

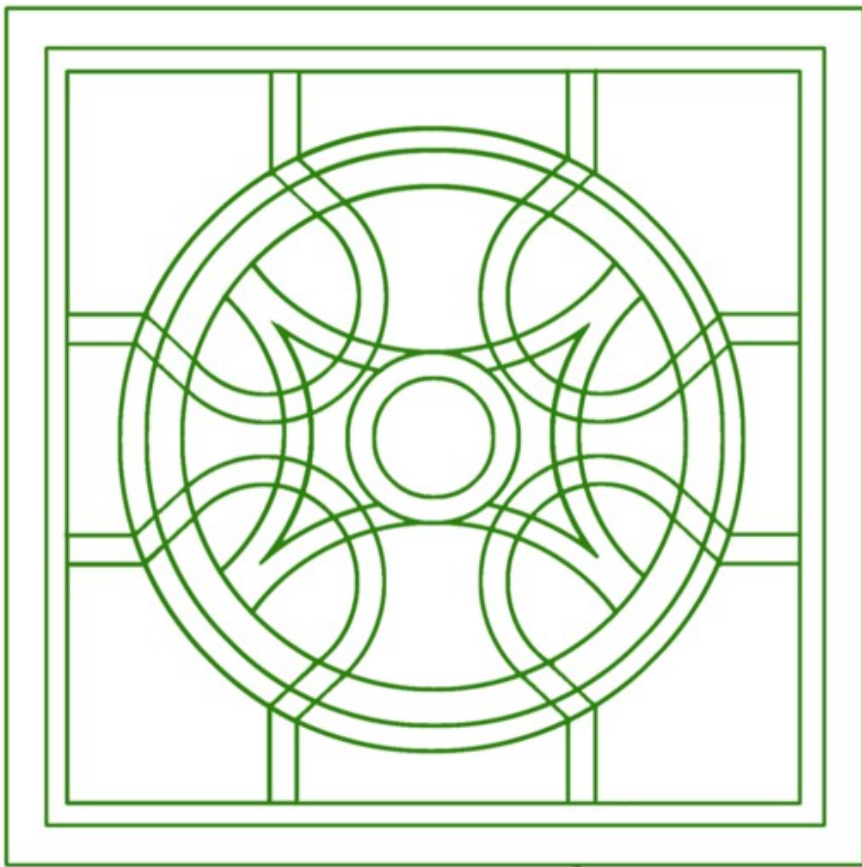
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, September 6, 2026

10 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND LORD'S SUPPER



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

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

Following today's service, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please see an usher for listening assistive devices and large-print bulletins.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Nursery care for children through age two is available in the Strouse building—see an usher for assistance. Children who are three are encouraged to attend the Godly Play Sunday School class, but are welcome to remain in the nursery at the discretion of their guardians.
- Children's *Praise Packs* are available in the narthex to aid children with worship participation. Please return them after the service.
- All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which begins immediately after the Children's Message. Please scan the QR code to fill out a brief waiver for your child.



BEFORE WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please be mindful of our musicians, who rehearse in the Sanctuary between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. We welcome all to enter the Sanctuary, but ask that you keep your conversations low.

CONTACT

If you'd like to receive regular updates about worship, church life and other events, please contact Office & Media Coordinator, Mary Frommer. If you are interested in joining PCCH, please contact the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle. With pastoral care concerns or prayer requests please contact the Rev. Emily Chapdelaine.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Communion

Richard Purvis
(1913-94)

INTROIT

Come Unto Me

Alessandro Scarlatti
(1660-1725)

Come unto me, all ye weary,
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.
O come ye, come unto me,
all ye weary, and I will give you rest.

For every one that asketh receiveth,
and he that seeketh shall surely find.
To him that knocketh it shall be opened,
and he that seeketh shall surely find.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Leader: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

All: With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

*HYMN 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

*Please stand as you are able.

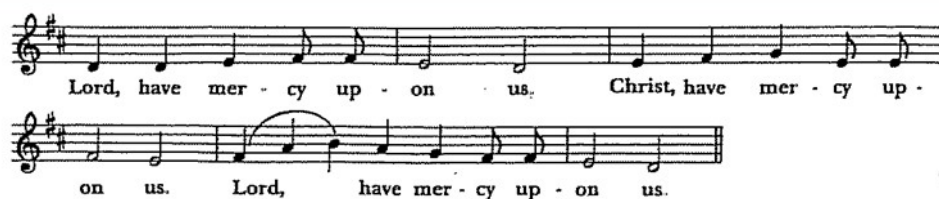
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good, merciful God, deliver us. From selfishness and vain desires, merciful God, deliver us. From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy, Merciful God, deliver us. From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences, Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



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

Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God.
Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we are able to do all that you command for love's sake.
Gathered in Christ's name, gathered around the Word, we pray. Amen.

PSALM 149

Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Children should remain in worship with their parents.
Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 33:1-11

The word of the LORD came to me: O Mortal, speak to your people and say to them: If I bring the sword upon a land and the people of the land take one of their number as their sentinel, and if the sentinel sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, then if any who hear the sound of the trumpet do not take warning and the sword comes and takes them away, their blood shall be upon their own heads. They heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; their blood shall be upon themselves. But if they had taken warning, they would have saved their lives. But if the sentinel sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any of them, they are taken away in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at the sentinel's hand.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Emily Chapdelaine

"Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us,
and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?"

Ezekiel 33:10

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Mein glaubiges Herze frohlocke

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*Mein gläubiges Herze,
Frohlocke, sing, scherze,
Dein Jesus ist da!
Weg Jammer, weg Klagen,
Ich will euch nur sagen:
Mein Jesus ist nah.*

My faithful heart,
delight, sing, play,
your Jesus is here!
Away with sorrow, away with lamenting,
I will just say to you:
my Jesus is near.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

MacMillan

ALL VOICES *mp*
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. _____
mf _____ Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - - ry. *f* Ho - san - na
mf
in the _____ high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the
ff
name of _____ the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the _____ high - est. _____

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:
People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle when invited by an usher. Take a piece of bread from a server (all bread is gluten-free) and partake. Then take a cup from the server and partake. Empty cups may be placed in the pew racks. If you choose not to come forward, servers will come to your seats to serve you.

COMMUNION SOLO

*Draw Us in the
Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell
(1905-58)

See Hymn #504 for the text.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, as you open the scriptures to us, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and the splash of the wine. Let us go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit. Let us walk with you all the days of our lives, proclaiming the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen.

*HYMN 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Allegro Maestoso
from Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-47)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Emily Chapdelaine

LITURGIST

Dr. William “Buddy” Storm

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Dr. Julie Snyder

MUSIC

Sophia Heullstrunk Soprano

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

COMMUNION SERVERS

Jack Evans, Diana Rodgers, Jim Spause and Clarke Woodruff

GREETERS

William Agate and Rebecca Bernstein Elders

Kelly Baughman and Mark Bernstein Deacons

USHERS

Dom Rebeck Team #3 Leader

Peter Cooke, Doug Olson, Tom Hensle, Jeannette Quirus, and John Quirus

FLOWER GUILD

Grace Stewart and Sue Shuchat

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HAPPENING AT PCCH

LABOR DAY OFFICE HOURS

The PCCH Office and Center on the Hill will be closed on Monday, September 7 in recognition of Labor Day.

PCCH NAMETAGS

If you are interested in a PCCH nametag, or need a replacement, please email Mary Frommer at mfrommer@chesstnuthillpres.org. Completed nametags will be placed on the nametag board by the elevator.

RISING IMAGES SHOW AND SALE

Upon the closing of *Rising Images*, Ron Rising will be showcasing his photographs at a show and sale on Sunday, September 13. Stop by Widener Hall during the Homecoming picnic to view his amazing images, and pick up a few items for your self, friends or family! All proceeds from this sale go towards supporting the music ministry here at PCCH.

STAY CONNECTED: UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION TODAY!

PCCH will soon be introducing a new—and much more user-friendly—online church directory and giving system. Please help us prepare for this migration by sharing your most up-to-date contact information with us. Scan the QR code to fill out the questionnaire, or fill out a physical copy at coffee hour. Please call the church office with any questions.



CELEBRATE WITH URDC ON SEPTEMBER 10th!

At long last URDC has completed the renovations on Nicole Lancaster's home, which PCCH volunteers contributed to during previous Weekends of Service. Join URDC, Senator Art Haywood, and the Lancaster family on September 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to celebrate the power of community and the Lancaster's homecoming. Space is limited so please RSVP with URDC by emailing Executive Director, Joe Waldo, at executivedirector.urdc@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY	WOMEN'S CIRCLE	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	THEOLOGY ON TAP
September 9, 10:30 a.m. Harris Room Ellen Williams Hensle	September 15, 10 a.m. Reception Room Taylor Slaughter praetextum@gmail.com	September 17, 2 p.m. Reception Room Ron Rising 203.206.7299	September 17, 7:30 p.m. The Stotesbury Emily Chapdelaine 812 E Willow Grove Ave

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School program for children age three through grade five will resume on September 13 with a brief opening in the chapel. For more information about our Sunday School classes and children's music program please scan the QR code.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth Group is back! We will meet most Sundays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning on Sunday, September 13. Additionally, High School Youth are invited to gather in Emily's office following worship for forty-five minutes of fellowship and conversation beginning Sunday, September 27. Service Sundays are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month and we will not have Youth Group on these days. All youth grades six through twelve are welcome at these and special youth events whether their family are members or not! Please contact Emily Chapdelaine with any questions.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our Children's Choir (age three to grade five) will resume rehearsals on September 20. Joyful Noise rehearses from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. in the Chapel. Children will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall following rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir (grades six through twelve) will resume rehearsal on September 27. Youth Choir rehearses from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Youth Choir will not meet the third Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

CENTER ON THE HILL

If you have time in your day, we have something fun for you to do! Open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page. Scan the QR Code for more information.



The Center on the Hill will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

Upcoming classes and events

Registration for Fall activities and classes will begin on Tuesday, September 8 at 10 a.m. 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 to register.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP *(registration required)*

Second Thursday of the month, September 10, 2 p.m., *free*

Share your wisdom, experiences, challenges and joys with other caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. This open support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. The meetings are open to new and interested members, no enrollment or long term commitment is required. Join in person at the Center, by phone (call 301.715.8592 then enter the meeting information), or via Zoom (by visiting zoom.us/join then entering the meeting information). Meeting ID: 448 977 3675, passcode: 076567

TURKEY BOWLING *(registration required)*

Tuesday, September 15, 11 a.m., *free*

Join in on the fun and win some prizes! Four to five rounds of bowling fun with two teams, the winner will be determined by the total number of Turkey Legs knocked down! Strike up some fun with us! Presented by Chestnut Hill Lodge.

HEALTHY BONES EXERCISE CLASS *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, September 15 through October 20 (no class September 29), 1 p.m. or 2:15 p.m., \$72 *for full session, no drop in available*

This class focuses on strengthening, balance, and posture exercises based on the Strong Bones program developed by bone health expert Joanne Fagerstrom PT,CFP. This is a class for those who want to be proactive about their bone health, reduce fall risk, and improve function for everyday activities. Please bring your own mat, all other equipment will be provided.

MOVEMENT CLASS *(registration required)*

Thursdays, September 17 through October 22, 11 a.m., \$15 per class, \$78 for six classes

Discover the pleasure of moving, lifting, and healing the body, mind, and spirit. This class will focus on individual and communal exploration of movement while alleviating pain, increasing flexibility, strength, and balance through freedom of movement. The instructor incorporates improvisational & creative movement scores, rehabilitative & body maintenance techniques, accompanied by instructions on correct/healthy body mechanics.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 6

Worship
Fellowship

Lord's Supper
sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Widener, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, September 7

PCCH Office and COTH Closed

Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 8

Meditation Practice group
Sketching and Watercolor class
Mah Jongg open play
Session meeting

Harris, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 10 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Harris, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 9

Bible Study
Rummy Tiles open play
Bridge open play
Staff meeting
Golden Yoga class
Rotary Club meeting

Harris, 10:30 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
reception, 1 p.m.
Widener, 3 p.m.
Harris, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 10

Qigong class
Painters group
Mah Jongg group
French Conversation group
Alzheimer's Support group

Harris, 9 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Harris, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 11

Yoga with Attitude class
Scrabble Play group
Yoga, A Chair and You class
International Folk Dancing class

Harris, 9:45 a.m.
room 5, 10 a.m.
Harris, 11:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 12 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 13

Worship
Homecoming Picnic
Rising Images show and sale

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
front lawn, 11 a.m.
Widener, 11 a.m.



HOMECOMING PICNIC

Sunday, September 13
at 11 a.m.

Help us kick off another terrific year in the life of our church by joining us at the annual Homecoming Picnic! The church will provide hamburgers (vegetarian and beef), hot dogs and fixings. Please bring a covered side dish to share!

**SUGGESTED DONATION \$5 PER PERSON
OR \$15 PER FAMILY**

Please consider volunteering to help with setup or clean up by scanning the QR Code below!



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SignUP Genius page for volunteer slots



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL PRESENTS

Cantatas & Chamber Music

BEETHOVEN & BRAHMS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

11:45 A.M.

FEATURING

David Kim

VIOLINIST AND CONCERTMASTER OF
THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Jeffrey DeVault

PIANIST

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20

WEEKENDS OF SERVICE

October 17 and 18

January 17

April 17 and 18



MATTHEW 25



WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION

‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

-Matthew 25:44-45

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

William Agate
Rebecca Bernstein
Jill Bown
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier
Melissa Montgomery

William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Jeannette Quirus
Dominick Rebeck
Diana Rodgers
Michelle Shachtman

Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret R. Spencer
William Storm
Tennyson Tippy
Clarke Woodruff

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CHURCH STAFF

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Jeffrey DeVault Organist and Associate Director of Music

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

Rachel Cline Church Administrator

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Mariangela Saavedra Director, Center on the Hill

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PCCH links and
online giving options

WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION



PCCH is a Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are committed to building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Scan the QR code to learn more.



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