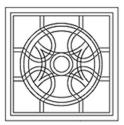
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, April 21, 2024 10 a.m. FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Welcome!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age two is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at parental discretion.

Children's *Praise Packs* to aid with worship participation are available in the narthex. Please return these after worship.



All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which takes place immediately after the Children's Message. Please use the QR code to fill out a brief safety waiver for your child.

We encourage you to fill out the black friendship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 10.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT Easter Introit Iain Quinn
(b. 1973)

The Lord is risen indeed; come let us adore him; Alleluia! Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness,

come into God's presence with singing.

People: For the Lord is a gracious God,

whose mercy is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Psalm 100:1,2,5

*HYMN 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

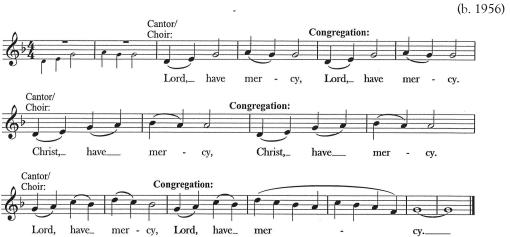
Forgive me my sins, O Lord; forgive me the sins of my youth and the sins of my age, the sins of my soul and sins of my body, my secret and my whispering sins, my presumptuous and my crying sins, the sins I have done to please myself, and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive me those sins which I know, and those sins which I know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all by thy great goodness.

Lancelot Andrewes (d. 1626)

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

SILENT CONFESSION





PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

Richard Hillert

(b. 1978)



Congregation: Antiphon

Choir: Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation.

Congregation: Antiphon

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through your hold Word, that we may welcome Christ more fully into our lives.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Habakkuk 2:1-3

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through 8th grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not rehearse today.

Parents, please pick up your children after church school today.

HYMN (seated) Tallis' Canon

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day, That in your Spirit strong and true, Our lives may be our gift to you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 20:24-29

But Thomas (who was called the twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Doubting Your Doubts

Rev. Craig Barnes

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29

*HYMN 399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

C. V. Stanford

Alleluia! O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three, "Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise. In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluia! Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH *DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Holy God, we offer our gift, as we offer our lives, with the hope that

you will use what we give to proclaim your love, in word and deed. Amen.

FOUNDATION How Firm a Foundation *HYMN 361

*BENEDICTION

David Willcocks BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen (1919-2015)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Der Tag, J.S. Bach

der ist so freudenreich

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Kate Houstoun and Jim Lutz Elders

Nicolette Cobbold and Taylor Slaughter Deacons

USHERS

William Cobb Team#3 Leader, Robert Bausman, Peter Cooke, Doug Olson, Dom Rebeck

FLOWER GUILD

Jill Bown, Debby Evans

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Ainsley Olivia Huff, born on March 23, 2024, given by her grandmother, Diana Markowitz.

COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Caravaggio, *The Incredulity of St. Thomas*, 1602, oil on canvas, Sanssouci, Potsdam. Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571–1610) was an Italian painter who spent most of his working life in Rome. Seen as a preeminent master of the Baroque era, the artist's distinctive style combined realistic observation of the human state, both physical and emotional, with a dramatic use of lighting known as *chiaroscuro*. In this work Thomas the unbeliever is depicted as a peasant, dressed in a robe torn at the shoulder and with dirt under his fingernails. The light falling on the figure of Christ emphasizes his physicality and at the same time suggests his divinity and significance to the viewer. Caravaggio's masterful use of chiaroscuro creates a narrative through line—the shadows (representing doubt) sweep over St. Thomas, but as he touches Christ he is drawn into the light.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.



The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas:

Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

Sunday mornings before worship—a gentle reminder

The Gallery Choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to enter the sanctuary during this time, but please remember to keep conversations low so that the choir is able to focus on its rehearsal.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) would like to update the congregation on our recent activities regarding the search for our new pastor and head of staff.

The months of February and March have been very busy for the PNC. After carefully reviewing applications and sermons, we chose several candidates to participate in a screening interview with two members of the PNC. Following this step, we identified five candidates to proceed to panel interviews with the whole PNC. After thoughtful consideration and discernment, we've narrowed our current selection down to three. Now we are in the midst of checking their references, clearing them via the Presbytery, and reaching out to community members who are familiar with our candidates in diverse contexts to gain further insight.

The next step will be to schedule visits to each candidate's home congregation. These visits will afford small groups of PNC members the opportunity to witness them preach in person, observe their interactions with their community, and spend valuable time with them and their families.

Once we have completed our visits, we will coordinate with Presbytery leadership to schedule "neutral pulpits" with our top candidates, where they will visit our area, preach in a neighboring church with the PNC in attendance, and spend time with the PNC and PCCH staff.

In light of Craig's next steps, we acknowledge that it may feel we are beginning another period of uncertainty, but please know that God's timing is truly perfect. While it is important to remember that this is a process of mutual discernment, and that we will not shift our approach to rush toward a compromise because of the circumstances, we are also excited to have some incredible candidates, and we are confident that we will come to unanimous and enthusiastic agreement about our new church leadership in due course.

As a committee, we have been heartened to realize and recognize the strength of our church's reputation and congregation in the reflections of our partners in the Presbytery, our many valuable referral sources, and our candidates. For all of these reasons, please continue to keep the PNC in your prayers as we continue the discernment process.

PCCH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, April 28, 2024 immediately following worship

All members of the PCCH congregation are encouraged to stay after worship to attend this year's very important Annual Meeting to receive a copy of the Annual Report, to respond to the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for church officers, and to vote on the revisions to the PCCH Bylaws If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Dr. Barnes or call the church office.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday, April 24, Dr. Craig Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for next Sunday's worship service. The reading is 1 John 4:7-21. All are welcome.

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, May 4

Family-friendly hike and bird watching. Stay turned for details from the Church Life Committee.

END GUN VIOLENCE ADVOCACY DAY—PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL Tuesday, May 7

The Social Witness Committee understands and appreciates the controversy implicit in the topic of gun control and common-sense solutions to reduce gun violence. Our partners at West Kensington Ministry are best acquainted with the fallout from violence, literally on their steps. WKM has taken a leadership role in an effort to reduce gun violence and are asking us to join them with this event.

Transportation is being arranged to the Capitol; once there, attendees will meet with legislators and rally at the close of the day. Please give some consideration to joining this effort. Visit tinyurl.com/4k9vv9yc for more information, reach out to Rev. Adan Mairena (adan@westkensingtonministry.com), or see any member of the Social Witness Committee with your questions.



on more marvelous moments!



Saturday, April 27

7 pm doors open 7:30 show

SUPPORT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY—ANNUAL GOLF OUTING MAY 13

The Sixth Annual West Kensington Ministry Golf Outing is approaching! Make plans now to play, volunteer, or support this great event that benefits one of our mission partners; WKM is a faith community supporting the human potential of an inner-city community. This year's outing tees off on Monday, May 13 at 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club in Warminster, and promises more of the golf, fun, and camaraderie that has become the Annual WKM Golf Outing. The golfer donation amount is \$180 per person and

covers lunch, green fees and cart, putting contest, hole prizes, door prizes, post-tournament reception—all for a fun day to benefit a critical urban ministry.

In addition to golf, there are also many opportunities to participate in this benefit event, including hole sponsorships, lunch, reception, and program sponsorships, or donation of prizes or silent auction items. Cash donations are also welcomed. Check the Golf Outing flyer on the bulletin boards for details. You can register, sponsor or donate to the outing by clicking on the green "Golfer Registration" icon near the bottom of the homepage at westkensingtonministry.com. Your support in the past has been both generous and critical to enabling WKM to physically, spiritually, and intellectually impact the lives of its neighbors and be a vital and relevant spiritual presence in the West Kensington community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com).

2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Actual	Actual
166,303	133,480
38,462	36,838
50,725	28,759
255,490	199,077
255,602	229,787
(112)	(30,710)
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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play	Christian Studies	Feasting on the Word
	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
4/21	Michelle Shachtman and Mark O'Dwyer	Rebecca DePasquale	Kate Magid

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3 to 2nd grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades 3-5 will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the
 richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be
 using the Memoria Press Christian Studies curriculum.
- Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 will wrestle with deep faith questions in classes on alternating weeks. On the other weeks, they will attend worship with their families.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel. On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not rehearse today.

All children are welcome to sing with either Joyful Noise or the Youth Choir when we have rehearsals—drop-ins are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Saturday April 20, Earth Day Service Project, Clean up of Wissahickon Creek at Forbidden Drive. Meet at PCCH at 8:30 a.m. so that we won't have too many cars to park at Forbidden Drive. Let Kate know if your middle school or high school students can help with the clean up.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry program is in need of additional volunteers to join our team to serve as lead teachers, classroom aids, and to deliver the children's message in the worship service. No prior teaching experience is necessary—all that is needed is a loving heart and desire to work with the children of this church. Adults of all ages and life stages are invited to serve. Please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com if you are interested.



CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday-Fridays, 9 a.m.4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday-Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page here: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center, as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org.

APRIL ART SHOW, THURSDAY PAINTERS "Seeing the Natural World Anew" The Center on the Hill Gallery is open for viewing Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. These vibrant and colorful watercolors are a selection from a group of artists who were part of Howard Watson's last class at the Woodmere Art Museum. They come from a variety of backgrounds and their paintings reflect their different interests. They challenge each other, share information about equipment and techniques, offer feedback, and most of all enjoy encouragement. We hope you will enjoy seeing the resulting landscapes, plants, flowers, and other colorful subjects.

NUTRITION AS YOU AGE—A Healthy Cooking Class (registration required)

Tuesday, April 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m., free

Join Sunrise of Lafayette Hill and Fox Rehabilitation to learn about the best ways to build a healthy plate incorporating satisfying portion sizes. Focus will be on nutritional habits, and cooking practices to support healthy eating including a cooking demonstration, and complimentary homemade plate and dessert option provided by Sunrise of Lafayette Hill and Continuous Home Care.

MEMORY—Use It or Lose It (registration required)

Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

As humans, we all want to know and understand our brain. The human brain is an intricate organ managing memory, emotion, thoughts, touch, vision, breathing patterns, and every procedure that controls the human body. Our memories are who we are, yet the process is not perfect. We are capable of remembering an astonishing amount of information; we are also susceptible to memory related mistakes and errors. The focus of the discussion will demonstrate how memory works and offer some tips to improve your memory and enhance recall. Join us for this very interesting program.

MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET (registration required)

Tuesday, April 30, 2:30-3:30 p.m., \$5, light refreshments served Starring Rachel DeMasi

In this 'Movie Musical Show,' there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930's–1990's. With the help from the official list from the American Film Institute's 'The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time' Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film. So, sit back, relax and take a sunny drive through Tinsel Town!

BENNY GOODMAN'S 1938 CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT (registration required)

Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$15

In 1938, clarinetist Benny Goodman put on the first-ever jazz concert at Carnegie Hall. It was also the first time that Black and white musicians performed on stage together at a major venue. Join historian (and professional musician) Dr. Paul Sivitz as he examines the intersection of race and jazz just prior to World War II. Several audio selections from the 1938 concert will be included.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 21

Worshipsanctuary, 10 a.m.Church schoolStrouse, 10:20 a.m.FellowshipWidener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, April 22

Sketching and watercolor class room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg 101 class Harris, 10 a.m. Tai Chi practice group room 3&4, 10 a.m. Italian conversation group reception room, 11 a.m. Table games open play room 5, 12 p.m. Water media level 2 class room 1&2, 1:30 p.m. Qigong class Harris, 2 p.m. PNC committee meeting zoom, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 23

Mindfulness class room 4, 9:30 a.m. Sketching and watercolor class room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg open play room 5, 12:30 p.m. Strong Bones exercise class Widener Hall, 1 p.m. Healthy Cooking class kitchen, 1:30 p.m. Well Spouse Support group by phone, 7 p.m. Podrazas' home, 7:30 p.m. Church Life committee meeting Christian Ed committee meeting Zoom, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 24

Beginning Tai Chi class Widener Hall, 10 a.m. PCCH Bible study group Harris, 10:30 a.m. Rummy Tiles learn to play room 5, 10:30 a.m. Continuing Tai Chi class Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m. Bridge open play room 1&2, 11:30 a.m. Intermediate Tai Chi class Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m. PCCH Staff meeting reception room, 1 p.m. Mah Jongg open play room 5, 1:30 p.m. Golden Yoga class Widener Hall, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY,	April	25
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Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Memory, Use It and Lose It class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5 1:30 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2 1:30 p.m.
Soul line dancing class	Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
Youth committee meeting	Magids' Home, 7 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 26

Preschool Games	Widener Hall, 9:30 a.m.
Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Expressive Collage class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International folk dancing session	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Melody & Comedy rehearsal	Widener Hall, 5 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 27

Annual Melody & Comedy Show	Widener Hall, 7 p.m.
Tempesta di Mare Concert	sanctuary, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 28 worship

worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church school	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Annual Meeting of the Congregation	sanctuary, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 11:40 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes Interim Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr. Minister of Visitation

The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita

Daniel Spratlan Director of Music

Jeffrey DeVault Organist/Associate Director of Music

Julie Snyder Director, Children's Education, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choir

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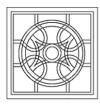
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