

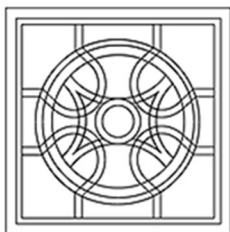
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

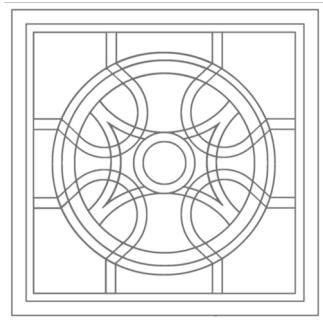
Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

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.

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.



WORSHIP NOTE

Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, Latin for “commandment”) proclaims Jesus’s new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ’s example of humble service and self-offering, represented by the washing of feet and the sharing of communion. As the service concludes, we turn towards the cross with *Tenebrae*, Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.” The sanctuary becomes darker as Jesus’s death draws nearer.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

People: **This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.**

Leader: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

People: **Let us worship the God of freedom, love, and abundant grace.**

*HYMN 94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.

Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.

In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.

We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.

Lead us once again to your table
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit,
you have given us a new commandment:
to love and serve one another in Jesus's name.
Let the good news of your liberating love
be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Paul Mealor
(b. 1975)

Ubi caritas amor, Desu ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde dinigamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ’s love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

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. _____

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 ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis paregustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu fili Mariae
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

God of grace, we give you thanks
for the feast of redemption we have shared
in the body and blood of our Savior.
As you have nourished us with love,
let our lives proclaim your great love for the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

TENEBRAE

Luke 22:1-13
Luke 22:14-23
Luke 22:24-30
Luke 22:31-38
Luke 22:39-46
Luke 22:47-53
Luke 22:54-62

THE DARKNESS

CHORAL RESPONSE

Were You There

arr. Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

All depart in prayerful silence.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

READERS

Jeff Podraza, Liz Podraza, Margaret Spencer, Bill Toffey and Clarke Woodruff

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

GREETERS

Harry Spaeth Elder

USHERS

Barbara Keeler and Troy Foxworth

COMMUNION SERVERS

Jill Bown, Greg Dickinson and Dom Rebeck

COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Da Ponte Jacopo (called Jacopo Bassano), *The Last Supper*, 1546, oil on canvas, Borghese Collection, Rome. Inspired by da Vinci's older and more famous work, this masterpiece by the Venetian painter (1510-1592) departs from a horizontal formality, with more active characters presented as contemporary barefoot working-class types. With elements from a 1523 Durer engraving—the figure of Christ, the apostle John asleep with his head in his crossed arms, and the basin in the foreground—the dynamic composition captures the tension of the moment with dramatic gestures and poses. In this brilliantly conceived, highly complex composition, all the characters are divided, without any focus on the central figure of Christ in the center, thus distracting from the substance and meaning of the coming sacrifice.

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

10 am Worship
in the sanctuary and online

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

7:30 pm Worship with communion
in the sanctuary and online

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

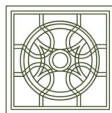
7:30 pm Worship in the chapel
Soloists of the Gallery Choir
Tomás Luis de Victoria:
The Passion According to St. John
plainchant with choruses

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

10 am Worship
in the sanctuary and online

Easter Egg Hunt
immediately following worship



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

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
Rebecca DePasquale
Gregory Dickinson
Matthew Eastman
Jack Evans
Graeme Frazier

Ryan Mann
William Murphy
Elizabeth Podraza
Jeannette Quirus
Dominick Rebeck
Michelle Shachtman

Taylor Slaughter
Harry Spaeth
James Spause
Margaret Spencer
William Storm
Clarke Woodruff

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Jeffrey DeVault Organist and Associate Director of Music

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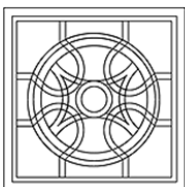
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