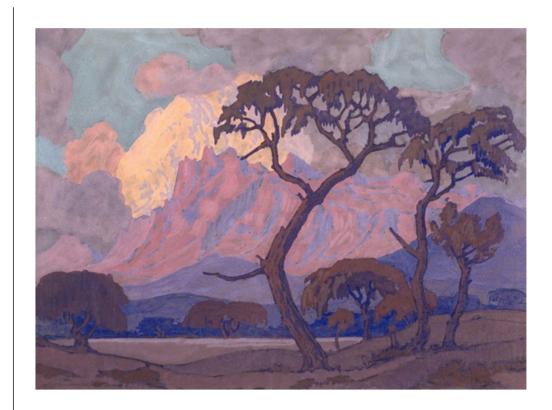
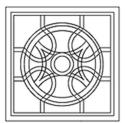
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, July 7, 2024 10 a.m. Seventh 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**

Menuet

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

#### INTROIT

#### A Morning Hymn

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou wakeful shepherd, that does Israel keep, raised by thy goodness from the bed of sleep, to thee I offer up this hymn as my best morning sacrifice. May it be gracious in thine eyes, to raise me from the bed of sin: and do I live to see another day, I vow, my God, I vow henceforth to walk thy ways, and sing thy praise, all those few days thou shalt allow.

Could I redeem the time I have misspent in sinful merriment; could I untread those paths I led, I would so expiate each past offence, that even from thence, the innocent should wish themselves like me, when with such crimes they such repentance see; with joy I'd sing away my breath, yet who can die, so to receive his death?

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

| Leader: | Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; |
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|         | sing the glory of God's name;              |
|         | give to God glorious praise.               |
| People: | All the earth worships you;                |
|         | they sing praises to you,                  |
|         | sing praises to your name.                 |
|         | -based on Psalm 66:1-2, 4                  |

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN 281

CWM RHONDDA

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION



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#### 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)

Come, Holy Spirit; when we become uncertain of your grace towards us, open our hearts to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirtythree years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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

#### **EPISTLE**

#### 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person–whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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, your children will be brought back to worship for communion.

#### 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

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

SERMON

Thorns "But [the Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9a

\*HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

LOVE UNKNOWN

Dr. Sullivan

#### \*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.

**OFFERING** 

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy, hear thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne. Haste thee, Lord, to mine aid, thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On thee, Lord, alone will I call. O divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!

Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to thee; come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me Lord, in thy mercy;

Save, in the day of retribution, from death shield thou me, O my God! O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my savior!

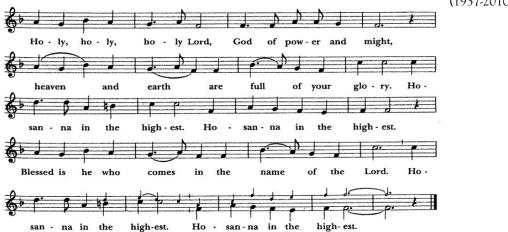
#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### **INVITATION** (please be seated)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### SANCTUS (remain seated)

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



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#### LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle when invited by an usher. Take a piece of bread from a server (all bread is gluten free) and partake. Then take a cup from the server and partake. Empty cups may be placed in the pew racks. If you choose not to come forward, servers will come to your seats to serve you.

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

May the bread of angels become bread for mankind; the bread of heaven puts all foreshadowings to an end; Oh, great miracle! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the servile, and the humble.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, we give thanks that you have invited us to this table. We give thanks that you have received us as members of the body of Christ and have affirmed us as a community of faith. Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| *HYMN 540         | God Be with You Till We Meet Again | RANDOLPH                 |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BENEDICTION       |                                    |                          |
| CLOSING VOLUNTARY | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah     | Paul Manz<br>(1919-2009) |

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

MUSIC Julie Snyder soprano soloist Jeffrey DeVault organist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Julie Snyder

GREETERS Elizabeth Podraza and Jeannette Quirus Elders Emily McCahery and Jane McGill Deacons

USHERS Harry Spaeth Team #2 Leader Troy Foxworth, Graeme Frazier, Kate Houstoun, Jason Jones, Elsbeth Wrigley

COMMUNION SERVERS Shannon Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Podraza, Clarke Woodruff

FLOWER GUILD Barrett Stewart and Grace Stewart

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Barbara A. Spaeth** given by her family.

#### COVER ART curated by Rebecca Thornburgh

Jacobus Hendrik Pierneef, *Landscape with Thorn Trees*, circa late 19th century. Pierneef (1886-1957) was a South African landscape artist, generally considered to be one of the best of the old South African masters. His distinctive style is widely recognized and his work was greatly influenced by the South African landscape. Most of his landscapes were of the South African highveld, which provided a lifelong source of inspiration for him. Pierneef's style was to reduce and simplify the landscape to geometric structures, using flat planes, lines, and color to present harmony and order in nature. This resulted in formalized, ordered and oftenmonumental views of the South African landscape, uninhabited and with dramatic light and color.

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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 soloist 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 soloist is able to focus on their rehearsal.

### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### HAPPENING AT PCCH

#### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

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

#### GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

This **Sunday**, **July 7** is our monthly collection for GACM. Please help with your donations of canned tuna and chicken, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables and beans, hearty soups and stews, and breakfast cereals. Regular sized products, not family size, and packaged in non-glass containers are appreciated.

#### BOARD OF DEACONS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Board of Deacons is planning an ice cream social after worship next Sunday, July 14. Plan to stay and enjoy the sweet delights! Any questions ask any Deacon whose name is listed on the back of the worship bulletin.

#### GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE PCCH ELEVATOR

If you ride the elevator regularly and have been worried about being caught inside without having a way of communicating, the good news is that we now have an emergency device installed in the telephone box inside the elevator. The emergency button calls an outside answering service and you will get immediate help. Any questions, please call the church office.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Church School is always looking for new volunteers for our Children's Ministry team. You can contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School needs several adults who are available during the daytime to serve as workshop leaders and bible storytellers, arts and crafts, and recreation and games. All teaching materials are provided in advance and a daily commitment is not necessary. See the volunteer information on the VBS flyer on page 16 or contact Julie Snyder.



### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

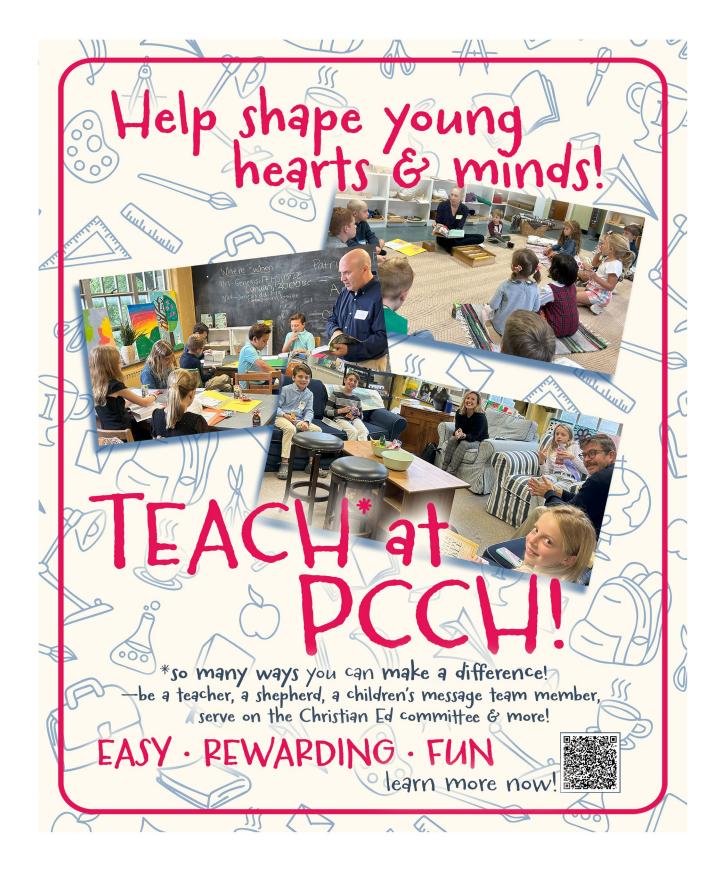
# Date: 7/7Combined Sunday School for PreK through Grade 5Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright

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.

#### RUMMY TILES (aka Rummikub)-Open Play (registration required)

Wednesdays, ongoing, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for this fast-paced, fun and easy game combining elements of the card game rummy and mah jongg. Open play space is limited so please RSVP for each week you plan to come and play. Game sets provided.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (registration required)

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

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

#### **AFTERNOON MOVIES** (registration required)

Thursday, July 11, 1:30 p.m., \$2

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. Popcorn and water are provided. Feel free to bring other snacks to enjoy. Showing "BARBIE"

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Starring Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling, and America Fererra.

#### BUS TRIP TO FOUNTAIN VIEW (registration required)

Wednesday, July 17, 2:45–5:15 p.m., free, transportation provided Bus leaves from the Center at 2:45 p.m. and returning by 5:15 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of cocktails and conversation, hors d'oeuvres and Caribbean steel drum music at Fountain View Senior Living at Logan Square.

#### MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY (registration required)

Tuesdays, 12:30–2:30p.m., Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30p.m., \$2, join at any time This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

#### FRENCH CONVERSATION (registration required)

Thursdays, 1:30–3 p.m., \$2, start any time Whether you are refreshing your high school or college French, taught the language yourself, or have maintained fluency through travel, tutors and classes, you will be welcomed. The group sets its own pace and agenda.

#### SCRABBLE OPEN PLAY (registration required)

Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$2, join at any time

Do you love to play board games? Are you a great speller or want to be a great speller? Then join this classic crossword game that is full-on fun. You can feel the excitement begin as soon as you rack up your letters, choose a great word, and hope to land on a triple-word score. Scrabble game provided.

### HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY, July 7 Worship

Summer Church school Fellowship

#### MONDAY, July 8

Sketching and watercolor class Table games open play Water media level 2 class Qigong class PNC meeting

#### TUESDAY, July 9

Rotary Board meeting Mindfulness practice Sketching and watercolor class Mah Jongg open play class Strong Bones exercise class

#### WEDNESDAY, July 10

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 Cub Scout meeting

#### Lord's Supper

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

> room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 5, 12 p.m. room 1&2, 1:30 p.m. Harris, 2 p.m. zoom, 7 p.m.

room 5, 7:30 a.m. room 4, 9:30 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. room 5, 12:30 p.m. Widener Hall, 1 pm.

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#### THURSDAY, July 11

BNI breakfast meeting Qigong class Thursday Painters class Afternoon movie "*Barbie*" French conversation class Mah jongg group Alzheimer's support group

#### FRIDAY, July 12

Yoga with Attitude class Scrabble open play Yoga, A Chair and You class International Folk Dancing class PCCH Sober and Out group

SATURDAY, July 13 Building cleaning

SUNDAY, July 14 Worship Summer Church School Deacons' ice cream social room 3&4, 7:45 a.m. Harris, 9 a.m. room 1&2, 9:30 a.m. Harris, 1:30 p.m. room 1&2, 1:30 p.m. room 5, 1:30 p.m. reception room, 2 p.m.

> Harris, 9:45 a.m. room 5, 10 a.m. Harris, 11:30 a.m. room 3&4, 12 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**

Emily Barth Kelly Baughman Mark Bernstein Stephen Bishop Cathy Brzozowski Nicolette Cobbold Beth DeSoo Debby Evans Becky Frazier Ann Goslin Kristin Lawton Emily McCahery Jane McGill

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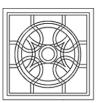
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