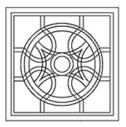
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 21, 2024 10 a.m. NINTH 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 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 13.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Prelude on Three Spirituals

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

## INTROIT

harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

My shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:	Come into the presence of the most high God	
	with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.	
People:	For our savior frees us from slavery;	
	our savior heals our diseases;	
	our savior is our peace.	
Leader:	You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.	
	Come and let us worship God.	

## \*HYMN 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*Please stand as you are able.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION



#### 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

#### COMMISSIONING OF THE 2024 YOUTH MISSION TEAM

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. WESTMINSTER ABBEY (Hymn 416)

#### OLD TESTAMENT

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give vou rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

#### **PSALTER**

#### Psalm 89: 1-2, 26-29

PLAINSONG

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

He will say to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. I will make him my firstborn and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of heaven."

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

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

#### HYMN (seated)

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. TALLIS' CANON

#### EPISTLE

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

#### GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

#### SERMON

The Dividing Wall

Dr. Sullivan

For [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us."

Ephesians 2:14

\*HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

#### \*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 from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence!

#### \*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!

## \*PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

Leader:	The Lord be with you.		
People:	And also with you.		
Leader:	Let us pray.		
All:	Generous God, you have given us life,		
	a place to live in,		
	and people to live with.		
	Open our eyes to each other		
	and to all our brothers and sisters,		
	especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated.		
	Make us humble enough to help and comfort them,		
	so that your love and justice and peace may come to them.		
	We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts		
	to you and to the service of others,		
	through Jesus Christ, our Lord.		
	Amen.		

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\*HYMN 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Two-Part Inventions Nos. 13 & 4 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### The PCCH 2024 Youth Mission Team:

Gabe Eastman Lydia Hessel-Robinson Max Huertgen Anna Quirus Katie Quirus Grace Rebeck Brady Welsh Chaperones: Kate Magid and Ryan Mann

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#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

LITURGIST Kate Magid

MUSIC Steve Williamson tenor soloist Jeffrey DeVault organist

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

GREETERS Michelle Shachtman and Clarke Woodruff Elders Ann Goslin and Rachelle Pretz Deacons

USHERS Joan Demme Team #4 Leader Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Robert Shachtman, Barbara Spause

FLOWER GUILD Linda Pettengill and Suzan Willcox

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Peg and Fred Keeler** given by their family.

#### COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Pablo Picasso, *Guernica*, 1937, oil on canvas, Museo Reina Sofía, Madrid. One of Picasso's best-known works, *Guernica* is regarded by many art critics as the most moving and powerful anti-war painting in history. Picasso (1881-1973) used a limited palette of gray, black, and white on a massive canvas (over 25 feet wide by over 11 feet tall) to portray the suffering wrought by violence and chaos. Amid flames, the composition includes images of great suffering: a gored horse, an injured bull, screaming women, a dead baby, and the dismembered body of a soldier. The work was commissioned by the Spanish republic for the Paris International Exhibition; the request came just after the bombing of the small Basque village of Guernica, the most destructive event of the Spanish civil war. The entire community was destroyed and hundreds of people, all innocent civilians, were killed or hurt. Living in Paris at the time, Picasso was deeply moved by newspaper testimonies and photographs. The commissioned work evolved as Picasso's enraged cry against the absence of humanity in this terrible event. When Nazi ambassador Otto Abetz stood in front of the piece and asked Picasso if "it was [he] that had made this," Picasso defiantly replied "no, you did."

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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.

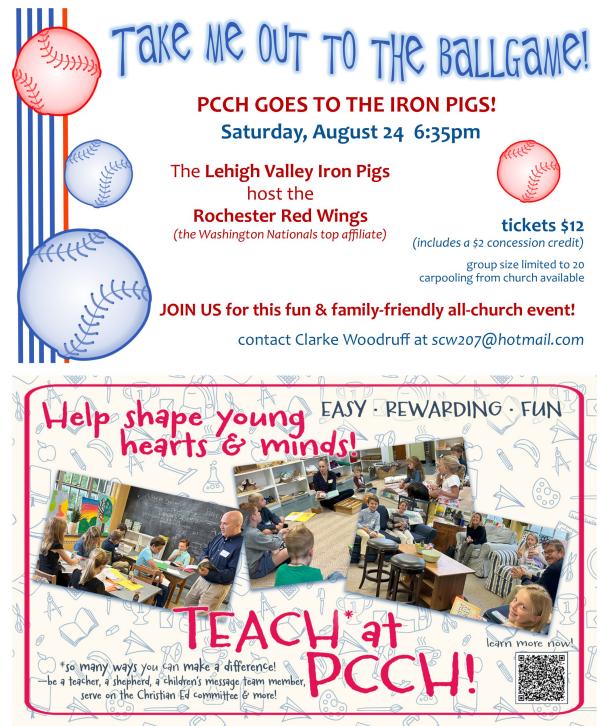
#### Sunday mornings before worship-a gentle reminder

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.

#### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

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

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Date: 7/21Combined Sunday School for PreK through Grade 5Anna Storm and Tennyson Tippy

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.



## 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.

#### 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.

#### SOUL LINE DANCING (registration required)

Thursday, July 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m., \$5

Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line dance. The instructor will help you make this simple and easy activity, a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed. All levels welcome.

#### MINDFULNESS PRACTICE (registration required)

Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., start anytime, \$12 per session

Many say "it's too hard." But its essence is simply awareness of breathing and our sensations and thoughts. All that's really required is a safe place, a few minutes (or more) and a willingness to stay with it (focused relaxation). The instructor and the group's energy also usually make it easier.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (registration required)

Fridays, 12–2 p.m., start anytime

\$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 friendly group.

# HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY, July 21 Worship

Summer Church school Fellowship

#### MONDAY, July 22

Sketching and watercolor class Tai Chi practice group Table games open play Water media level 2 class Qigong class PNC meeting

#### **TUESDAY**, July 23

Mindfulness practice Sketching and watercolor class Mah Jongg open play class Strong Bones exercise class Making Art Makes Us Smarter class Well Spouse support group Christian Ed committee

#### WEDNESDAY, July 24

Rotary Club meeting Tai Chi beginners class Rummy Tiles open play game Tai Chi continuing practice class Bridge game open play Mah Jongg open play Golden Yoga class Weight Watchers meeting sanctuary, 10 a.m. Strouse, 10:20 a.m. front lawn or Widener Hall, 11 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. Harris, 2 p.m. zoom, 7 p.m.

Harris, 9:30 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 5, 12:30 p.m. Widener Hall, 1 pm. room 3&4, 1:30 p.m. by phone, 7 p.m. zoom, 8 p.m.

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m. Widener Hall, 10 a.m. room 5, 10:30 a.m. Widener Hall, 11:15 am. room 1&2, 11:30 a.m. room 5, 1:30 p.m. Widener Hall, 3 p.m. Harris, 5:15 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, July 25

BNI breakfast meeting Qigong class Thursday painters class French conversation group Mah Jongg MLE group Making Art Makes Us Smarter class Soul line dancing class

#### FRIDAY, July 26

Yoga with Attitude class Scrabble open play Yoga, A Chair and You class International folk dancing class Allons Danser dance event PCCH Sober and Out group

SATURDAY, July 27 Building cleaning

SUNDAY, July 28 Worship Summer Church School Fellowship room 3&4, 7:45 a.m. Harris, 9 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 1&2, 1:30 p.m. room 5, 1:30 p.m. room 3&4, 1:30 p.m. Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Harris, 9:45 a.m. room 5, 10 a.m. Harris, 11:30 a.m. room 3&4, 12 p.m. Widener Hall, 5:30 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

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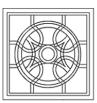
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