

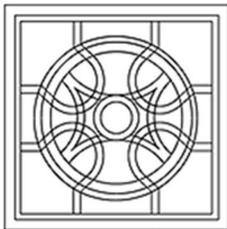
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, June 16, 2024

10 a.m.

FOURTH 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 12.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne* Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

INTROIT Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

O Lord, open thou our lips;
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,
which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

People: **It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs,
and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**

Leader: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God,
we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.
Captivated by power and prestige,
we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted
all around.
Forgive us for failing to notice
where and how you are at work.
Forgive us when we work against your plans
and purposes—
fostering divisions when you have called us
to a ministry of reconciliation;
beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;
building walls to keep people out when your branches
offer generous nests.
Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,
so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Phillips

Everyone sings the refrain:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Everyone repeats the refrain.

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*)

Holy God,
we walk by faith and not by sight.
So guide our steps in your Word today that,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we are kept from falling
and find our way in your way.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 92:2-3, 11-14

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

Choir: Antiphon



Congregation: Antiphon

To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

On the psaltery, and on the lyre,
And to the melody of the harp.

Congregation: Antiphon

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

Congregation: Antiphon

They shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
That they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is no fault.

Congregation: Antiphon

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Strouse building 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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeds

Dr. Sullivan

*Yet when [the mustard seed] is sown
it grows up and becomes the greatest
of all shrubs...*

Mark 4:32a

*HYMN 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*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

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
thy perfect love close in my breast
that I thee love and never rest;
and make me love thee of all things best,
and wounds my heart in thy love free,
that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

—15th century

***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: **Life-giving God,**
We know that you will accomplish everything your purpose.
Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands.
May they contribute to what you are doing so that life may flourish.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 391**

Take My Life

HENDON

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Rutter

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson
(1922-1987)

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

MUSIC
PCCH Summer Choir
Daniel Spratlan conductor
Jeffrey DeVault organist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
The Rev. Frederick Lewis

GREETERS
Gregory Dickinson and Matthew Eastman Elders
Nicolette Cobbold and Beth DeSoo Deacons

USHERS
Bill Cobb Team #3 Leader
Peter Cooke, Doug Olson, Jeannette Quirus, John Quirus, Dom Rebeck

FLOWER GUILD
Catherine Brzozowski and Susan Shuchat

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Thomas N. Lawton** and **Walter and Beverly Dorer** by Kristin and John Lawton.

THE ROSES ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT are given by the Board of Deacons to the glory of God and in celebration of:

- the birth of **Sofia Loraque Beamonte**, born in Bogotá, Colombia on April 20, 2024 to Julia Loraque and Diego Beamonte, daughter and son-in-law of Ann Goslin, and
- the birth of **Morris Roth Podraza**, born on June 12, 2024 to Caroline Podraza and Evan Roth, daughter and son-in-law of Elizabeth and Jeff Podraza.

COVER ART curated by **Rebecca Thornburgh**
Mlle. Bissonnet, *Moutarde des champs*, Atlas de poche des plantes des champs, des prairies et des bois: à l'usage des promeneurs et des excursionnistes (Pocket atlas of plants of fields, meadows and woods: for the use of walkers and day-trippers) by R. Selain, 1895.

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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 summer 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 its rehearsal.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER

- MaryAnn Hartzell, hospitalized
- Beth Lutz, on the death of her mother, Sandy Csizmadia
- Sharyn Walker, recovery from hip surgery and now in rehab

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

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

PCCH FLOWER MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

Sunday, July 7 is open for anyone who would like to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. Please contact Evelyn Carpenter in the church office, 215-247-8855. The cost is \$85 per Sunday and you are welcome to take home a bouquet of the memorial flowers after worship.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Combined Sunday School PreK through Grade 5
6/16	Fred and Connie Lewis

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 Sundays 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.

Help shape young hearts & minds!



TEACH* at
PCCW!

*so many ways you can make a difference!

—be a teacher, a shepherd, a children's message team member,
serve on the Christian Ed committee & more!

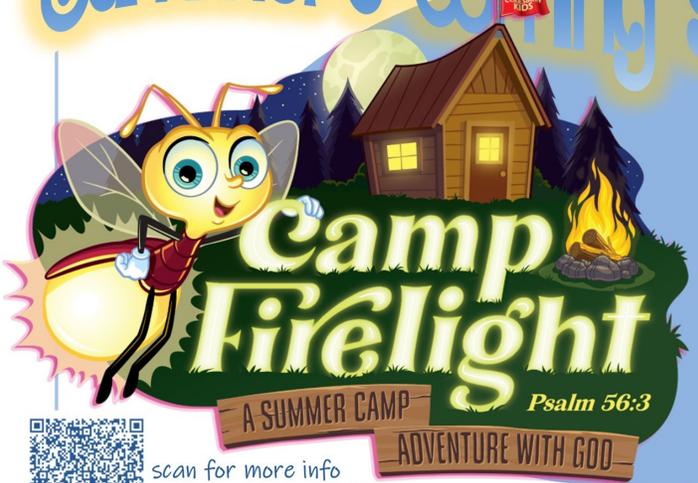
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learn more now!



PCCM Vacation Bible School

Summer's coming soon!



we're BZZZZY making plans

Monday-Friday
August 12-16
 mornings 9 to noon
 ages 3* to grade 5
 \$150**

scan for more info or to register NOW!

*must be potty-trained
 **limited scholarships available

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.

THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED on WEDNESDAY JUNE 19 for Juneteenth.

JUNE ART SHOW

Center on the Hill Art Instructors and Students *Mixed Media*

The Gallery is open for viewing Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.–2p.m. as well as before and after worship on Sundays. This show will feature works from our art instructors: Alex Forbes, Rebecca Hoenig, Marcia Jones, and Gabrielle Sivits, and their students from classes taught here at the Center on the Hill. Stop by to see these unique and exciting works of art.

LET’S PLAY BINGO (*registration required*)

Tuesday, June 18, 1–2:30 p.m., free

Join us for your favorite game, with prizes and snacks provided by some of our partners and friends from different organizations in the area. This will be our last one until fall. Be sure to come out, meet some new people, and have fun.

BRIDGE—Open Play (*registration required*)

Wednesdays (ongoing), 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., \$2

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others’ company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners. Participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

SOUL LINE DANCING (*registration required*)

Thursdays, June 20 and 27, 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 to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the Philly sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. Gloria, the instructor, will help you make this simple and easy activity, a feel-good form of exercise. No partner is needed. All levels welcome.

AFTERNOON MOVIES (*registration required*)

Thursday, June 27, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water are provide. Feel free to bring other snacks to enjoy. Showing “WONKA”

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. Starring Timothée Chalamet.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, June 16

Worship

Summer Church school
Fellowship

Father's Day

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

MONDAY, June 17

Sketching and watercolor class
Tai Chi practice group
Italian conversation class
Table games open play
Water media level 2
Qigong class
Commonwealth Youth Choir rehearsal
Crossing rehearsal
PNC meeting

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 3&4, 10 a.m.
Harris, 11 a.m.
room 5, 12 p.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Harris, 2 p.m.
chapel, choir room, room 3&4, 5 p.m.
sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.
zoom, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 18

Mindful practice
Sketching and watercolor class
Create your website class
Mosaics stained glass class
Circle 4 group
Mah Jongg open play
COTH Bingo game
Tai Chi for arthritis/falls prevention class
Crossing rehearsal
CY rehearsal

reception room, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Harris, 10 a.m.
room 3&4, 10 a.m.
reception room, 10:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 1 pm.
room 3&4, 2:15 p.m.
sanctuary, 3 p.m.
choir room, room 3&4

WEDNESDAY, June 19

Rotary meeting
Weight Watchers meeting
CY rehearsal
Crossing rehearsal

Office and Center closed

Juneteenth Holiday

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
Harris, 5:15 p.m.
all rooms, 6 p.m.
sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, June 20

BNI meeting	room 3&4, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Clergy consult group	reception room, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Chair cardio class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Soul line dancing class	Widener Hall, 1:30 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, June 21

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
Internation folk dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 3 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out meeting	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 22

CY rehearsal	all rooms, 8 a.m.
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SUNDAY, June 23

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Summer Church school	chapel, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	front lawn/Widener Hall, 11:15 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

Lisa Guyer
Kate Houston
James Lutz
Ryan Mann
William Murphy
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Michelle Shachtman

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James Spause
Margaret Spencer
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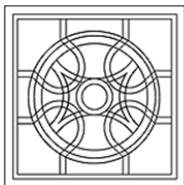
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