



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Outdoor Worship Service • 10:00 A.M.
Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism

PRELUDE	Gathering Music	Dr. Deborah Simpkin King
INTROIT	Joyous Ringing Sanctuary Ringers	Bill Dugger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Joanna Harader, adapted

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

People: *The presence of God; the breath of Life.*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: *Our Advocate; our Counselor.*

Leader: Teacher of Wisdom; Reminder of Christ.

People: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Granter of forgiveness; giver of peace.

People: *Come, Holy Spirit. Be present with us.*

All: *We are ready to receive you in our worship and our lives.*

HYMN 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

*(1) Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.*

*(2) We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.*

*(3) Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.*

TEXT: Janie Alford, 1979
MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
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OPENING PRAYER

THE 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.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Inspired by Habakkuk 2: 1-4

Leader: For ignoring the vision breathed by the living Spirit
churning deep within our souls; Lord have mercy,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Leader: For refusing to look at the vision alive within those
who look or act or sound different from us; Christ have mercy,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Leader: For choosing familiarity, ease, and comfort rather than risking the
opportunities afforded in the vision; Lord have mercy,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 582 (v. 1)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

*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
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SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION for the Class of 2021

Maya Landis Bilanin

Luc Hayden D'Costa

Natalie Elizabeth Duke

Katherine Mary Howell

Julia Elizabeth Kleinle

Dylan Jerome Mangel

Katherine Grace Markley

Audrey Lilith Meyers

Robert Jeffrey Patten

Josephine Olivia Pruss

Lilly Ann Shunk

Rebecca Xiang Williams

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION for the Class of 2020, including THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM*

Quinn Theodore Allison

Luke Johnathan Barbera

William Mitchell Dowling

Charlotte Isabel Egan

Michael Thomas Egan

William Randolph Kuppenheimer

Megan Katherine McCann

Amanda Susan Medina

Griffin Thomas Murphy

Shane Carl Reasons

John Hamilton White

*Mackenzie Ann Wilson
(receiving the Sacrament of Baptism)

Members of the Confirmation Class of 2020 unable to join us today

Thomas Joseph Coffey

Ashley Katherine Kiernan

ANTHEM

Seek Ye First
Chancel Choir

Karen Lafferty

(1) Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

(2) Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

HOMILY “Parthians, Medes, and Elamites”

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

Leader 1: God created the world so he must be a kind, loving person to give so much to humans. Moreover, God to me is a helpful hand to guide through hard times.

People: No matter what feelings find their way into my head, in his eyes, God will always see me as worthy of his love.

Leader 2: Jesus helped the world to understand that it is okay to be human. People make mistakes and you cannot be human without that.

People: Jesus inspired so many people so long ago and still impacts our lives today. He was a lot like us but was always true to himself and that's why so many individuals respected him.

Leader 1: The Holy Spirit is how God lives within each of us; like an invisible thread that connects us all to God’s love.

People: Anyone with faith, anyone with community, can hold the Holy Spirit within them.

Leader 2: Worship is about learning God’s ways. It is a time to let go, and think about all the sins you have done from that week, it is time to let them go, and let god forgive you.

People: Worship services help me understand my personal relationship with God, because of all the prayers we say.

Leader 1: Faith is knowing no matter what, everything is going to be okay. Whether it is active or passive thinking you need to allow yourself to believe in God.

People: Faith's impact on our daily lives keeps us going and helps to make the smart and right decisions.

Leader 2: I have learned that I should be extremely thankful and grateful for the situation and life that God has given me.

People: Members of the church should be involved as much as they can; this can also bring a closer relationship to God and other members of the community.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Today as you return to your cars, there is a table with baskets to place an offering.
Please know how grateful we are for your support and partnership.

OFFERTORY

I Am Yours Forever
Sanctuary Ringers

Bill Dugger

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 69 (vv. 1, 3)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

*(1) I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

*(3) I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

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MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

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*BENEDICTION (responsive, please stand)

POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Mark Hayes, arr.

Today's worship service is being led by The Reverend Thomas A. Brown
and assisted by The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.
Assisting with the baptism today is Elder Scott Heller.

Being baptized this morning is Mackenzie Ann Wilson,
daughter of Cindy and James Wilson.

Our cantor this morning is Douglas Clark.

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

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The Session of PCCT encourages everyone eligible and able to get vaccinated against Covid-19 for the good of all. Please do your part to stop the spread of this disease by mask-wearing, social distancing, and careful hand hygiene when vaccinations are not an option for you.

About today's service...

- Special thanks to the Reentry Task Force for developing the social distancing protocols allowing us to hold this service safely.
- Other than worship leaders, who will maintain extra distance from others when removing their masks to speak, all participants must wear masks throughout the service.
- Please keep six feet distance between household units.
- You are invited to join in the spoken congregational responses, but please refrain from singing along with the hymns.
- Please stay in your assigned area throughout the service.
- Should you need to use the restroom, please walk to the side of the lawn and to the door nearest the mailbox. The lower level is off limits at this time, so please use only the upstairs restrooms.
- The service will be livestreamed and recorded for those choosing to watch at home. All participants recognize that their image may appear in a recorded version of the service.

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FLOWERS

The flowers are dedicated today to the Glory of God
and in Memory of Teddy Ahsler, beloved son and brother,
by Deb, Rick, Philip & Sam.

MAY 23, 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way.

OFFERING

Today there will be offering baskets on the table after worship, as you return to your cars. Pledges and gifts may also be given by mailing a check to the church or through our website - look for the tab that says "Give." You can also text the word "Give" to 973-524-7580 and you will receive a Text from PCCT with a link to Give. Please know how grateful we are for your continued support and partnership.

FOOD COLLECTION AND SORTING: Today - 11:00 AM

Please stay for hunger education and sorting food today after worship. Children are invited to help sort the food and decorate the boxes. We will be helping to make a difference and providing for neighbors in need. The food and items collected will be distributed to the Chatham Methodist Church Food Pantry.

OUTDOOR OLYMPICS - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Today - 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 later this afternoon 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.

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.

BACK INDOORS

Beginning next 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.

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!

FAITH FORWARD: Welcoming our Refugee Neighbors

Sunday, June 13, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, via Zoom

Please join us for a virtual conversation on ways of welcoming refugees in our area. The session will be hosted by Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clemot, Senior Pastor of PCCT, Clerk of PCCT Session Maury Gately, a volunteer with RAMP ([Refugee Assistance Morris Partners](#)), and a special guest from [One World One Love](#), a refugee resettlement group in Union county. Dr. Clémot will speak about her forthcoming book, *Discerning Welcome*, scheduled for publication in 2022 with Cascade Books, which explores the debate on border walls, the laws confronting refugees, and the theology of welcome. Maury Gately will share his experiences in working with other PCCT congregants in helping refugee families legally resettle in Morris County. Understanding what it means to be a refugee, their legal status, and the ways we can help as people of faith will all be part of this topical conversation. Sign up [HERE](#) to join! Zoom links will be emailed to you the Friday before.

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](#).