



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

May 16, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

PRELUDE

Elegy

Betty Roe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's teachings.

People: And meditate upon them day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

People: They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*(1) To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*(2) Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby. 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

OPENING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (in 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. DO not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 582 (v. 1) **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me** **GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)**

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:15-17 and 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.... So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection. So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

SERMON "Lottery Winner!"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Doug Frank
Elder and Chair of the Fellowship Committee

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

By His Hand
Chancel Choir

Thomas Mack

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 741 (vv. 1,3,5))

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

*(1) Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)
(3) Stand by me . . .
(5) Search my heart . . .*

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum, c. 1984
Music Harm. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez; Mark Hayes, arr.

Today's worship service is being led by The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
and assisted by The Reverend Thomas A. Brown.

Our cantor this morning is Douglas Clark.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Carlene Pruitt and Kraig Williams
today for their technical assistance.

MUSIC: Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-730350. All rights reserved.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

240 Southern Blvd., Chatham, NJ 07928 • 973-635-2340 • www.pcct-nj.org

The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot, Senior Pastor, eclemot@pcct-nj.org

The Rev. Thomas A. Brown, Associate Pastor, tbrown@pcct-nj.org

Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, Director of Music, dking@pcct-nj.org

Janice Williams, Associate Music Director, jwilliams@pcct-nj.org

Ceri Gilpin, Church Administrator, cgilpin@pcct-nj.org

Gloria Newson, Administrative Assistant, gnewson@pcct-nj.org

Carlene Pruitt, Director of External Communications, cpruitt@pcct-nj.org

Allie Goldstein, Bookkeeper, agoldstein@pcct-nj.org

Kevin Vodrazka, Sexton, kvodrazka@pcct-nj.org



THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in
Memory of Shirley Kearns, mother and grandmother,
by the Fields Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **Sunday, May 16, 2021**

IT'S (FINALLY!) TIME TO GATHER

Beginning Sunday, May 30th - Memorial Day weekend - we will resume weekly indoor services for those ready to return to the sanctuary, and will continue to livestream all Sunday services for those who prefer to worship from home. Registration is required! Sign-up [HERE](#). We can't wait to see you!

NEW WAYS OF STEWARDSHIP

We love our church all year round. And we offer our financial support to places that matter to us - PCCT is one of those places. Every month during worship we are inviting congregants to share a story of why PCCT is important in their lives. We hope that in sharing our stories of gratitude and of the meaningfulness and joy that we find here, you will be reminded of what drew you to PCCT in the first place and inspire you to reconnect. It's been awhile. It's (finally!) time to gather!

FAITH FORWARD: Towards Mobilization of Communities for the Common Good **Today at 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, via Zoom**

Please join us today for this Faith Forward event after worship. This session is hosted by The Rev. Craig Dunn, Senior Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Madison Presentation on the D.Min. Dissertation on Towards Mobilizing Communities for the Common Good: Moving from Transactional Action to Relational Gathering, a discussion on the strength of relationships to transform communities and churches. Mobilization ought to move beyond one off events at the height of a crisis, rather it ought to convene communities to discover the common good. Join Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95233820882?pwd=V2dpUis1VlhJQjRhZTFNUN1R3NEdz09>
Meeting ID: 952 3382 0882 Passcode: 774289

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: Sunday, May 23, 10:00 AM

Please join us next week on the front lawn at PCCT for Confirmation Sunday, a special in-person worship as we will celebrate the confirmation class of 2021 -held almost entirely on Zoom - as well as confirming the class of 2020 because we were not able to hold a service for them last year. The service is open to the entire congregation and will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel. Everyone planning to attend in-person must register in advance. Register [HERE](#). Masks must be worn by all, including vaccinated persons, and social distancing guidelines will be followed. The registration link has additional details regarding the service. Please bring a lawn chair and consider making a donation to the PCCT Family Ministries Food Drive - please see the separate announcement on details of what to donate.

FOOD COLLECTION AND SORTING: Sunday, May 23, 11:00 AM

Families of all ages and configurations are invited to help us collect and sort food and make a difference by providing for neighbors in need. Food sorting and hunger education will take place following the outdoor worship service that day. Click [Here](#) to see a list of some of the much needed food items which you can bring with you on the 23 or you can drop off ahead of time at the church in the Upper Lobby Mon. - Fri. between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. You can sign up [HERE](#).

OUTDOOR OLYMPICS - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Athletic skills won't be of much use in this unusual set of challenges. All Middle Schoolers are invited to come and share in a night of friendly competition as we seek to even the playing field for all. Friends are welcome and all social distancing guidelines will be followed. Wear a mask and come ready for a good time! Please be sure to [register in advance](#) for this event.

FAMILY PROMISE - May 16 - 22

PCCT's hosting week (May 16 - 22) begins today. Please check the sign-up for any openings. To register to provide a meal, either home cooked, delivered or in the form of a gift card to a local restaurant or Shop Rite, please click [HERE](#).

NOURISH.NJ - May 17 - 25

Thank you to everyone who has been providing Breakfast Bags to [nourish.NJ](#) since February. Purchase items, assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 pm and help alleviate hunger. Upcoming dates are May 17 - 25 and June 14 - 22. Contact our PCCT member liaison [Story Savage](#) with any questions. Great way for the whole family to help someone in need. Sign up [HERE](#).

ANNUAL MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In fond memory of long-time PCCT member Marla Drury, Women's Ministries created the Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship (MDMS), a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to any current HS senior or college student, male or female, who is an active PCCT member and exemplifies the same generous, giving spirit as Marla did. Applications are available [HERE](#) and the deadline is May 28. Contributions towards the funding of the scholarship are also welcome; make checks payable to PCCT, with MDMS in the memo line, or gifts may be made [online](#). Contact [Kristin Winter](#) with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP TAILGATE EVENT: Saturday, June 5, 5:30-8:30 pm

Whenever I see your smiling face . . . I have to smile myself! Come one, come all to an IN PERSON tailgate in the PCCT parking lot!

BYOF (Bring your own food!)

BYOB (Bring your own beverages!) Alcoholic beverages permitted.

BYOG (Bring your own tailgate games to share if you have a favorite!)

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, the event will follow the most current CDC and church safety guidelines in place on Jun 5. More details will be provided once available. [Registration](#) requested for planning purposes. Can't wait to see your smiling faces! (even if behind a mask) and reconnect!

FAMILY FRIDAY

Fridays are dedicated to Families and all God's children. The weekly video message is emailed to families at 12 noon every Friday and available on our [website](#) along with activities, future service projects and ways for families to participate in the life of the church.

WARMING WEATHER . . . SINGING TOGETHER!

We are excited to announce that the **Chancel Choir and Cantate singers** are having in-person rehearsals after worship. The Chancel Choir will maintain its Thursday evening Zoom rehearsal schedule with the additional option of in-person rehearsals after Sunday worship. Safety protocols will be followed.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Blanket Sunday by honoring our mothers and other important women in our lives by making a donation to Church World Service and providing blankets to those in need. Together we raised \$425 for CWS. To learn more about CWS and Blanket Sunday, click [HERE](#).

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS - SAVE THE DATES

June 22, 24, 28, 30 / 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Families of all ages and configurations are invited to four Family Fellowship Nights to celebrate God's Big Beautiful World. Family Fellowship Nights are for children and parents to attend together and fellowship with other families. All four evenings are interrelated, but each night has a different theme about God's gift of creation and all the beauty that the earth brings to our lives. Each night features dinner, crafts, games, bible stories and service projects. Sign up for a night, a week, or come for all four! To learn more, please visit our [website](#).

BLOOD DRIVE

The Chatham Emergency Squad will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on May 22nd at Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church - 286 Main Street. The drive will run from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Appointments are recommended and can be scheduled @ nybc.org/njdrive. The sponsor code is 61961. Donations are tremendously appreciated.