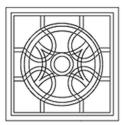
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, June 25, 2023 10:00 a.m. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST





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 age 3 and older depart from worship for church school.

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 10:00 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 13.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

Edward Fisinger (1920-1990)

Incline your ear, and come unto me.

# CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 86)

Leader: God is good and forgiving

and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: There is no one like the Lord.

People: Praise the God of heaven and earth!
Leader: All the nations shall bow down before

the Lord our God.

People: Praise the God of all peoples!
All: Let us glorify God's name forever!

\*HYMN

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him (see next page)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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



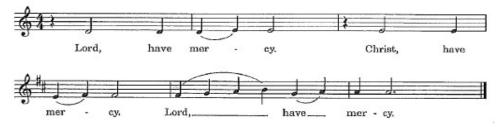
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Everyone sings the refrain:



Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Everyone repeats the refrain.

# PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

# \*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

# \*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)

O God, you have the power to make a desert a place of renewal and a cross a sign of redemption. Send your Holy Spirit so that we can hear you and entrust ourselves completely to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Genesis 21:8-21

# **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

PSALTER Psalm 86:1-3, 9-10 PLAINSONG

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who puts his trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through seventh grade depart for church school in the Strouse building. Parents, please pick up your children in the Strouse building after worship.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no loner has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:24-31

A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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

**SERMON** A Wilderness in God's Mercy Russell Sullivan

\*HYMN 492 Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# \*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. All: O God,

you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us,

and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace

that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and works,

a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Westminster Divines (1647)

\*HYMN 496 We Know That Christ Is Raised ENGLEBERG

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen TRAD. DANISH

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Processional Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

# **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**PREACHING** 

The Rev. Russell C. Sullivan

**LITURGISTS** 

The Rev. Frederick Lewis

**MUSIC** 

PCCH Pick-up Choir

Daniel Spratlan conductor

Ken Lovett guest organist

#### **GREETERS**

Gregory Dickinson and Kate Houstoun Elders Alison Ellison and Becky Frazier Deacons

#### **USHERS**

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

#### FLOWER GUILD

Susan Shuchat and Susan White

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dorothy E. Toffey** by Laurel Neff.

COVER ART Emanuel Krescenc Liška, *Hagar and Ishmael in the Wilderness*, 1883, oil on canvas. Liska (1852-1903) was a Bohemian painter and illustrator. Most of his works were on religious themes, but he also created scenes from works of poetry. Born in Mikulovice, a tiny market town in today's Czech Republic, Liska grew up in Prague. Orphaned and penniless by age nine, he began taking art lessons as soon as he was old enough, supporting himself by tutoring and working as an assistant at the local secondary school. Though he attained some significant mural commissions, his oil paintings never sold well.

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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.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

MATTHEW 25

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group and their adult volunteers returned yesterday from a very successful and exciting mission trip to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. We will be hearing a report from them within the next several weeks.

#### MEMORIAL FLOWER DONORS NEEDED FOR SEVERAL SUNDAYS

If you would like to remember a loved one or celebrate a special family event with flowers in the sanctuary, the following dates are available for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year: July 2 (next Sunday!), September 3 or November 26. Please contact Evelyn Carpenter in the church office, 215-247-8855. The fee is \$75.00. Thank you.

## THE PCCH PRAYER GROUP NEEDS YOU

One of the most meaningful ways we demonstrate care is by praying for our members who are in need. We seek the permission of people before we send their names to the prayer group. If you are interested in joining this group, let our minister of visitation Russell Sullivan know at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org, or the coordinator of the group Kelly Baughman at kellybaughman@yahoo.com.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings we normally offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through  $2^{\rm nd}$  grade and another for children in grades 3 through 7. For the summer months we will have one large classroom which will meet weekly in the chapel.

#### We still need snacks and teacher volunteers.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To volunteer, scan the QR code and fill out the form, or speak with Julie Snyder, Amy Raphael, Shannon Cavanaugh, or Michelle Shachtman.

Any questions, contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or contact the church office. See dates and details on the opposite page.

# Vacation Bible School 2023



MONDAY – FRIDAY AUGUST 14 -18 9 - NOON

Exploring what it means to be "called" through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, & more.

VBS is open to children ages 3 through 5th grade.
All are welcome!
Join us and bring a friend!



Register here



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# CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: 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.

The Center will be closed on Monday and Tuesday July 3 and July 4 for the holiday.

#### JUNE ART SHOW

## PCCH Member Kathryn (Kass) Dymecki Watercolors

The "Gallery" is open for viewing downstairs in the Center hallway, Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and before and after worship on Sundays. "After graduation from Moore College of Art I was a textile designer in Philadelphia and New York studios. The P.A.B. Widener Traveling Fellowship awarded to me at graduation gave me four months of travel/study in Europe. Following years of commercial art I became interested in weaving, wood carving, and painting with oils and watercolor. At retirement I vowed to concentrate solely on watercolor painting. My interests range from florals to still-life arrangements to landscapes. Whatever the subject matter, color, mood, and composition are for me the most important elements in any painting."

## SOUL LINE DANCING (registration required)

Thursdays, June 22 and June 29, 1:30–2:30 p.m., ongoing, join anytime, \$5 Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line dance to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the Philly sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. This is a simple and easy activity and a feel-good form of exercise. No partner is needed and all levels are welcome.

## ZUMBA GOLD (registration required)

Wednesdays, ongoing, 11–11:55 a.m. Single class \$12, four classes \$45, eight classes \$80 What's Zumba Gold? Zumba Gold combines the enticing world rhythms of Zumba with the strength-training techniques of the Zumba Toning Program, creating an easy-to-follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for active, older adults, as well as beginners. You are welcome to bring your own 1-2 lb. weights to build strength and tone all target zones.

## MAH JONGG- OPEN PLAY (registration required)

Tuesdays, join at any time, 12:30-3:00 p.m., \$2

Wednesdays, join at any time, 1:30-3:30pm, \$2

Come join some new friends, and enjoy the game of Mah Jongg in a relaxed environment. Beginners and intermediate players welcome. This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

# BRIDGE Open Play (registration required)

Wednesdays, ongoing, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., \$2

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners. Participants should be able to play without formal instruction.

# HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

# SUNDAY, June 25

Worship	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

## MONDAY, June 26

Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Italian Conversation group	Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Classic table games play	room 5, 12:00 p.m.
Water Media class, level 2	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

# TUESDAY, June 27

Mindfulness practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Windows Made Simple class	Harris, 10:00 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones exercise class	Widener Hall, 1:00 p.m.
Well Spouse support group	by phone, 7:00 p.m.
Northern District boy scouts meeting	room 5, 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, June 28

Rotary Club meeting
Beginning Tai Chi class
Rummy Tiles open play group
Zumba Gold class
Continuing Tai Chi class
Bridge open play group
Intermediate Tai Chi class
Islam in the 21st Century class
Staff meeting
Mah Jongg open play
Golden Yoga class
Weight Watchers group

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Widener Hall, 10:00 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 11:00 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m.
Harris, 1:00 p.m.
Melcher, 1:00 p.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 3:00 p.m.
Harris, 5:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, June 29

BNI meeting Thursday painters group Soul Line Dancing class Melcher 7:45 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

# FRIDAY, June 30

Yoga with Attitude class Scrabble open play Yoga, A Chair and You class International folk dancing class PCCH Sober and Out group Harris, 9:45 a.m. room 5, 10:00 a.m. Harris, 11:30 a.m. room 3&4, 12:30 p.m. Harris, 7:00 p.m.

Lord's Supper

# SUNDAY, July 2 Worship Church School Fellowship

sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. Strouse, 10:20 a.m. Widener Hall, 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, July 3 and TUESDAY July 4

PCCH Office and Center on the Hill will be closed for July 4th holiday

# **ABOUT PCCH**

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

# **SESSION**

Jill Bown	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kate Houstoun	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	James Lutz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Ryan Mann	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	William Murphy	Willliam Storm
Jack Evans	Elizabeth Podraza	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman	Clarke Woodruff

# **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Emily Barth	Becky Frazier	Barbara Olson
Kelly Baughman	Ann Goslin	Thanice Petrak
Mark Bernstein	Beverly Heimbach	Linda Pettengill
Cathy Brzozowski	Lyn Huertgen	Rachelle Pretz
Nicolette Cobbold	Kristin Lawton	Amy Raphael
Beth DeSoo	Emily McCahery	Dominick Rebeck
Alison Ellison	Jane McGill	Deborah Robinson
Debby Evans		Sarah Wright

# CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes Interim Pastor

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

Megan Petero Acting Coordinator of Children's and Youth Ministry

The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emeritus

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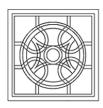
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