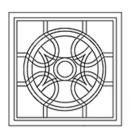
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, November 19, 2023 10 a.m. TWENTY-FIFTH 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 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 12.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on St. Anne and St. George's Windsor

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

INTROIT Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

O sing unto the Lord a new song. Let the congregation of saints praise him. Let them praise his name in the dance. Let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

Let the saints be joyful in glory:
O sing unto the Lord a new song.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God,

for the living God.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you disquieted within me?

People: Hope in God,

for I shall again praise my help and my redeemer.

Psalm 42:1-2, 5

*HYMN 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

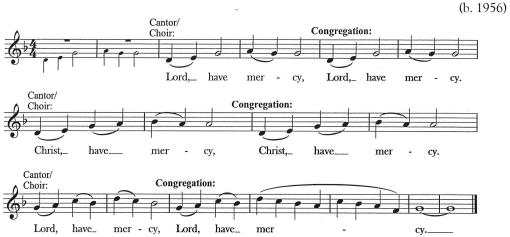
O God, we are often ambivalent in our commitment to the mission of Christ. We claim to be your people but delight in what we have rather than what we give. We want to live by faith but are afraid to give up control. And we are cautious rather than cheerful givers.

Have mercy on us, O Savior. Commit us to a joy that comes not from holding life tightly, but from opening our hearts and hands to serve you.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON Kile Smith



PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI Smith



*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 you will discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 4:1-7

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: 'Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, "Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight."' Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, 'Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?" then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial for ever.'

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

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through 7th grade depart for church school in the Strouse building. Parents please pick up your children in the Strouse building after Joyful Noise rehearsal.

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.

SERMON

Markers of Commitment
"So these stones shall be to the Israelites
a memorial forever."

Joshua 4:7

M. Craig Barnes

ST. ANNE

During the introduction to the hymn please bring your pledge cards forward and place them in the basket.

*HYMN 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Apostles' Creed

*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

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*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.

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Leader: O Lord, throughout the ages your people have lived under the care

of your covenants. We respond now in faith only because you have

first committed your grace to us.

People: Accept these pledges and offerings as our commitment to live by

faith in your commitment to us.

Leader: So do we offer this church to you. Make it a light that shines in a

dark world, and your heavenly city set on a hill.

People: We commit this church back to you because it has never

belonged to us. Use what we give to lead your church deeper into

the service of Christ.

*HYMN 555 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

In Memoriam
"In life and in death we belong to God."

Barbara T. Butler

November 12, 1929–November 12, 2023

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

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

Rebecca DePasquale and Greg Dickinson Elders Cathy Brzozowski and Nicolette Cobbold Deacons

USHERS

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

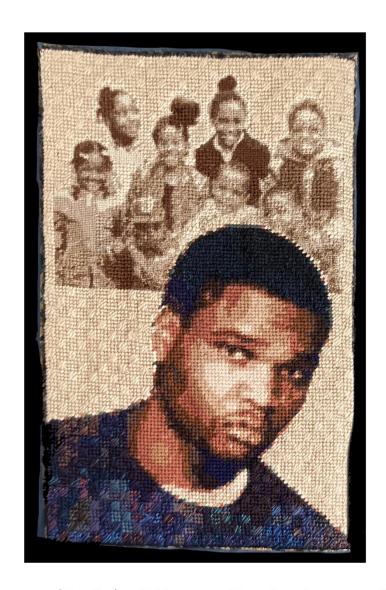
FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely and Debby Evans

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of the children and teachers of the church school by Roy and Allison DeCaro.

THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT is given in honor of Riordan "Rory" David Maxwell, born on November 13, 2023. Rory is the son of Blair Thornburgh and Joshua Maxwell, and the grandson of Rebecca and David Thornburgh.

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Liz Blahd, portrait of Eric Bailey, 2023, cotton, silk, and wool on canvas, Souls Shot Portrait Project, seventh Philadelphia exhibition

Creating the portrait of Eric was a meaningful experience. I am sincerely honored to be a part of this project.

Liz Blahd, artist

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.

MATTHEW 25

PCCH PNC UPDATE

November 14, 2023 Session Meeting November 19, 2023 Congregation Update

As part of our commitment to transparency and keeping the congregation informed, we are excited to share an update on the progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Over the past six weeks, the PNC, composed of nine dedicated members from our congregation—Matt Eastman, Bill Toffey, Beth Lutz, Tennyson Tippy, Margaret Spencer, Jeff Podraza, Beth Vaccaro, with Katie Connelly and David Thornburgh serving as our co-chairs—has been diligently at work.

With adherence to the confidentiality of the process, we will be providing regular updates to both the session and the congregation. Today, we want to give you a glimpse into the early stages of our journey.

The PNC is meeting weekly on Monday evenings. Our first step involved meeting with our Commission on Ministry (COM) representative, Ashley Rossi. She reviewed the process with the group and will be a resource throughout the search. Our first large task was to review the Mission Study, updated by session during the spring, and finalized in September. The study became the foundation for crafting our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), essentially a detailed job description for our future pastor. We also met with members of the personnel committee, which helped inform what was included. The MDP was brought to session in October, received feedback which was incorporated, approved by both the session and the Commission on Ministry, and posted widely.

Looking ahead, the PNC has established a robust candidate review process that will guide our evaluation of each applicant. Currently, we are actively engaging with various friends of PCCH to network and explore potential candidates. Our next steps involve reaching out to candidates and beginning to review applications in earnest.

Your prayers and support during this pivotal time are invaluable to us. We will continue to provide updates as we progress in this journey of discernment and selection.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is encouraged to stay after worship for fellowship and the stewardship celebration breakfast in Widener Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Only to one who prays can God make himself vivid. (Harry Emerson Fosdick)
The Prayer Team of the congregation values deeply the spirituality and practice of prayer and

would love to receive any prayer requests that you have. Please share your requests by contacting Deacon Kelly Baughman at kellybaughman@yahoo.com or Russell Sullivan at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.com.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Dr. Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for November 22 is Luke 9:28-36. All are welcome.

THEOLOGY ON TAP (Read carefully since there is a change of date this month.)

Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., Campbell's Place

No Theology on Tap in the month of December

Join us at Campbell's Place, upper room, on Germantown Avenue. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact this month's discussion leader Harry Spaeth (hapspaeth@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children ages 3 through grade 12 are invited to participate. Sign-ups close on Sunday, December 3. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, December 17.

The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of Widener Hall and an online version will be emailed in the Children's and Youth Weekly update. Any questions, please see either Julie or Kate.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

You may contact either Sandy Connelly (sandyconnelly@gmail.com) or Emily McCahery (emma.camp327@gmail.com) with your questions or use the sign-up genius link below to sign up for a time that is convenient for you. Thank you. tinyurl.com/38ya6ccd



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play	Christian Studies	Feasting on the Word
	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
11/19	Michelle Shachtman and Linnea Johnson	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 UPDATE

Joyful Noise will rehearse as usual today from 11:10-11:40 a.m.

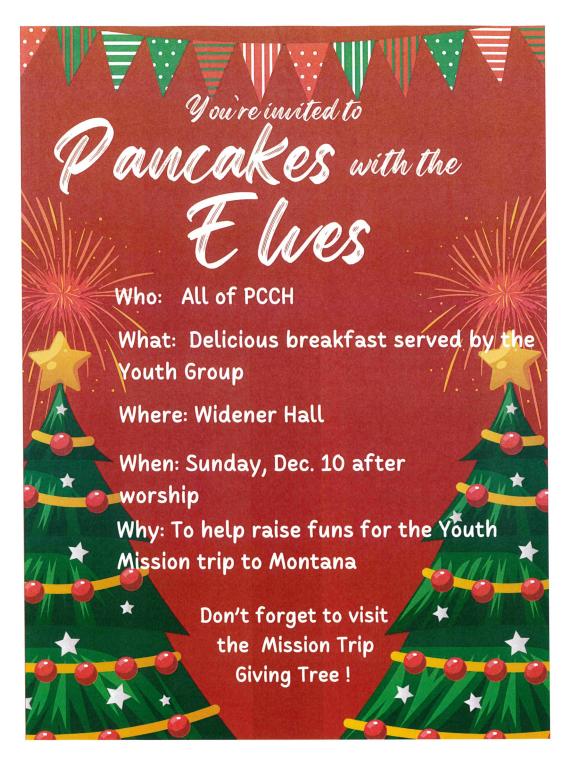
Youth choir will rehearse as usual today from 4:15-5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us: Julie 267-804-2410, jsbishop717@gmail.com and Kate 215-620-8283, katemagid@gmail.com

YOUTH UPDATE

Sunday, November 19: High school youth group lunch after worship, and then making ornaments for the mission giving tree

Sunday, December 3: Children's Advent wreath workshop during Sunday school Tuesday, December 5: Middle school and high school youth group trip to Longwood Gardens. Leave PCCH at 5 p.m., admission tickets 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Kate Magid ASAP. Sunday, December 10: Youth Group Pancake Breakfast with the Elves following worship



CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. 4 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 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 Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

AARP SMART DRIVER REFRESHER COURSE (registration and pre-payment required)

Tuesday, November 28, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (four hours total) \$20 for AARP members/\$25 for non-AARP members

The AARP SMART Driver refresher course is available to all who have completed the eighthour AARP SMART Driver course, or the AAA equivalent, within the past three years. Interested participants will need to bring to class their driver's license and proof of having previously completed the two-day training. In order to continue to receive the discount on your car insurance premium, your AARP certificate needs to be updated every three years.

THE FANTASTICKS—A MUSICAL (registration required, space limited)

Quintessence Theater Group, 7130 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 19119 Sunday, December 3, 3 p.m. show time, special COTH group rate \$40 Meet at the theater at 2:45 p.m. or an optional 1 p.m. lunch at Toska (not included in the \$40 ticket rate), across the street from the theater. Let us know when you register. Join us for a lovely afternoon at the theater. *The Fantasticks* by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt is about two neighboring fathers who concoct a plot to outsmart their kids and make them fall in love. Can

a parent's stratagem result in a child's happily ever after, or will true love take its own course of action? This beloved musical ruled off Broadway for four decades, and continues to delight

audiences

AFTERNOON MOVIES (registration required)

Thursday, December 7, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Showing Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that's economical and during the daytime so you don't have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history. Accompanied by his goddaughter, he soon finds himself squaring off against Jürgen Voller, a former Nazi who works for NASA.

HOW SABA KEPT SINGING—film & concert, followed by Q & A (*registration required*) Friday, December 8, 1-3 p.m., free. Light refreshments will be served.

The award-winning documentary film *How Saba Kept Singing* shares the story of cantor, Holocaust survivor, and military veteran David S. Wisnia (age 93) who spends his later years travelling with his grandson and musical accompanist, Avi Wisnia (age 38), sharing the story of how he survived the Holocaust through music which the duo perform together. For years, cantor Wisnia's story centered around the belief that he survived Auschwitz mainly by using his beautiful singing voice to entertain his Nazi captors. These performances in the death camp gave him status as a "privileged prisoner." However, when David takes his family back to Poland for one last performance, Avi starts asking questions and they discover that someone else had a hand in Saba's survival. An uplifting story about music, faith, family and resilience, proving love can grow and take hold in even the darkest of places. This film is directed by Sara Taksler (*Tickling Giants*), with Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, executive producers.

Avi Wisnia will be joining us to perform some of "Saba's Songs" on piano and to lead a Q & A session following the film. Avi is an award-winning singer, songwriter, storyteller, and educator based in Philadelphia. He performs in venues around the world including the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York and the Kennedy Center in D.C., with concert tours in Japan, Poland, and Brazil.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 19 Worship Church School Joyful Noise rehearsal Stewardship Celebration Brunch Senior High youth group ornaments Youth Choir rehearsal	Stewardship Sunday sanctuary, 10 a.m. Strouse, 10:20 a.m. Strouse, 11:10 a.m. Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m. youth room, 11:30 a.m. Strouse, 4:15 p.m.
MONDAY, November 20 Sketching and watercolor class Italian conversation group Classic table games open play Water Media level 2 class Qigong class PCCH PNC Committee meeting	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. Harris, 10 a.m. room 5, 12 p.m. room 1&2, 1:30 p.m. Harris, 2 p.m. Harris, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, November 21 Mindfulness class Sketching and watercolor class Create Your Website with WordPress class Community Luncheon Mah Jongg open play Strong Bones class PCCH Church Life Meeting	room 4, 9:30 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. Melcher, 10 a.m. Widener Hall, 12 p.m. room 5, 12:30 p.m. Harris, 1 p.m. zoom, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, November 22 Rummy tiles open play PCCH Bible Study group Bridge open play Basics of Android phone class Mah Jongg open play Golden Yoga class	room 5, 10:30 a.m. Harris, 10:30 a.m. room 1&2, 11:30 a.m. Harris, 1 p.m. room 5, 1:30 p.m. Widener Hall, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, November 23

PCCH Office, PCCH PreSchool, And Center on the Hill closed for the holiday

FRIDAY, November 24

Closed for the holiday

SUNDAY, November 19

Worship Church School Joyful Noise rehearsal Fellowship Youth choir rehearsal Senior High youth group sanctuary, 10 a.m. Strouse, 10:20 a.m. Strouse, 11:10 a.m. Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m. Strouse, 4:15 p.m. youth room, 5 p.m.



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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

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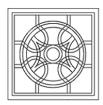
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