

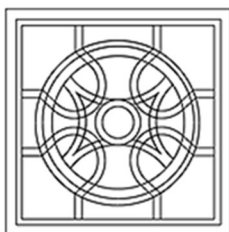
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, December 15, 2024

10 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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, weather permitting on the front lawn otherwise 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 *Comfort, Comfort You, My People* Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

In Dulci Jubilo Marcel Dupré
(1866-1971)

INTROIT *Advent Introit* Ian Quinn
(b. 1973)

Our King and Savior draws near;
come let us adore him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be;
Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: In this season of Advent, we light the candle of joy.

People: **Knowing that Christ is coming
to bring healing and wholeness to the world
brings us joy.**

Leader: When we gather for worship it is a celebration,
an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us
and beyond us.

People: **Our lives are marked by laughter and friendship,
as we love our neighbors with open hearts and open arms.**

Leader: Even when we face difficulties and troubles, we sing a song of faith,
confident that Jesus is able to redeem our world.

People: **Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.**

***HYMN 3** *Comfort, Comfort You My People* PSALM 42

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that,
in the midst of your glorious creation,
we have neglected our role in its care.
We have ignored the cries of the hurting and the lonely,
those on the margins and those who are oppressed.
We focus on our own desires,
while forgetting the needs of our neighbors.
We have not prepared a way for the Lord,
through either our words or our deeds,
neither through our actions nor our thoughts.
Grant us your mercy in forgiveness;
and lead us to act with compassion and justice,
guided by your glorious light. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a Cantor part and an Assembly part. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' The Cantor parts are melodic lines with slurs, and the Assembly parts are simpler, often using whole notes and rests. The score ends with a double bar line.

Cantor *Assembly*
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor *Assembly*
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor *Assembly*
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

God of hope, who never lets us go,
draw near to us in these ancient words.
By your Holy Spirit, may we be filled, lifted up, and leveled
as you prepare in our hearts the path of your coming. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 80:1-7

PLAINSONG

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

George Graeme Connelly
Son of Katherine Frazier Connelly

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

*Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse Building.
Joyful Noise will not rehearse today due to the Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange.
Parents, please pick up your children from Sunday School.*

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.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1-18

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Joy Is Our Strength

Ellen Williams Hensle

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Luke 3:15-18

***HYMN 4**

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

***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.

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

Malcom Archer
(b. 1952)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry,
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings,
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin;
make straight the way of God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our sure reward;
shine forth, and let thy light restore,
our souls to heav'nly grace once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent set thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit evermore.

***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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Mighty One,**
you have done and are doing great things for us,
and holy is your name.
Bless all we have to offer you—ourselves, our time,
and our possessions—
that through us your grace and favor
may be known to all the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

***HYMN 28**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Song of Simeon*

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

Lord God, you now have set your servant free,
to go in peace as promised in your word;
my eyes have seen the savior, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people, and their light.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Herr Christ,
der einge Gottessohn*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

LITURGIST

Barbara Frazier

ADVENT READERS

Greg and Maddie Dickinson and Sandy Sherwood

ASSISTING IN BAPTISM

Graeme Frazier Elder

MUSIC

Gallery Choir

Jeffrey DeVault Organist

GREETERS

William Storm and Clarke Woodruff Elders

Sharyn Walker and Sarah Wright Deacons

USHERS

Kevin Raphael Team #1 Leader

Carolyn Manwaring, Emily McCahery, Ray McCahery and Sarah Wright

FLOWER GUILD

Debby Evans and Jane Kaufman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of our daughter, **Virginia**, given by **Sue** and **Dick Brown**.

The rose in the chancel is in honor of the baptism of George Graeme Connelly.

COVER ART curated by **Rebecca Thornburgh**

Pieter Bruegel the Elder, *The Sermon of Saint John the Baptist*, 1566, oil on panel, Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest. Pieter Bruegel (also Brueghel or Breughel) the Elder (c. 1525/1530-1569) was among the most significant artists of Dutch and Flemish Renaissance painting. A painter and a printmaker known for his landscapes and peasant scenes (so-called *genre painting*), he was a pioneer in presenting both types of subjects as large paintings. One of the first generation of artists when religious subjects had ceased to be the natural subject matter of painting, Bruegel's innovative choices of subject matter were a formative influence on Dutch Golden Age painting and on later painting in general. According to museum curator Axel Vécsey, Bruegel was interested "not in the heroes from the grand stories of mankind, but in what simple folk grasp of events, and how they affect them in everyday life." Vécsey notes that in this painting of the preaching of St. John, "the whole world draws up, in [a] captivating diversity: nobles, priests, soldiers, burghers, peasants, Flemings, Spaniards, Jews, Gypsies, Turks, the healthy and the infirm. Yet this story tells not of differences, but of togetherness, of the new covenant that Christ would make with all mankind, and of the words of the prophet, by which it is foretold. This experience in common surges throughout the colorful throng, and resonates in their souls. Every sense is pervaded by the recognition that this is a special moment; that the Redeemer, as the prophet says, stands there in the crowd, and if he has not yet announced himself, the time when he will do so is near."

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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.

A THANK YOU FROM RUSSELL SULLIVAN

Dear Members, Staff, and Friends,

Thank you so much for your kind words, generous gift, and wonderful reception last Sunday! I also thank you for receiving my care and accepting my leadership during the last year and a half. It was a joy to serve you in pastoral ministry. PCCH is a beacon of hope in your community, and I fervently believe that your journey under Ellen's leadership will bring blessings to your congregation and to the Philadelphia community. I look forward to hearing good news about your ministry together. May God continue to bless you in your mission and service!

Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

Transitional Pastor
The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

a meaningful way to remember or celebrate

As always, during the Christmas season our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful flowers and greens in celebration of Christ's birth.



We invite you to make a donation
in support of the Christmas Flower Fund.
With your gift, you can

- remember loved ones
- celebrate a birth, anniversary, or other special event
- offer thanksgiving for grandchildren or other people who are special to you
- honor one of our programs at PCCH

Names of those honored
will be listed in the Bulletins
on Christmas Eve
and the Sunday after Christmas.

*If you'd like to make a donation of flowers
in the name of someone special,
please complete and return this form
to the church office no later than
Sunday, December 22nd.*

Name(s) of contributor(s)

In loving memory of /In honor of /In thanksgiving for (*please circle one*)

*The suggested minimum donation is \$35.
Pay by Venmo or PayPal @PCCH8855
or pay with a check payable to PCCH, and include "Christmas flowers" on the memo line.*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH HAPPENING AT PCCH

FELLOWSHIP

Join us in Widener Hall immediately following worship today for coffee and sweet treats. All are welcome.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday, Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **Luke 1:39-55**. All are welcome.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the new Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, December 19 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

All children who signed up for the Christmas Pageant, please remember there will be a mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, December 22 immediately following worship.

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, middle and high school youth will engage in a service project immediately after worship. The next *Youth Service Sunday* will be Sunday, January 5.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. Mark Bernstein will be the presenter. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT PCCH

We have updated our Christmas Eve schedule for the 2024 season. Our earlier worship and children's Christmas Pageant will remain at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Our evening service of Lessons & Carols will begin at 9 p.m. with the prelude, featuring the PCCH Festival Brass, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Please contact the office with any questions.



PCCH CHILDREN & YOUTH

INVITE YOU TO
A

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE



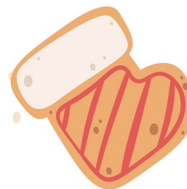
BRING 2 DOZEN COOKIES
TO EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 15TH

AT THE COFFEE HOUR
CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG!



Consider bringing extra cookies
for us to deliver to
our homebound PCCH members



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
12/15	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Diana Rodgers and Anna Storm	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 meet immediately after worship each week until noon in the Youth Group room. Lunch will be provided. 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 not rehearse today due to the Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir, for grades six to twelve, will not rehearse today due to the Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange. 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.



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December 9, 2024

Dear Wonderful PCCH Congregation:

Your continued support of Souls Shot Portrait Project is greatly appreciated! Our perennial premiere of the exhibition for the Philadelphia Chapter in Widener Hall is always a powerful event. This year's event, held on November 1, was no exception. The Music and Arts Committee are to be commended for their amazing work! Many hearts and minds were touched and moved that evening.

We hope you will take a moment to sign up for our monthly newsletter, if you do not already receive it, and also take a look at our testimonials page which illustrates our impact.

Thanks to your support we have grown over these past 8 years into a non-profit organization with three chapters and a collection of artworks. We have several exhibitions traveling to various hosts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We are reaching many people with our invitational approach to the issue of gun violence and gun safety. By using the unique relationship human beings have with art, we are able to promote connections that would not otherwise be possible.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,



Laura Madeleine
Executive Director

CENTER ON THE HILL

Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday-Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page here: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register. The Center will be closed Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3 for the holiday break.

Upcoming classes and events

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS) (*registration required*)

Mondays, 2 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m., \$40 for four classes, \$12 for walk-ins

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee-gung). These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.

MAH JONGG (*registration required*)

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., \$2

Enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners; participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

NORTHWEST PHILLY ARTISTS HOLIDAY SHOW AND MARKETPLACE

Exhibit and Sale open Monday-Saturday, December 6-20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Original paintings, photography, drawings, greeting cards, jewelry, handcrafted candles, ceramic mugs and more created by the center's own NW Philly artists will be on display and for sale.

SCRABBLE OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Fridays, join any time, 10:00 a.m., \$2

Do you love to play board games? Are you a great speller or want to be a great speller? Then join in on this classic crossword game that is full-on fun. You can feel the excitement begin as soon as you rack up your letters, choose a great word, and hope to land on a triple-word score. Scrabble game provided.

GOLDEN YOGA (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, join any time, 3 p.m., \$10/class, \$35/four classes, \$85/ten classes

This classical yoga adaptation, by the SKY Foundation, accommodates those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices includes stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 15

Worship

Church school
 Carol Sing and Youth Cookie Exchange
 Youth Group
 Tempesta di Mare Concert

Advent 3

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
 Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
 Widener, 11 a.m.
 Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
 sanctuary, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, December 16

Sketching and watercolor class
 Tai Chi private practice group
 Table games open play
 WaterMedia level 2 class
 Qigong class
 Alexander technique class
 Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal
 Philomusica Chorale rehearsal
 PCCH Finance meeting
 The Crossing rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 room 3&4, 10 a.m.
 room 5, 12 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
 Harris, 2 p.m.
 Harris, 3:45 p.m.
 choir room, 3&4, chapel, 5:30 p.m.
 Widener, 6:30 p.m.
 Harris, 7:30 p.m.
 sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, December 17

Mindfulness practice
 Sketching and watercolor class
 Windows 11 Made Simple class
 Mah Jongg open play
 Strong Bones class
 Strong Bones class
 The Crossing rehearsal
 Royal Scottish dancers
 Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal
 Theology on Tap

room 4, 9:30 a.m.
 room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10 a.m.
 room 5, 12:30 p.m.
 Widener, 1 p.m.
 Widener, 2:15 p.m.
 sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.
 Widener, 7 p.m.
 chapel, 7:30 p.m.
 Campbell's Place, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 18

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
PreK concert rehearsal	sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 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.
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.

THURSDAY, December 19

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Clergy consultation group	reception, 9:30 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
MLE Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship group	reception, 2 p.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 3 p.m.
Scout and Eagle board of review	Harris, 6 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 20

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 p.m.
Scrabble Play group	room 5, 10 am
PreK Cookies and Carols	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing group	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 21

Keystone Hospice memorial service
Building cleaning
Piffaro concert

Widener, 10 a.m.
all rooms, 2 p.m.
sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 22

Worship

Church school
Christmas Pageant rehearsal
Fellowship
Youth Group
Youth Choir rehearsal
The Crossing concert

Advent 4
sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
sanctuary, 11 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Strouse, 11:20 a.m.
Strouse, 12 p.m.
sanctuary, 5 p.m.

Dear Saints of PCCH,

Below is a summary of our congregation's financial position as we reach the end of the year. PCCH relies on three main sources for the funds we need to provide programming, operate our building, and pay our employees. The largest of these sources is money given by the congregation. As you can see, we need to make up a significant shortfall in congregational giving to balance our budget for this year.

If you made a pledge in 2024 and are able to fulfill it, please do so by December 31st. If you are in a position to give extra this year, we would be very grateful for any additional support you can provide. And as we begin the budgeting process for 2025, we invite you to make a pledge in support of our congregation's ministry.

If you have questions about your 2024 pledge, or would like to learn more about the pledging process, please contact church administrator Rachel Cline: rcline@chestnuthillpres.org.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the life and work of PCCH.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

2024 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY			
as of November 30, 2024			
	2024 Annual Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	693,000	509,565	501,188
Endowment Draws	154,073	149,236	145,437
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	175,848	140,347
Total Sources of Funds	1,005,073	834,649	786,971
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	867,087	719,942
Difference	0	32,438	67,029



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm **Worship & Children's Christmas Pageant**

8:30 pm **Prelude**
featuring the PCCH Festival Brass

9 pm **Christmas Eve Service**
Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols
led by the Gallery Choir

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

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Mark Bernstein
Stephen Bishop
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Emily McCahery
Jane McGill

Barbara Olson
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Linda Pettengill
Rachelle Pretz
Amy Raphael
Sharyn Walker
Sarah Wright

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle Senior Minister and Head of Staff

The Rev. Cynthia A. Jarvis Pastor Emerita

Dr. Daniel Spratlan Director of Music

Jeffrey DeVault Organist/Associate Director of Music

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

Katherine McGill Magid Director of Youth Ministry

Rachel Cline Church Administrator

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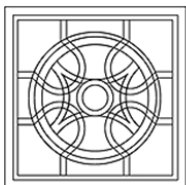
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