

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

When we are securely rooted in personal intimacy with the source of life,
it will be possible to remain flexible without being relativistic,
convinced without being rigid, willing to confront without being offensive,
gentle and forgiving without being soft,
and true witnesses without being manipulative.

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

If it can be verified, we don't need faith...
Faith is for that which lies on the other side of reason.
Faith is what makes life bearable, with all its tragedies and
ambiguities and sudden, startling joys.

~ Madeleine L'Engle

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

INTROIT

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Leader: I will extol you, my God,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**People: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

Leader: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

**People: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

INVOCATION

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious and holy God, give us wisdom to recognize you, insight to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to see you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 145:1-5, 8

Joseph Barnby
(1838-1896)

I will exalt you, O god my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The World Turned Upside Down”

John Wilkinson

ANTHEM

Pray that Jerusalem

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity:
Let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.

Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.

Now for my friend' and brethren's sakes,
peace be in thee, I'll say.

And for the house of God our Lord,
I'll seek thy good alway.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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 (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

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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Albert F. Bayly, 1961; alt.

Welsh melody

1. Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2. Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4. Called from wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear

hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Of - fered
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in
 veal - ing light, In its height and depth and great - ness, Dawns up -
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged, Love in

mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com - pas - sion
 on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,

Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se - crat - ing
 Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love Your
 Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
 Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your ser - vants,

to Your pur - pose Ev - ery gift that You im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

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

LITURGISTS: Taylor and Frank Slaughter

MUSIC: Katy Avery, Rebecca Siler, Kevin Radtke and Jackson Williams, members of the Gallery Choir; Daniel Spratlan, conductor; Ken Lovett, organist

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SECOND HOUR ONLINE

Sunday, September 20, 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

The Adult Education and Social Witness Committees invite you to join us at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday in September to hear from the leaders of our mission partners. These Zoom conversations will help us connect more deeply with the organizations whose important work we support.

- **September 20**, 11:00 a.m. – Bryan Miller, Heeding God’s Call
- **September 27**, 11:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Meeks-Hank, Face to Face

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Dial by your location

1.301.715.8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 821 5783 7121

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbRuy85FYx>

THIRD HOUR

Sundays, September 20 and 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Join fellow church members under the big tent for an informal lunch. You bring food, drink and a mask. We will provide tables and chairs (socially distanced) and wonderful fellowship. No agenda – just a great opportunity to visit and connect.

GUEST PREACHER

Sunday, September 27

Our guest preacher for Sunday, September 27, will be Kevin Porter, who serves as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. We look forward to welcoming Kevin to our “virtual” pulpit.

SPEAKERS SERIES ON THE HILL ONLINE

If you missed this presentation on Thursday, September 17, it is still available at this web site: <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>

Speaker: Mark Nottingham

Topic: An Economic Outlook: What the Presidential Election foretells and what to expect in 2021

2020 will be remembered as the most turbulent and unpredictable year since 1968. This presentation presents a roadmap for planning over the next 12 months and how one should position their financial planning and investment plan in one of the greatest times of uncertainty in a generation. More specifically, Mark addresses the short and long term implications this presents for those who are currently retired or near retirement.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays 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.

JR. AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS

Jr. High: Sunday, September 27, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., under the tent

Sr. High: Sunday, September 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Wissahickon Trail Hike in the tent

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 and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Following the good response on September 13, we will offer our next service of evening prayer on Sunday, September 27, under the tent. Please wear a mask. This 40-45 minute service will include readings, prayers, a brief reflection, choral music and hymns sung by our soloists.

In order to help us in our planning, please RSVP at 215.247.8855 or ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org. We hope to see you there.

We are also planning Evening Prayer services throughout October, including the sacrament of communion.

THE BIG TENT HAS ARRIVED!

To help us safely gather this Fall, a large tent has been erected in the parking lot. A variety of worship, study and fellowship activities will be scheduled through the coming weeks. If you have ideas to suggest, or simply want to gather safely with church friends, please let us know. Contact Esther Cole at ecole@chestnuthillpres.org for scheduling information.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST UNDER THE BIG TENT

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m.

Missing your Saturday morning breakfast out, and seeing your friends and neighbors? Join us Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast under the big tent! We will have tables set up to facilitate appropriate distancing, and you can either bring your own breakfast OR order through the Church Life Committee from Baker Street Bread Company. We'll provide a menu and ordering details next week and all you need to do is email us and pay in advance—we'll deliver to the tent at 9:00 a.m., AND provide coffee. Watch the church email for more details, and let us know by emailing the church office or PCCHChurchLife@gmail.com if you're interested in attending - so that we have an appropriate number of tables set up. It won't be like Breakfast at Tent-fany's, but close!

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. Livestream Performance

The Franklin Trio, featuring Philadelphia Orchestra musicians Kimberly Fisher, John Koen, and Mark Livshits. To watch, please log onto <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/> and click on the Music and Arts tab.

PASTORAL CARE

As Fall approaches and the COVID season persists, we continue to be in prayer for one another as we face physical, emotional and spiritual challenges. If you have prayer concerns, either for yourself or others, please be in touch with one of the pastors.

Also, did you know we have a Prayer Chain that regularly prays for the concerns of church members? If you'd like a concern added to the prayer list, please be in touch with Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

SHARE YOUR INTEREST AND COMMITMENT BY JOINING A COMMITTEE

The PCCH committees and task forces offer a range of volunteer opportunities for you to get involved and share your energy and gifts. As the new program year begins, perhaps you are discerning this kind of service as a way to get connected and involved. We are especially welcoming people to serve on our various education committees, as well as Social Witness, Church Life, Music and Arts, Worship, and the newly formed Racial Justice Task Force and Property Team. Please be in touch with John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org for more information.

RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE.

The Session has established a Racial Justice Task Force, whose work will be to respond to and address issues of racial justice and equity in church and culture. If you are interested in participating in this work, or would like more information, please contact John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.

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.

VIRTUAL GALLERY EXHIBITION—NEW ART ON VIEW NOW!

The Music and Arts Committee is delighted to present the third in our series of virtual art exhibitions, titled "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." The exhibit is NOW live! To see it and the previous exhibitions, visit the church's website and check under Music and Arts.

Our next themed exhibition is a celebration of our annual Homecoming Sunday—we invite you to share your September smiles with our church family via the PCCH online gallery. Send us a selfie featuring your face in your favorite place! It's a super simple way to reconnect with your PCCH pals. Please send your photos by September 24 to 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 share what's on your mind at the

moment. Your text can be attached in a Word doc or just included in your email. We can't wait to see your beautiful smiles!

On behalf of the PCCH Music & Arts Committee, Laura Madeleine and Rebecca Thornburgh

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill—NEW online programming such as interactive games, virtual tours, fitness workouts, art classes, activities, lectures and much more are created and posted Monday-Friday at Noon on our programs page here: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/. Community Resources are still being updated regularly and can be found here: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/. **Newly added content this week:** 10 minute guided meditation to relieve stress; 50 minutes of Chair Yoga; a lesson about composition to improve your paintings or drawings; how to make a beautiful fall wreath for your home; visit and explore the National Women's History Museum; how to make a healthy and delicious coleslaw; new rounds of our interactive trivia game I should have known that...!; and new episodes of Tell Me Something Good! with special guests. Visit our pages often to stay active and stay connected.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES AND SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE


In September PCCH will host two additional blood drives:

- **Tuesday, September 22** – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 24** – 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you can volunteer to greet and take temperatures of potential donors and check them in using the Red Cross computerized system, please email Liz Podraza at lizpodraza@gmail.com. Volunteer shifts are flexible, but two hours is the minimum. All Red Cross employees and donors wear masks and the number of people in Widener Hall at any time is fewer than ten. If you would like to be a blood donor, go to 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 in an effort to control the number of people in the room.

UPDATE ON ONLINE GIVING AT PCCH

PCCH has partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to securely process your electronic giving, whether through your computer or smartphone. These options can save you—and the church office—time!

If you wish to make a tax-deductible gift, please use this Give Now button  (also on our website) to set up new one-time, or recurring gifts.

The Presbyterian Foundation also offers the GivePlus Church app which is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for “GivePlus Church” to download the app. GivePlus Church is free to download and there are no fees to make a donation.

PCCH PRESCHOOL HELP WANTED

The Preschool is looking for substitute teachers. All applicants must have childcare experience and clearance to work with children. Pay is \$60 per morning from 8:30 a.m. to noon or \$120 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interested parties should call or email Carla DiOrio at 215.247.8865 or preschool@chestnuthillpres.org.