

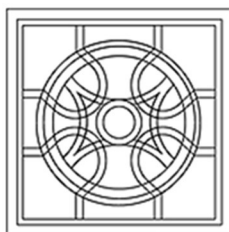
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 11, 2024

10 a.m.

TWELTTH 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 longtime 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 11.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PIANO VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Richard Hundley
(1931-2018)

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
O my dove, that dwellest in the clefts of a rock.
In the covert of a steep place,
let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;
for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ,
the bread of life,
People: **to teach us his ways, feed us with his life,
and fill us with the Holy Spirit.**
Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not been faithful disciples.
We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil;
we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace;
and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish
and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer.
Forgive us our sin, O God,
and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan

(1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Almighty God,
through the reading of holy Scripture,
feed us with your living Word
and reveal to us the way of everlasting life.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 34:1-8

PLAINSONG

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brooke Lillian Olson
daughter of Sara Stewart Olson and Douglas Gordon Olson, Jr.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

*Children through finishing fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Parents, please pick up your children in the chapel after worship.*

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

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Redeeming the Time
*Be careful then how you live,
not as unwise people but as wise...*
Ephesians 5:15

Dr. Sullivan

*HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

*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 SOLO

En Prière

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

If the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father,
listen to the prayer of Jesus on his knees, before you.
If you have chosen me to teach your laws on the earth,
I will know how to serve you, holy King of Kings, O Light!
Place on my lips, O Lord, the salutary truth,
so that whoever doubts, should with humility revere you!
Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness so necessary,
to relieve the suffering, to alleviate pains, the misery!
Reveal yourself to me, Lord, in whom I have faith and hope,
I want to suffer for you and to die on the cross, at Calvary!

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you. Amen.**

***HYMN 412**

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

FOREST GREEN

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

He Who Will Suffer God To Guide Him

J. S. Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

ASSISTING IN BAPTISM

William Storm Elder and Clerk of Session

MUSIC

Julie Snyder soprano soloist

James Batt guest organist

GREETERS

Shannon Cavanaugh and William Storm Elders

Kelly Baughman and Mark Bernstein Deacons

USHERS

Joan Demme Team #3 Substitute Leader

Peter Cooke, Douglas Olson, Jeannette Quirus, John Quirus, Dominick Rebeck

FLOWER GUILD

Jane Kaufman and Elizabeth Podraza

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Faith and Harry Dunlop, parents of Alison Rudolf.

COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Caspar David Friedrich, *Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog*, ca. 1818, oil on canvas, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg. Friedrich (1774-1840) was a German Romantic landscape painter, generally considered the most important German artist of his generation. Best known for his allegorical landscapes, which typically feature contemplative figures silhouetted against night skies, morning mists, barren trees or Gothic ruins, his often symbolic and anti-classical work seeks to convey a subjective, emotional response to the natural world. Considered to be one of the masterpieces of the Romantic movement, this painting has been interpreted as an emblem of self-reflection or contemplation of life's path, and the landscape is considered to evoke the sublime.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@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.

Sunday mornings before worship—a gentle reminder

The soloists rehearse 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 soloists are able to focus on their rehearsal.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH HAPPENING AT PCCH

TODAY'S BAPTISM

Please welcome members of the church, Sara and Douglas Olson Jr., as they celebrate the baptism of their daughter Brooke Lillian Olson during our worship service today. Brooke is the granddaughter of church members Barbara Olson and Douglas Olson, Sr.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Join us on the front lawn immediately following worship for sweet treats, lemonade, and coffee. Everyone is welcome.

BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR FRANKLIN S. EDMONDS

As Family Promise (formerly PIHN) has changed its mission, we have shifted our annual backpack and school supply drive support to our local Philadelphia schools. This year, we will be supporting Franklin S. Edmonds School, which serves the communities of East Mount Airy and Cedarbrook. The school is at the intersection of Thouron and Sedgwick Streets and educates students from PreK to 8th grade. The principal at Edmonds is excited about our support.

Our Goal: Help us reach our goal of providing 60 backpacks filled with supplies for the kindergarten and 1st-grade students at Edmonds.

How to Contribute: If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the reception room or the church office by **Sunday, August 25**. Rebecca Bernstein, Social Witness Committee member and Edmonds reading tutor, will be dropping off the backpacks filled with supplies on the first day of school, Monday, August 26.

School Supply Donations Needed: Backpacks can be filled with the following supplies: crayons, markers, scissors, regular and construction paper, glue sticks, pencils, stickers, kleenex, hand sanitizer, flash cards, books, workbooks. Any additional supply donations beyond what can fit in student backpacks will also be greatly appreciated by the Edmonds community and put to good use.

A list of these needed donations can be found on the Social Witness bulletin board and table outside Widener Hall. Let's support our local school and help equip the students with the tools they need for a successful school year. Thank you for your generosity!

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FRANKLIN S. EDMONDS

Rebecca Bernstein had the privilege of tutoring reading at Edmonds last year through the Philly Reading Coaches program. This program combines early reading support, access to books, and community volunteers to boost reading skills for our city's children.

Volunteers are paired with young students (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) to provide fun and child-guided reading experiences that help build reading skills and motivation.

Each child in the program receives 25 free books to take home. If you are interested in participating in the Philly Reading Coaches program and making a difference in a child's life, please reach out to Rebecca Bernstein.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 8, 2024

following worship

More information to come.

SAVE THE DATE—PCCH NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

If you are a regular visitor, thank you for worshipping with PCCH. We would love for you to take the next step in your relationship with us, which means becoming a member of the congregation. This is an exciting time for our congregation and a great time to become a part of our life and ministry. We will be hosting a New Members class on Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in the Harris room on the lower level of the church. All of those applying for membership are asked to attend this meeting, even if joining us from another Presbyterian congregation. During this class we will get to know you better and you will have the opportunity to become better informed about our church. Some of our elders will also attend this class—at its end there will be a vote to accept new members. New members will be presented to the congregation in worship on Sunday, October 6. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend this class.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date: 8/11 Combined Sunday School for PreK through Grade 5
Rachelle Pretz and Michelle Shachtman

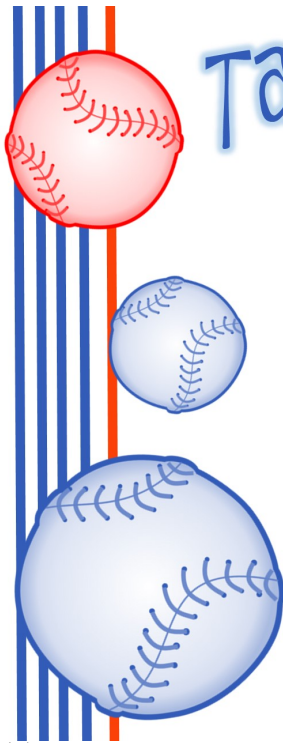
This summer during Sunday School our children will *Set Sail* on a journey to learn how God wants us to love others, serve others, and spend time enjoying the love and peace that God created in the world. Classes will combine in the air-conditioned chapel for this fun summer curriculum.

The first Sunday of the month communion is served in worship and the children will return after Sunday School to sit with their families so that they can participate.

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir rehearsals have paused for the summer months.

REMINDER: CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This week, Monday, August 12 through Friday, August 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

PCCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS!

Saturday, August 24 6:35pm

The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

host the

Rochester Red Wings

(the Washington Nationals top affiliate)



tickets \$12

(includes a \$2 concession credit)

group size limited to 20
carpooling from church available

JOIN US for this fun & family-friendly all-church event!

contact Clarke Woodruff at scw207@hotmail.com



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curious
creative
courteous
kindergarten-ready


PCCH PRESCHOOL KIDS!


**now enrolling
for our 5-day 2 year old
classroom!** 

**offering tours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings at 9:30**

email preschool@chestnuthillpres.org


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CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday–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.

Please note that the Center will be closed for deep cleaning and summer break from Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23.

MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Tuesdays, 12:30–2:30p.m., Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30p.m., \$2, join at any time

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

GOLDEN YOGA (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, 3–4 p.m., start at any time

\$10 per class, \$35 for 4 classes, \$85 for 10 classes

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (*registration required*)

Fridays, ongoing start anytime, 12–2 p.m., \$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door.

Your first visit is free.

Start your weekend right. Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed, as most dances are done in lines and circles. There is always a mix of teaching and “just dancing” and it’s a great place for beginners to pick up the basics in a super friendly group. For more details about our Friday folk dance session, contact Anne Ehrhart at anne.ehrhart@gmail.com.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 11

Worship

Summer Church school

Fellowship

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

front lawn or Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, August 12

VBS

Sketching and watercolor class

Tai Chi practice group

Table games open play

Water media level 2 class

American Dance Wheels event

Qigong class

PNC meeting

Vacation Bible School

chapel, 9 a.m.

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.

Widener Hall, 2 p.m.

Harris, 2 p.m.

zoom, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 13

VBS

Mindfulness practice

Sketching and watercolor class

Mah Jongg open play class

Commonwealth Youthchoirs meeting

Vacation Bible School

chapel, 9 a.m.

Harris, 9:30 a.m.

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

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

choir room, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 14

Rotary Club meeting

VBS

Beginning Tai Chi

Rummy Tiles open play game

Philadelphia Presbytery event

Continuing Tai Chi

Bridge game open play

Mah Jongg open play

Golden Yoga class

Weight Watchers meeting

Vacation Bible School

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.

chapel, 9 a.m.

room 3&4, 10 a.m.

room 5, 10:30 a.m.

Widener Hall, 10 a.m.

room 3&4, 11:15 a.m.

room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.

room 5, 1:30 p.m.

Widener Hall, 3 p.m.

Harris, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 15

BNI breakfast meeting
Qigong class
VBS
Thursday painters class
French conversation group
Mah Jongg MLE group
Soul line dancing class

Vacation Bible School
room 3&4, 7:45 a.m.
Harris, 9 a.m.
chapel, 9 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 16

VBS
Yoga with Attitude class
Scrabble open play
Yoga, A Chair and You class
International folk dancing class
Alexander Technique class
PCCH Sober and Out group

Vacation Bible School
chapel, 9 a.m.
Harris, 9:45 a.m.
room 5, 10 a.m.
Harris, 11:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 12 p.m.
Harris, 2 p.m.
Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, August 17

Building cleaning
Allons Danser Group dance event

all rooms, 2 p.m.
Widener Hall, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 18

Worship
Summer Church School
Fellowship

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
front lawn or Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

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
Shannon Cavanaugh
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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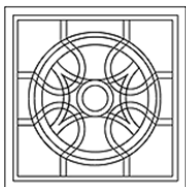
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