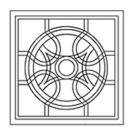
### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, January 28, 2024 10 a.m. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY





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 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are 3 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.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship 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 11.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

La Cathédrale Engloutie

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

**INTROIT** 

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Arise, shine.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

God's mercies never come to an end.

People: They are new every morning;

great is thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

\*HYMN 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devises and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

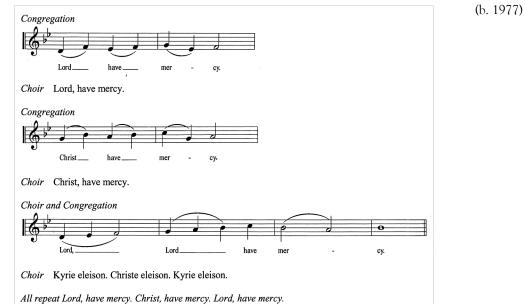
Forgive us, O God, and create a new and right heart within us. Set us free from a past we cannot change, and open us to a future in which we will be changed, so that by your grace, we would grow more and more into the image of Christ, for it is in his name we pray.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Thomas Juneau



#### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau



#### \*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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

Psalm 41 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus. Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

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

Joyful Noise will rehearse at 11:10 a.m.

Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall after Joyful Noise.

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**

Luke 15:25-32

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

**SERMON** 

The Problem with Being Good Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Luke 15:31

Dr. Craig Barnes

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

#### 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**

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

\*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good,

help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts with glad

and generous hearts. Amen.

\*HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION

#### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as promised in your word; my eyes have seen the savior, Christ the Lord, prepared by you for all the world to see, to shine on nations trapped in darkest night, the glory of your people, and their light.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**PREACHER** 

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

**LITURGIST** 

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Raphael

**MUSIC** 

Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan conductor, Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Jack Evans and Graeme Frazier Elders, Beth DeSoo and Debby Evans Deacons

**USHERS** 

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader, Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones, Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Barbara Olson and Elizabeth Podraza

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Gary Brunell** by his wife Susan Brunell.

COVER ART Rembrandt, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, 1661-1669, oil on canvas, Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg. Among the final works by Dutch master Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669), this renowned work is described by art historian Kenneth Clark as "a picture which those who have seen the original in St. Petersburg may be forgiven for claiming as the greatest picture ever painted." In the painting, the son has returned home in a wretched state from travels in which he has wasted his inheritance and fallen into poverty and despair. He kneels before his father in repentance, wishing for forgiveness and in hopes of gaining the position of a servant in his father's household, having realized that even his father's servants had a better station in life than he. His father receives him with a tender gesture and welcomes him as his own son. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture. Standing at the right is the prodigal son's older brother, who crosses his hands in judgment; in the parable he objects to the father's compassion for the sinful son.

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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.

#### **PCCH NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

If you are a regular visitor, thank you for worshipping with PCCH. We would love for you to take the next step in your relationship with us, which means becoming a member of the congregation. This is an exciting time for our congregation and a great time to become a part of our life and ministry. We will be hosting a New Members class in the Harris room on the lower level of the church. All of those applying for membership are asked to attend this meeting even if joining us from another Presbyterian congregation. During this class we will get to know you better and you will have the opportunity to become better informed about our church. Some of our elders will also attend this class—at its end there will be a vote to accept new members. New members will be presented to the congregation in worship on Sunday, February 25. Please contact Evelyn Carpenter in the church office if you would like to attend this class, 215-247-8855.

#### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH**

#### GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

First Sunday of the month food collection is next Sunday, February 4.

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. We collect food and cash donations for the GACM Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month. Please help with your donations of canned tuna and chicken, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables and beans, hearty soups and stews, and breakfast cereals. Regular sized products, not family size, and packaged in non-glass containers are appreciated.

#### PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday Dr. Craig Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for January 31 is Philippians 4:4-7. All are welcome.



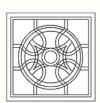


Saturday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Admission \$10

In this program the founding member sopranos of Variant 6—Jessica Beebe and Rebecca Myers—will explore the boundless possibilities of two both distinct and complementary soprano voices. Internationally acclaimed Philadelphia artists Leon Schelhase and Sarah Cunningham join them on harpsichord and viola da gamba for this luscious program of music by Purcell, Couperin, and Carissimi in themes of love, loss, faith, and philosophy.

# Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person at 12:30pm then recorded and posted online starting at 5pm. www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/







# FEBRUARY 8 REBECCA YAMIN DIGGING IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE STORIES FROM PHILADELPHIA ARCHAEOLOGY

Historic Philadelphia has long yielded archaeological treasures from its past. Excavations required by the National Historic Preservation Act have recovered pottery shards, pots, plates, coins, bones, and other artifacts relating to early life in the city. Rebecca will be here to discuss her book, Digging in the City of Brotherly Love and about how we continue to use archaeology to learn about and understand people from the past. She will talk about several major discoveries from recent finds including unmarked early eighteenth-century burial grounds, one of which associated with the first African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, in the oldest part of the city; a nineteenth-century working-class neighborhood built along the path of what is now Route I-95 and was once home to Native American life; and the remains of two taverns found on the site of the current Museum of the American Revolution. She will also discuss the research and state-of-the-art techniques used to study these exciting discoveries.

Rebecca Yamin is a historical archaeologist specializing in urban archaeology and the former director of the Philadelphia branch office of John Milner Associates, Inc., a company that specialized in historic preservation and cultural resource management. She is the author of Archaeology at the Site of the Museum of the American Revolution (Temple), which won the 2022 James Deetz Book Prize given by the Society for Historical Archaeology, and Rediscovering Raritan Landing: An Adventure in New Jersey Archaeology.

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#### Registration Required for in-person attendance.

Contact 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org
<a href="https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/">https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/</a>
Visit our website above to watch the recorded version after 5pm.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play	Christian Studies	Feasting on the Word
	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
1/21	Michelle Shachtman and Linnea Johnson	Dom Rebeck	Brandon Harris

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 UPDATE

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will rehearse as usual today, Sunday, January 28. Beginning next Sunday, February 4 Youth Choir will rehearse on Sundays from 11:40 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Strouse building. Joyful Noise will continue to rehearse at their normal time.

A reminder that all children are welcome to sing with Joyful Noise and Youth Choir—drop-ins are welcome!

#### YOUTH UPDATE

Mark your calendars for Quizzo trivia night at PCCH on Saturday, February 10 at 7 p.m. (kids over 12 invited) and SOUPerbowl Sunday with the youth group making and selling delicious chili on Sunday, February 11 after worship in Widener Hall. Proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip to Montana this summer 2024.



#### 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:

www.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.

#### CHAIR CARDIO (registration required)

Thursdays, January 23-February 14, 1-2 p.m., \$10

Dance, stretch, move, and groove with Megan Do Nascimento for an all-levels chair cardio class where we will use light weights and a fun playlist to get our heart rate and energy levels up. Be prepared to laugh and have fun. Megan is a breast cancer survivor and a yoga and fitness instructor known for her outgoing personality and inclusive teaching style.

#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (registration required)

Mondays, January 22 & 29, February 12 & 26, March 4 & 11, 1-2:30 p.m., free Group is closed to new members after January 29

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered: myths of grieving, grieving and holidays, does grief ever end and

others. Our facilitator is David Stevenson, MDiv., CT. He is a bereavement counselor at Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care.

#### LEARN TO PLAY RUMMY TILES (AKA RUMMIKUB) (registration required)

Wednesday, January 3, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., free

Rummy Tiles is one of the world's best-selling and most-played games. Players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs or groups, Rummy style. The first player to use all of their tiles wins. Fast-paced, easy gameplay for two to four players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Come learn to play and then return on Wednesdays for open play.

#### QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS) (registration required)

Mondays, 2-3 p.m. (ongoing), Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. (ongoing)

\$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.

#### HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY, January 28

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church school	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse 11:10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 4:15 p.m.
Youth Group	Strouse, 5:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY, January 29

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi Private Group	room 3&4, 10 am
Italian conversation class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Table games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
Grief support group	reception room, 1 p.m.
Qigong group	Harris, 2 p.m.
PNC committee meeting	Harris 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, January 30

Mindfulness class	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Intro to Excel class	Harris, 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Tai Chi for arthritis and falls prevention	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener Hall, 1 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, January 31

Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener Hall, 10 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study group	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Learn to Play Rummy Tiles	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.
Basics of Android phone class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener Hall, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, February 1	
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Drawing or Painting still life	room 3&4 10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners meeting	Widener 12 p.m.
Chair Cardio class	Harris, 1 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Aging in place discussion group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
Gallery choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.
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FRIDAY, February 2	
Preschool games	Widener, 9:30 a.m.
Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques	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 class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Meet the artist reception	Center hallway, 4 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.
Tempesta di Mare Concert	Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, February 3	
Cantatas and Chamber Music concert: Variant 6	Sanctuary 7 p.m.
SUNDAY, February 4	Lord's Supper
Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse 11:10 a.m.
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Fellowship

Music & Arts committee meeting

Youth Choir rehearsal

Senior High fellowship

Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

Harris, 11:30 a.m.

Strouse, 11:40 a.m.

Strouse, 5 p.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

Katherine McGill Magid Director of Youth Ministry

Rachel Cline Church Administrator

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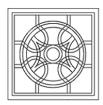
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