for a 45 minute service of evening prayer. We will observe social-distancing protocols, including masks. We will welcome 50 persons at each service so as to maintain safe distance. Next week, we will send out a letter with additional details, including how to RSVP for the services.

## **GATHERING NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**

At our November 1 worship service, we will remember the names of church members who have died in the past year. In addition, you are invited to share names of any—friends, family, those who have died recently and those who have died long ago—to be remembered. Send an email to [ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org) with names.

## **SOULS SHOT EXHIBITION**

**November 1, 2020 – January 15, 2021**

Widener Hall, Free and open to the public.

Visiting hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

*Calling the church office 215-247-8855 ahead is recommended. Safety protocols must be followed: masks must be worn, visitors must stay at least 6 feet apart, occupancy numbers will be limited.*

The Souls Shot Portrait Project pairs fine artists with families and friends of victims of gun violence. The artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the victims portrayed. The exhibition is a truly moving tribute. Please join us for this powerful experience. Questions: [soulshotportraitproject@gmail.com](mailto:soulshotportraitproject@gmail.com)

## **MULTIFAITH COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR SOLIDARITY AND HOPE**

**Monday, November 2, 6:00 p.m., Oxford Presbyterian Church**

On Election Eve, join your Northwest Philadelphia neighbors for a time to share solidarity and hope. This multifaith gathering will feature music, brief readings and an opportunity to share your prayers for our community and nation. Mask-wearing and social distancing protocols will be observed. This event, sponsored by the Northwest Philadelphia Multifaith Leaders will also be live streamed at [www.facebook.com/nwphillymultifaithleaders](https://www.facebook.com/nwphillymultifaithleaders)

## **CENTER ON THE HILL**

The Center on the Hill is now open for limited in-person classes and events, with strict guidelines and precautions in place. We are also offering many of our activities streamed online as well for people who want to participate or watch from home. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, are now posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/> The Fall Newsletter, and the links and schedule for upcoming events can also be found there.

**Upcoming events and classes in-person and online:**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for both in-person and online participation.**

**September Art Exhibit: Center Hallway- Kass Dymecki, *Watercolors*.** (view by reservation) Please call 215-247-4654 or email [msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org) to reserve a time slot Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm.

**Grief Support Group-Mondays, October 26, November 9 & 16, December 7 & 14, 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m., Free.** Registration required. Limited number of participants for in person group is closed to new members after October 26.

**Penn Museum Presentation: Stories from the Tamil Diaspora with Praveen Vijayakumar. Thursday, October 22, 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m., FREE.**

*Presented online and in-person (to a limited number of participants) to watch at the Center as well.)*

*“Stories from the Tamil Diaspora” traces a Singaporean Tamil family’s history back to Tamil Nadu, India, in the early 20th century.*

**Day Trip: Laurel Hill Cemetery with Private Tour Saturday October 24, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., \$20.00,** Picnic Lunch option included. Meet at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday October 24 (Free parking available) Laurel Hill Cemetery Main Entrance: 3822 Ridge Ave. Philadelphia, 19132

**Space is Limited: Registration and Payment Due by Monday October 19.**

Join us for a private walking tour led by local author and historian Thomas Keels. The Tour will end with a scenic picnic lunch that will be provided where you can spread out and enjoy scenic views while you eat.

**Speakers Series on the Hill- Recorded on October 15, Speaker: Margaret Montet Topic: Twentieth Century American Music- Part 1**

*Access the recorded presentation here:*

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>

### **PCCH BREAKFAST CLUB MEETS AGAIN UNDER THE BIG TENT!**

The PCCH Breakfast Club is BACK! Join us **Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m.** for breakfast under the big tent! We will have tables set up to facilitate appropriate distancing. Coffee, orange juice, and water will be provided. Questions? Email [PCCHChurchLife@gmail.com](mailto:PCCHChurchLife@gmail.com)

### **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

Wednesday – Bible Study, 12:00 noon, Facebook Live

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Visit our website [www.chestnuthillpres.org](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org) and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.

### **VIRTUAL GALLERY EXHIBITION—NEW ART ON VIEW NOW!**

We miss your face! The dedicated curators of the on-going PCCH Virtual Gallery encourage you to share your smile with your PCCH pals! For “Homecoming,” our next online exhibit, we ask you to take a second to take a selfie of your smiling face in your favorite place! (And, yes, if the spirit moves you, we encourage you to embrace your creative, wacky, silly side!) **The deadline for submission has been extended to October 24. !** Please send your

photos to [pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com](mailto:pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com). We encourage you to include some text to accompany the image—tell us why this is your favorite place right now or just share what’s on your mind at the moment. Your text can be attached in a Word doc or included in your email. We can’t wait to see your beautiful, even silly smiles!

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES AND FALL SCHEDULE**

During the three blood drives in September the Red Cross collected 84 units of blood which will help up to 252 hospital patients in the area. Our contact at the Red Cross is very grateful for our support and many donors have expressed gratitude for a local donation site.

Future blood drives:

- Friday, November 6 — 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 13 — 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 20 — 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 11 — 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you can volunteer to greet potential donors, take their temperature, and check them in using the Red Cross computerized system, please email Liz Podraza at [lizpodraza@gmail.com](mailto:lizpodraza@gmail.com).

If you would like to be a blood donor, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill using the zip code 19118. You must have an appointment to donate; no walk-ins can be accepted, but appointments may be made the day of the drive.

## **CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND PUBLIC LIFE**

**Sundays, October 18 and 25, 4:00 p.m.**

Join us under the big tent – masked and socially distanced – as we engage in important conversations about what it means to live out our faith in the world. These two conversations will help us explore what that might look like in 2020.

Each conversation will be followed by our 5:00 p.m. service of Evening Prayer, offered throughout the month of October.

**October 18 at 4:00 p.m. with Beth Shalom Hessel (see above)**

**“How Honesty about our History can Help us become a City on a Hill”**

**October 25 at 4:00 p.m. with John Wilkinson**

**“Why Voting Matters to Presbyterians”**

Join John Wilkinson for a conversation about the importance of voting in the American Presbyterian tradition. Presbyterians have been committed to living out their faith in the public (not partisan) arena, and have issued statements on the importance of voting. We will explore aspects of these statements and consider their contemporary relevance.

## **MAKING MASKS FOR STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Committee has identified “Walking in Faith” as our theme for 2021. As part of our unique fall effort, we are making special masks for the congregation, that you can wear out and about or when you gather under the big tent. If you’d like to help sew the masks, please contact Trish Franklin at [trish@zachbehr.com](mailto:trish@zachbehr.com).