

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

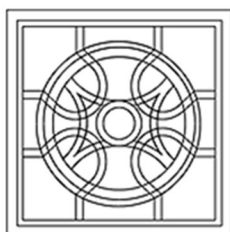
An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, September 8, 2024

10 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOMECOMING SUNDAY



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 12.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prayer and Praise

Eric Ewazen
(b. 1954)

INTROIT

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
that I left, that I lost so long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh when will I know
there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
with the love in your heart as the only song;
there is no such beauty as where you belong;
rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

People: **As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
so the Lord is round about his people,
from this time forth and for evermore.**

Leader: Let us worship God with joy.

*HYMN 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive us our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Choir and Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

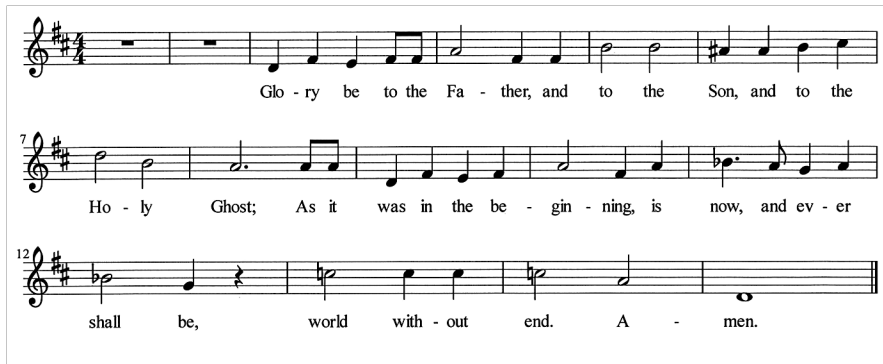
PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*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*)

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 149:1-4

Henry Smart
(1813-1877)

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through eighth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Parents, your children will be brought to you at the picnic.*

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

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Triumph of Mercy

Beth Shalom Hessel

*Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table
eat the children's crumbs.*

Mark 7:28

*HYMN 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

*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

Charles Hubert Hasting Parry
(1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive us our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Heroic Music No. 1

G. P. Telemann
(1681-1767)

PCCH 50 YEAR [PLUS]MEMBERS

Congratulations and Blessings!

Martha Agate	Sharon Kelly
Carole Ashmead	Donna Koenig
William Ashmead	Joan Lentz
Peg Bachmann	Jeffrey Loughridge
Caryl Berlin	Hope Luken
Nancy Brown	James Macallister
Susan Cain	Barbara Masters
Mark Conti	Merry Parker
Peter Cooke	Linda Pfeifer
Diane Cornely	Margaret Sauers
Gail Coyle	Dean Shacklett
Joan Demme	Susan Shuchat
Barbara Elwell	Elizabeth Simes
John Evans	Nancy Smith
Robert Fles	Joan Stewart
Babara Frazier	Mark Stout
Robert Greenawalt	Alice Lea Tasman
Dianne Greer	Susanne Thomas
Robert Greer	Mary Anne Van Blarcom
Diane Hanson	Robert Williams
Cynthia Hillsley	Elsbeth Wrigley
Catherine Hilsee	Pamela YeldhamJ
Sarah Johnston	Jean Zeiter

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY
The Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel

LITURGISTS
The Rev. Fred Lewis
Gregory Dickinson
Madeline Dickinson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Julie Snyder

MUSIC
Scott Marino trumpet
Daniel Spratlan conductor
Jeffrey DeVault organist
2024-2025 Gallery Choir
Katy Avery, Emily Barth, Rebecca Bernstein, Rea Chroneos, John Drake, Joanna Gates,
Nick James, Landon Jones, Evan Joyce, Jane Kaufman, Anika Kildegaard, Kathy Krantz,
Kelley Ogle, Brad Pennington, Rebecca Phillipson, Elizabeth Podraza, Jeffrey Podraza,
Zachary Raphael, Martina Ross, Sam Scheibe, Julie Snyder, James Spause,
Margaret Spencer, Rebecca Thornburgh, William Toffey, Beth Nell Vaccaro,
Joy Warren, Steve Williamson, Clarke Woodruff

GREETERS
William Murphy and Elizabeth Podraza Elders
Linda Pettengill and Rachelle Pretz Deacons

USHERS
William Cobb Team #3 Leader
Peter Cooke, Douglas Olson, Dominick Rebeck, Jeannette Quirus, John Quirus

FLOWER GUILD
Susan Shuchat and Suzan Willcox

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dave Forrest by Pat and John Armstrong

ROSE AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT is in celebration of the birth of George “Geordie” Graeme Connelly, son of Katie Connelly born on August 31, 2024.

COVER ART curated by **Rebecca Thornburgh**

Pieter Bruegel, *The Peasant Wedding*, 1567, oil on panel, Vienna, Kunsthistorisches Museum. 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 printmaker, known for his landscapes and peasant scenes (so-called genre painting), he was a pioneer in presenting both types of subject as large paintings. Pieter Bruegel the Elder enjoyed painting peasants and different aspects of their lives in so many of his paintings that he has been called Peasant-Bruegel, but he was an intellectual, and many of his paintings have a symbolic meaning as well as a moral aspect. Many viewers have wondered why Bruegel appears to have given a third foot to the red-clad servant on the right, carrying the tray. Bruegel’s son, Brueghel the Younger, thought that this foot was an error or, at best, too confusing for viewers. His 1620 copy of his father’s painting solves the problem simply by eliminating the third foot altogether. However, an analysis by Claudine Majzels of the angles and the relative positions of the people involved suggests that the red-clad servant’s “third foot” is actually the extended left foot of the brown-clad man who is in a half-crouch transferring the plates to the table.

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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 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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH HAPPENING AT PCCH

HOMECOMING PICNIC TODAY

Join us on the front lawn, weather permitting, or in Widener Hall immediately following worship today for hot dogs and hamburgers and side dishes provided by our members as we are welcomed back to a new church year. All are welcome.

THEOLOGY ON TAP OPENING DATE

Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. Dr. Sullivan will present the important work by Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum* ("Praise God"), which is a follow-up to his encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* and looks at what has happened since 2015 when the encyclical was released and what still needs to be done. The pope addresses environmental concerns in the world with respect to human life and dignity and shows how environmental degradation can lead to human degradation, especially in how the poor and marginalized are treated. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY OPENING DATE

Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room on the lower level of the building. Dr. Russell Sullivan will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon on September 29. The reading for September 25 is Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22. All are welcome

SAVE THE DATE—PCCH NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

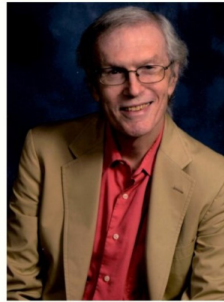
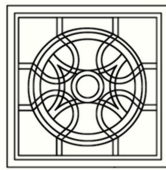
If you are a regular visitor, thank you for worshipping with PCCH. We would love for you to take the next step in your relationship with us, which means becoming a member of the congregation. This is an exciting time for our congregation and a great time to become a part of our life and ministry. We 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. Personal invitations will also be sent out.

Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person at 12:30pm

Recording available online the day after.

chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/



SEPTEMBER 12

MICHAEL SCHAFFER AND BEN LERNER

THE DEFENDER: THE BATTLE TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED

The Defender Association of Philadelphia has been providing free legal counsel to indigent criminal defendants in Philadelphia since 1934. Public defenders represent about 70 percent of the criminal defendants in Philadelphia, on everything from misdemeanors to capital murder. The Defender has been on the cutting edge of juvenile justice reform and the fight against prison overcrowding, has advocated effectively for alternative sentencing to place suitable defendants in rehab programs instead of sending them to jail, and has been an effective watchdog against police misconduct. Michael and Ben will talk about what has made the Defender Association of Philadelphia one of the best public defender agencies in the country.

*Michael Schaffer is the co-author, with the late Edward W. Madeira, Jr., of **The Defender: The Battle to Protect the Rights of the Accused in Philadelphia** (Temple University Press, 2020). He held a variety of editing and reporting positions at **The Philadelphia Inquirer**, including book review editor, before retiring at the end of 2014.*

Judge Ben Lerner was in the vanguard of the criminal justice reform movement in Philadelphia, advocating systemic change and alternative sentencing at a time when the concepts were just gaining traction. He was an early graduate fellow during a five-year innovative partnership between the Law School and the Defender Association of Philadelphia.

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Visit our website above to watch the recorded version posted the next day.

PCC# Cantatas & Chamber Music series

David Kim



CONCERTMASTER
PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto

with.
Theme from *Schindler's List* John Williams
Tempo di Minuetto Fritz Kreisler

Jeffrey DeVault
collaborative pianist

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
9/8	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Rebecca DePasquale and Rachelle Pretz	Kate Magid

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3-2nd grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades 3-5 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 schoolers in grades 6-8 will be working with a new curriculum. The program is called "*Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*." The focus of the lessons is on how we can live out our faith, as Jesus taught us, in our modern world. Like last year, the middle school youth will meet for Sunday school 2-3 times per month during worship service. On the Sundays when youth are not in Sunday school, they will be in worship with their family. One exciting addition this year will be "Service Sundays." On the first Sunday of each month the middle and high school youth will engage in a service project immediately after worship.

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.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

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. Children will proceed directly from Sunday school to Joyful Noise and will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall after rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

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. 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.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation practices, 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 noon on our programs page here:

chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

Registration for our fall classes and events is open now.

Upcoming classes and events:

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 to register.

SEPTEMBER ART SHOW Ronald Washington Oil Paintings

The Gallery is open for viewing Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., and before and after worship on Sundays.

“I have always considered my paintings to reflect the journey of my life. These paintings reflect a personal perception of places and people I some time or another witnessed. As a result, these images are biographical representations of who we are.”—R. L. Washington

R.L. Washington was born in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of the Fine Art Magnet Program at Overbrook High School. After receiving a college scholarship to the University of the Arts, he majored in illustration and graduated with a B.F.A. Upon graduation, he won a Leonard Andrews Foundation Painting Award where he studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts College for one year. He has exhibited at numerous galleries and museums around the country. His work has been published in the following books entitled “Mothers: A Loving Celebration” published by Courage Books and “I Am Your Strength” published by XLIBRIS US. He also has been published twice in the International Review of African American Art. His paintings are owned by many collectors worldwide.

TAI CHI FOR OSTEOPOROSIS (registration required)

Tuesdays, September 17–November 5, 2:15–3:15 p.m., \$160 (eight-week class)

Strengthen your bones and improve your balance. Join this special class designed by Dr. Lam, a physician and a Tai Chi master, together with his medical colleagues for people with osteoporosis. It is easy to learn, safe and effective. We will learn an excellent set of warm-ups, invigorating Qigong breathing exercises, and flowing and soothing Tai Chi movements which will teach you how to move safely in four directions—a great safety skill that you can apply to your daily life to prevent falls.

MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET (*registration required*)

Tuesday, September 17, 2:30–3:30 p.m., \$5, starring Rachel DeMasi
Light refreshments will be served.

In this ‘Movie Musical Show,’ there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930–1990s. With help from the official list of the American Film Institute’s ‘The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time,’ Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film.

BASICS OF ANDROID PHONE (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, September 18–October 23; Q & A session October 30, 1–2:00 p.m., free
Explore how to navigate through your Android phone step-by-step. You will learn how to save contacts, set up your voicemail (and learn how to access your voicemail messages), send a text message, take photos and connect your email account to your phone. No experience necessary. Bring your Android to class. We’ll also cover online safety topics including computer viruses and threats, setting up your online privacy, and spam emails. Handouts will be provided.

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM OF A SCAM (*registration required*)

Thursday, September 19, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., free
Older adults are increasingly victimized by such crimes as robbery, fraud, scams and identity theft. Northwest Victim Advocates can help seniors affected by a crime if cash was stolen, assist with unpaid medical bills due to a victimization, therapy, and much more. For stolen cash reimbursement the person affected by the crime must be receiving a state benefit such as Social Security, SSI, Disability and/or a pension. Some funds can be recovered through the Victims Compensation Assistance Program. This workshop will provide tips, tools and techniques to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (*registration required*)

Mondays, September 23–November 4 (No group on October 14), 1–2:30 p.m., free
Group is closed to new members after September 30
We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. The group dynamic allows for a supportive atmosphere to acknowledge all the different emotions/reactions that come when a loss occurs. Topics covered: Myths of Grieving, Grieving and Holidays, Does Grief Ever End, Coping Skills and others.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 8

Worship

Church school
Picnic

Homecoming Sunday

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

MONDAY, September 9

Sketching and watercolor class
Tai Chi practice group
Table games open play
WaterMedia level 2 class
Qigong class
Alexander Technique class
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal
PNC meeting

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, room 3&4, 4:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.
zoom, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, September 10

Mindfulness practice
Sketching and watercolor class
Mah Jongg open play
Bingo game
Strong Bones exercise class
Crossing board meeting
Boy Scouts round table
Royal Scottish country dancers
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal

Harris, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Harris, 1 p.m.
Widener Hall, 1 p.m.
Harris, 5 p.m.
room 1&2, 7 p.m.
chapel, 7 p.m.
Widener Hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 4

Rotary Club meeting
Rummy tiles open play
PCCH staff meeting
Bridge open play
Mah Jongg open play
Golden yoga class
Weight Watchers meeting
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal
Cub Scout meeting

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
reception room, 11 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.
all rooms, 6:15 p.m.
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THURSDAY, September 12

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Forum on the Hill group	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's support group	Harris, 2 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 13

Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
International folk dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 14

Delaware Rock Society meeting	Harris/room 5, 9:30 a.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	all rooms, 10:30 a.m.
Building cleaning	all rooms, 2 p.m.
Royal Scottish Country Dancers event	Chapel, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 15

Worship

Church School	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Music and Arts committee meeting	Strouse, 11:40 a.m.
	room 5, 11:30 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.

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Matthew Eastman
Jack Evans

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Ryan Mann
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Dominick Rebeck
Michelle Shachtman

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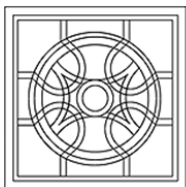
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