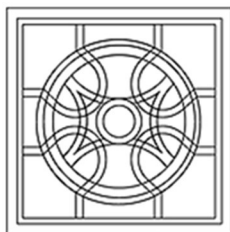


THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, February 2 2025

10 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 two is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are three 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.



All children in attendance are invited to attend Sunday School, which takes place immediately after the Children's Message. Please use the QR code to fill out a brief safety waiver for your child.

We encourage you to fill out the black friendship 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 14.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D major

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 71

Leader: In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,

People: so we might never be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness, O Lord,
let us find deliverance,

People: so we might experience your saving power.

Leader: In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,

People: so we might find confidence in you alone.

Leader: You are our rock and our refuge,
our fortress and shield.

People: We turn to you again this day.

*HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, when we set our tables,
we imagine who belongs.
We are satisfied to welcome
those whom we call our own.
Our boundaries are drawn
for our own family, our own congregation,
our own neighborhood.
We limit the seating to those
who make us comfortable,
and lay out the welcome mat
for those we choose to welcome.
But your kingdom has no boundary.
Before our birth you have known, loved,
and claimed each and every one.
Soften our hearts to those we rage against.
Restore us to your vision
of who belongs at the table.
Renew us with your abundant mercy and love,
which know no end. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

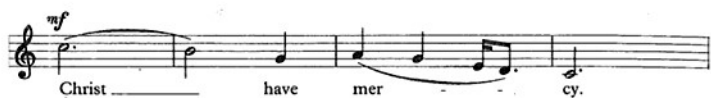
Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

REGENT SQUARE
(Hymn 417)

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

Spirit of life, God of love,
open our hearts and enter in,
that hearing your word of love,
we may become your love for others.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.

Joyful Noise will meet following church school until 11:40 a.m.

Parents, your children will be brought to you in Widener Hall.

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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Start Here

Ellen Williams Hensle

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8

***HYMN 335**

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Philip Ledger
(1937-2012)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb in safety keep.
Nothing can thy power withstand.
No one can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey.
Like thy blessed ones above,
happy in thy perfect love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near.
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray,
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne,
I shall know as I am known.

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

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Loving and gracious God,
from east and west,
from north and south,
you have gathered us at your table,
called us beloved,
and fed us from your body.
Transform us to be
your body in the world,
and fortify us by your Spirit,
so that we may serve you
and our neighbors
with great joy. Amen.

*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen.

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D major

J.S. Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST

Buddy Storm

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Greg Dickinson

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Conductor

Paul Fleckenstein Guest Organist

GREETERS

William Storm and Clarke Woodruff Elders

Rachelle Pretz and Amy Raphael Deacons

USHERS

Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader

Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones, and Beth Wrigley

COMMUNION SERVERS

Graeme Frazier, Rebecca DePasquale, Greg Dickinson, Matt Eastman, and Buddy Storm

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely, Sandy Sherwood, and Maddie Dickinson

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of all God's children by Sharon Kelly.

COVER ART curated by **Rebecca Thornburgh**

William-Adolphe Bouguereau, *Charity (or The Indigent Family)*, 1865, oil on canvas, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. *Charity* is traditionally represented as a mother with children, but in this version (one of several Bouguereau painted on this theme), the twist is that the mother and children are themselves in need of charity. A destitute family—a barefoot mother and her three young children—are huddled on the lower steps of a grand, classical style church (the Church of the Madeleine, Paris). Reminiscent of a Madonna, the mother turns a sorrowful gaze toward the viewer. The symmetry of the pyramidal composition and low viewpoint lend the group a sense of monumentality.

In his own time, Bouguereau (1825-1905) was considered to be one of the greatest painters in the world by the Academic art community, while simultaneously he was reviled by the avant-garde. Bouguereau's career was a nearly straight up ascent with hardly a setback. To many, he epitomized taste and refinement, and a respect for tradition. To others, he was a competent technician stuck in the past. Degas and his Impressionist associates used *Bouguereauite* as a derogatory term for any artistic style reliant on “slick and artificial surfaces.” Bouguereau's works were eagerly bought by wealthy American collectors who considered him the most important French artist of that time. But after 1920, Bouguereau fell into disrepute, due in part to changing tastes and partly to his staunch opposition to the Impressionists who were finally gaining acceptance. For decades following, his name was not even mentioned in encyclopedias.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Ellen Williams Hensle at the church office or at ewhensle@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 Ellen Williams Hensle at the church office or at ewhensle@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.

Sunday mornings before worship—a gentle reminder

The Gallery Choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to enter the sanctuary during this time, but please remember to keep conversations low so that the choir is able to focus on their rehearsal.

Nametags during worship

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle is thrilled to be here and looking forward to getting to know all of you. To assist her and her family, we are requesting that you wear a nametag during worship for the next few weeks. Nametags will be available for you to fill out in the Narthex prior to worship on Sundays.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

DEACON'S BRUNCH

Join us today, Sunday, February 2 for brunch and fellowship with our Deacons immediately after worship. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next meeting of the new Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, February 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on February 5. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **Matthew 6:25-34**. All are welcome.

COCKTAIL PARTIES WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

We are hosting a series of informal cocktail parties in the coming months at the homes of church members. Join us in a relaxed, social atmosphere to meet Ellen and Tom, hear more about Ellen's vision for the church, and connect with fellow members of our congregation. Our next cocktail parties will be held on February 8 and February 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up at tinyurl.com/6eu8dnvh or on the bulletin board outside the office.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

On Sunday, February 16, grab a refreshment from Widener Hall and join the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle in Harris to get to know her better! *Meet and Greets* will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

FAMILY AND YOUTH EVENTS WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

We are planning events specifically designed for families with children and youth: these will provide more opportunities for our younger members to interact with Ellen in ways that are engaging and fun. Youth (grades six to twelve) are invited to spend time with Ellen on February 9 after worship. Families and children (kindergarten to fifth grade) are invited to spend time with Ellen on March 9 after worship. More details to follow.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of our wonderful community? Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10 a.m. for a New Member class. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle at ewhensle@chestnuthillpres.org with questions or to sign up!

GOT PRINT?

The Music & Arts committee wants to rescue all those magazines and flyers from your recycling bin! We're planning a multimedia arts workshop after church on Sunday, February 23, and we're looking for colorful printed materials to use in creating collage pieces. Please drop off magazines, etc. to the box in the church office. Thanks very much! (And stay tuned for details about the 2/23 workshop, when we'll be creating art for a PCCH exhibition to complement the Gallery Choir's March 8 performance of Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass: Mass for Troubled Times*.)

SPAM EMAIL NOTICE

We want to alert you to an issue regarding spam emails that have been circulating, falsely using the names of some of our staff. These emails may ask for sensitive information or request that you click on suspicious links. To ensure your digital safety, please make sure to verify that the email address is valid before sending any personal or private information or clicking on any included links. Remember that our staff will never ask you for gift cards or emergency funds via email. If you ever have questions about an email's validity, please feel free to call the office for verification. Thank you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
2/2	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Dom Rebeck and Brandon Harris	stay in worship

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages three to second grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades three to five 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 school youth in grades six to eight will study *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*. Youth will explore how they can live out their faith, as Jesus taught, in our modern world. The middle school youth will meet during worship two to three times per month. On the remaining Sundays, youth should participate in the full worship service.

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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Middle and high school youth will not meet after worship today. Youth Group will not meet on the first Sunday of the month but will instead engage in Service Sunday after worship.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our children's choir for ages three through grade five, will rehearse today from 11-11:40 a.m. Children will be brought to their parents in the sanctuary immediately following worship. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir, our youth choir for grades six to 12, will rehearse today from 12-12:45 p.m. Youth Choir will not meet the first Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers are always welcome.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs.

Upcoming classes and events

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.

AGING IN PLACE GROUP (*registration required*)

Thursday, February 6 (the first Thursday of each month), 2:15 p.m., free

Join the conversation and share ideas, tips, tricks, thoughts and concerns that come up in your daily lives. Discuss your insights and observations about the world around you in a welcoming environment. Find support, friendship, and helpful information in this group lead by Megan Do Nascimento, the wellness coordinator at Awbury Arboretum in East Mt. Airy.

HEART HEALTH (*registration required*)

Thursday, February 6, 11 a.m., free

This presentation will cover topics related to heart health such as: defining cardiovascular disease, myths vs. facts, risk factors, warning signs of heart attack and stroke, tips for a healthy heart, understanding the mind-body connection, preparing for doctor visits, plus helpful resources. Presented by UPMC Community HealthChoices.

FEBRUARY ART SHOW:

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL (PCCH) PRESCHOOL

The gallery is open for viewing Monday–Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and before and after worship on Sundays.

MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION

Thursday, February 6, 6 p.m., free

This month will feature a very special show presenting works by the youngest members of our community, who attend the Preschool here. Expect colorful expressions of creativity to adorn the walls at the center, and be sure to come and see what they have dreamt up in their imaginations to share with us.

“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination!”—Albert Einstein

LETS PLAY BINGO (*registration required*)

Tuesday, February 11, 1 p.m., free

Join us for your favorite game, with prizes and snacks provided by some of our partners and friends from different organizations in the area. Come out, meet some new people, and have fun!

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 2

Worship

Church School

Deacon's Brunch

Youth Group

Joyful Noise rehearsal

American Dance Wheels class

Tempesta Di Mare concert

Lord's Supper

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

Strouse, 11:10 a.m.

Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.

Widener, 2 p.m.

sanctuary, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, February 3

Sketching and Watercolor class

AARP Smart Driver class

Tai Chi group

Table Games open play

WaterMedia Level Two class

The Crossing rehearsal

Qigong class

Philadelphia Youth Choir rehearsal

Philomusica Chorale rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

room 3&4, 10 a.m.

room 5, 12 p.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

sanctuary, 2 p.m.

Harris, 2 p.m.

chapel, choir, room 3&4, 5:15 p.m.

Widener, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 4

Rotary Club meeting

Sketching and Watercolor class

Mindfulness Practice group

AARP Smart Driver class

Introduction to Tai Chi class

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones class

Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class

Strong Bones class

American Dance Wheels class

Deacons meeting

Royal Scottish Dancers group

Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal

Scouts district meeting

room 5, 7:30 a.m.

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

room 4, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Widener, 1 p.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

Widener, 2:15 p.m.

Widener, 4:30 p.m.

Harris, 6:30 p.m.

chapel, 7 p.m.

Widener, 7:30 p.m.

room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, February 5

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Basics of Android Phone class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Staff meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
The Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Youth Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, Widener, room 3&4, 6:15 p.m.
MALT Beginning Piano class	room 1&2, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 6

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners	Widener, 10:30 a.m.
The Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 11 a.m.
Heart Health class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship meeting	reception, 2 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
American Dance Wheels class	Widener, 4:30 p.m.
Meet the Artist reception	COTH hallway, 6 p.m.
MALT Ballroom class	Widener, 6:30 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, February 7

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Scrabble Play group	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
The Crossing concert	sanctuary, 7 p.m.
PCCH Sober & Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, February 8

Building cleaning	
Youth Group Cooking Chili group	kitchen, 9 a.m.
Philadelphia Youth Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, room 3&4, Widener, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, February 9

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Youth Group	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.

Dear Saints of PCCH,

Below you will find a summary of the church's finances through December 31, 2024. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially to the life of our community in 2024. We were able to make up a significant gap in congregational giving at the end of the year and finish closer (though not all the way) to a balanced budget. Endowment draws are covering our deficit of \$32,844.

We are still in the process of developing the church budget for 2025. You can help us in this process by making a pledge if you have not done so already. Making and fulfilling a pledge allows you to be intentional in your financial commitment and provides critical information for church leadership as we plan our ministry for the year ahead. Pledges of any size are welcome and valued, and it is never too late to submit one. You can pick up a pledge card in the church office.

If you have questions about your pledge, or would like to learn more about the pledging process, please contact our church administrator Rachel Cline: rcline@chestnuthillpres.org. To discuss alternative giving methods such as Qualified Charitable Distributions or donating stock, please contact finance chair Hap Spaeth: hapsaeth@gmail.com.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing where God will lead us!

In Christ,
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

2024 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1—December 31, 2024

	2024 Annual Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	693,000	619,642	612,805
Endowment Draws	154,073	225,807	158,691
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	187,970	160,036
Total Sources of Funds	1,005,073	1,033,419	951,532
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	1,066,263	951,532
Difference	0	32,844	0

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

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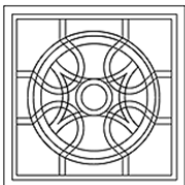
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