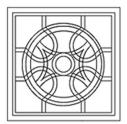
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 18, 2024 10 a.m. THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST





8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age 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.

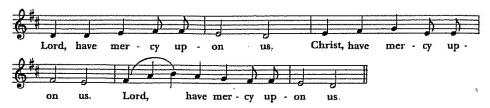
# ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VO	LUNTARY	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)			
		Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)			
INTROITFelix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him and fret not thyself because of evil doers. O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him.Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)						
CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalms 11 and 34)						
Leader:	Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!					
People:	Great are your works, O Lord,					
Leader:	ponder by all who delight in them. Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.					
	e: And let us exalt God's name together!					
*HYMN 469		Morning Has Broken	BUNESSAN			
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)						
Gracious and Holy God, you call us here to share with us your holy wisdom, that we may honor, love, and obey you as your children. But we have rejected your wisdom and walked in ways that hurt our neighbors. Forgive us we pray. May we remember your wonders and ponder your works, so that we delight to do what you ask of us, by the power given to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.						
*Please stand as you are able.						

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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

WESTMINSTER ABBEY (Hymn 416)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the scripture that we read today. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; The Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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

Psalm 111

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND 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

Romans 7:14-20; 8:1-2

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that do it, but sin that dwells within me...

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

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

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-20

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

Leader: <b>People:</b>	Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	Of Eagles, and Hippos, and Little Misery Mud A Parable	Chris Petrak

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

\*HYMN 370

The Apostles' Creed

WOODWORTH

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**

He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the woods and the waters in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got you and me right in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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!

### \*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Leader:	Let us pray.
All:	Almighty and merciful God,
	from whom comes all that is good,
	we praise you for your mercies,
	for your goodness that has created us,
	your grace that has sustained us,
	your discipline that has corrected us,
	your patience that has borne with us,
	and your love that has redeemed us.
	Hele we to love you
	Help us to love you,
	and to be thankful for all your gifts
	by serving you and delighting to do your will,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

arr. Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in A minor

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

#### COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Hans Holbein the Younger, Erasmus of Rotterdam, 1523, oil and tempera, copy of original in private collection. Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466–1536) was a Dutch Christian humanist, Catholic theologian, educationalist, satirist, and philosopher. Through his vast number of translations, books, essays and letters, he is considered one of the most influential thinkers of the Northern Renaissance and one of the major figures of Dutch and Western culture. A Catholic priest, he was an important figure in classical scholarship who wrote in a spontaneous and natural Latin style. He prepared important new Latin and Greek editions of the New Testament, which raised questions that would be influential in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. Erasmus lived against the backdrop of the growing European religious Reformation. He developed a biblical humanistic theology in which he advocated tolerance, concord, and free thinking on matters of difference. He remained a member of the Catholic Church all his life, and was committed to reforming the Church from within. Hans Holbein the Younger (1477-1543) painted the portrait of Erasmus of Rotterdam several times, and his paintings were much copied, at the time and later. It is difficult to disentangle Holbein's original work from that of his workshop and other copyists. Possibly five largely original versions survive, as well as a number of drawings made as studies. Holbein's portraits played an important part in spreading the painter's reputation across Europe, as the originals and their copies were widely distributed.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY The Rev. Dr. Chris Petrak

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

MUSIC Joanna Gates mezzo soprano soloist Jeffrey DeVault organist

#### GREETERS Rebecca DePasquale and Gregory Dickinson Elders Stephen Bishop and Catherine Brzozowski Deacons

USHERS Joan Demme Team #4 Leader James Cupp, Carolyn Manwaring, Barbara Spause

FLOWER GUILD Barbara Frazier and Grace Stewart

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **the loved ones** of Alice Lea Tasman.

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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

#### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Join us on the front lawn, weather permitting, or in Widener Hall immediately following worship for sweet treats, lemonade, and coffee. Everyone is welcome.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our adult and youth volunteers who helped with VBS this past week. We are grateful for your ministry to the children of PCCH. Our volunteers included Natalie Bishop, Wesley Bishop, Cade DePasquale, Ella DePasquale, Brandon Harris, Holly Harris, MaryAnne Hartzell, Connie Lewis, Fred Lewis, Kate Magid, Sam Magid, Amy Raphael, Karen Rohde, Michelle Shachtman, Anna Storm, Buddy Storm. A special big thank you to Julie Snyder who organized and made VBS happen. Until summer 2025, thank you everyone!

#### 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 put to good use and greatly appreciated by the Edmonds community.

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, rjbernstein@comcast.net.



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

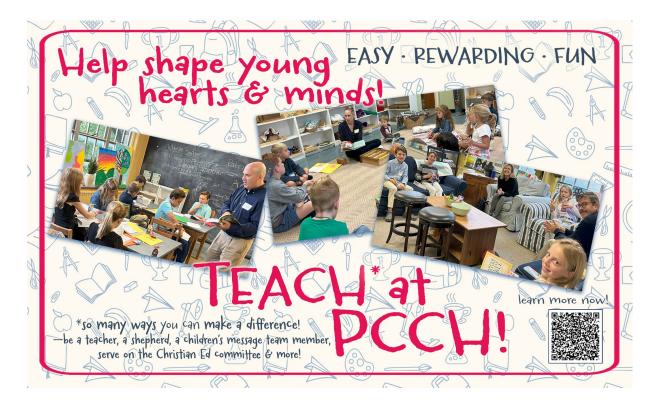
#### Date: 8/18 Combined Sunday School for PreK through Grade 5 Rebecca DePasquale and Julie Snyder

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.

#### Children's/Youth Music Updates

Joyful Noise, our children's choir for ages 3-grade 5, will begin weekly rehearsals from 11-11:40 a.m. on Sunday, September 15. Youth Choir, our youth choir for grades 6-12, will begin weekly rehearsals from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 15.







### CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is closed for deep cleaning and summer break Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23, 2024.

Registration for our fall classes and events will open on Monday, August 26 at 10 a.m. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

## JULY 2024 PCCH FINANCIAL REPORT

	2024 Annual	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
	Budget	Actual	Actual
		A REAL PROPERTY.	
Congregational Response	693,000	321,405	303,844
Endowment Draws	154,073	77,251	74,719
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	114,430	91,577
Total Sources of Funds	1,005,073	513,086	470,140
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	544,658	498,868
Difference	0	(31,572)	(28,728)

## HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 18 Worship Summer Church school Fellowship

MONDAY, August 19 PNC meeting

TUESDAY, August 20

WEDNESDAY, August 21 Rotary Club meeting Weight Watchers meeting

THURSDAY, August 15 BNI breakfast meeting Olson/Anthony wedding rehearsal

FRIDAY, August 16 Olson/Anthony wedding and reception PCCH Sober and Out group

SATURDAY, August 17 Building cleaning

SUNDAY, August 25 Worship Summer Church School Fellowship sanctuary, 10 a.m. Strouse, 10:20 a.m. front lawn or Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

zoom, 7:45 p.m.

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m. Harris, 5:15 p.m.

room 3&4, 7:45 a.m. sanctuary, 3 p.m.

sanctuary/Widener Hall, 1 p.m. Harris, 7 p.m.

all rooms, 2 p.m.

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## ABOUT PCCH

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL** is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

#### SESSION

Jill Bown 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

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

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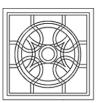
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