



September 19, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Welcome Back Sunday
Reception of New Members

PRELUDE Prelude of Reflection James Michael Stevens
Carol Wooldredge, *cello* and Janice Williams, *piano*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot

Leader: To all God's children, the one who welcomes you is here in Word and Spirit.

People: To all God's children, welcome to the place of hope.

Leader: We are God's children. Jesus calls us all into his family and welcomes us with love.

All: Alleluia, amen.

***HYMN 20** All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

*Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*(1) Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)*

*(2) The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)*

*(3) The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)*

*(4) God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)*

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955
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*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

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)

Holy God who makes known all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings. Where we might bring reconciliation we create conflict. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we resist. Do not give us what we deserve, Dear God, but forgive us for our wrongs, and deal mercifully with us. Forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory be 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, amen.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM

Seek Ye First
Chancel Choir

arr. Lafferty

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark 9:30-37

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They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever

welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

SERMON “Loving Mostly the Least”

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Hymn 174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE

*(1) Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.*

*(2) Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.*

*(3) Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.*

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1993

MUSIC: Donna Kasbohm, 1995

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace
Janice Williams, *piano*

arr. Jim Brickman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 457** (vv.1-2)

How Happy Are the Saints of God

WAREHAM

*(1) How happy are the saints of God who do not heed the wicked way;
delighting in the holy Word they seek God’s wisdom night and day.*

*(2) Like deeply rooted trees, they stand beside an ever-flowing stream.
Their fruit is plentiful and good; their leaves are always growing green.*

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Stephen DeCesare
Carol Wooldredge, *cello* and Janice Williams, *piano*

Today's preacher is Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot.

Assisting with the Reception of New Members is Elder Jenee Moore.

Special thanks to our guest musician Carol Wooldredge.

Our ushers this morning are Debra Balvage, Bruce Hoppe, Gage Johnson and Bob Wislocky.

Helen Thomas is our greeter this morning.

Special thanks to Craig Duke, Natalie Duke, Bob Eager and Carlene Pruitt
today for their technical assistance.

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***To protect the more vulnerable, masks are required when inside the building.
Thank you.***

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our dedicated staff and volunteers who have led us through these challenging times and welcome us safely back to PCCT with new and exciting opportunities! By Joslin and Jack Ruffle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 19, 2021

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Margi and Michael Hayes live in Madison, NJ with their 5 month old daughter, Lanning. Margi grew up in Chatham and was a prior member of PCCT with her family (parents are John and Carey Ahsler). Margi is a Lehigh University graduate and currently works in financial technology in New York City. Michael is a University of Maryland (College Park) graduate and grew up in Princeton, NJ. Michael currently works in finance in New York City.

Thank you Carey Ahsler for serving as the sponsor for Margi and Michael.

Katharine “Kathy” Wolchik lives in Chatham with her husband, Nazar Alobaidat, and their three children, Adalind, Ashton and Amelia. Katharine is an economist for Aflac in NYC. She grew up just west of here in Randolph and is a former member of Stanley Congregational in Chatham.

Diane Wolchik lives in Randolph, NJ with her husband Larry. She was formerly a member of Stanley Congregational Church in Chatham. Until recently, Diane was a telecommunications engineer at Nokia. Her daughter Kathy and her family live in Chatham.

Thank you Patti Montefusco for serving as the sponsor for Kathy and Diane.

Following worship, you may greet our newest members at the picnic!

NURSERY CARE IS BACK!

We are again offering Nursery Care every Sunday morning during worship. Meggan C., from College Nannies, Sitters and Tutors, has returned and is available to take care of your young children while you enjoy worship upstairs. Please see an usher or greeter to find out where to go for nursery care.

CHURCH PICNIC: Today after worship

Celebrate coming back together for the start of the program year. Following worship, the all-church picnic will be held on the front lawn of the church under the tents. Picnic lunch is provided! (Subs, Fruit & Salads! Dessert - Ice Cream!). There will be music, games, and fun for all ages! Shaded seating will be available, or bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Free Will offering.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF: Tonight, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us as we kick off a new year - come meet friends new and old, hear about what we have in store for the coming months. We will have dinner and time to hang out. Youth-led, and coordinated by [Pastor Tom](#), our High School Youth Group provides a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for 10-12 graders. Take a break from the stresses of high school and join us for lots of fun with a great bunch of people! Friends are always welcome as are your ideas - just let us know!

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS: September 29, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Please join us beginning on September 29, on Wednesdays at 10:30 am to noon each week by Zoom, for a lively and informative time of fellowship and Bible story-sharing with insights from our senior pastor, The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot. Once you've registered (only need to sign-up once), you will receive a reminder email with the Zoom link. All are welcome for this kick-off session with Dr. Clémot.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PCCT BOOTH AT FISHAWACK

Saturday, September 25, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

To support community outreach and raise awareness about our church, PCCT will be taking a booth at the annual Fishawack Festival, Chatham's cultural heritage event and street festival next weekend on Saturday, September 25. We need volunteers to help staff the booth. This is a great opportunity to talk with our community and to listen to what people have to say about our church. There will be posters, candy, handouts and lots of smiles to giveaway! Please join us if you can. Any level of help is much appreciated! For questions, contact pre-event coordinator Carlene Pruitt (cpruitt@pcct-nj.org) and to sign up please go to our [website](#).

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS: Next Sunday, September 26 at 10 AM

Join us during our regular worship to celebrate the start of the Church School year with the commissioning of Teachers and Confirmands plus the Third Grade Bible Presentation.

For more information about [Church School](#) and [Confirmation](#) as well details about [Sunday worship](#), please go to our website at pcct-nj.org You can also register your child online for church school this fall by filling out the form on [Breeze](#) via our website.

BREEZE INTEREST SURVEY

As we begin the program year, we'd love to know what interests you have and how you'd like to be involved at PCCT. Please take a moment to fill out this short survey and update your records. You can access the survey on our website at pcct-nj.org

FAITH FORWARD: The History of Worship in Chatham Township
Sunday, September 26, 11:15 in Halldorson Hall

Join us for a special program on “The History of Worship in Chatham Township” presented by Pat Wells of the Chatham Township Historical Society. “The History of Worship in Chatham Township” is the story of a town without churches, how the people worshipped without churches, how churches were finally built in the Township, and their intimate relationship with the schools. For 30 years Pat was a nuclear medicine technologist and instructor. Upon retiring, she became active in the Chatham Township Historical Society and took courses at Drew University’s Historic Preservation Program. She is now an amateur historian and architecture geek. She loves to research and share our local history, and has presented numerous lectures on a wide variety of subjects.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Manhunt!
Sunday, September 26, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Join us for this classic youth fellowship game. You won’t want to miss being part of the fun! We’ll also have dinner together and share in a brief devotion. Hope to see you there!

MISSION FAIR: Sunday, October 3, 11:00 - 11:30 am

The need for volunteers at many of our mission partners is greater than ever - serving even one hour per month can make a real difference! Please join us in Mulford Hall for our Mission Fair and hear from PCCT members active in service. Explore where your time and energy can make the greatest impact. See what’s new and discover where God is calling you to get involved and serve people in need.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 3, 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to gather on Sunday, October 3, at 5:00 PM on the front lawn of the church for a “Blessing of the Animals”. There will be music, readings, prayers and blessings for your special animal family members. All God’s creatures are invited to attend with their human families. An offering of pet food and supplies will be received to benefit St. Hubert’s Animal Welfare Center in Madison. There will also be a treat bag for you to take home for your pet. If your pet is not able to come or has passed away, you may bring a picture of them to be blessed. We would also like to print pictures of your pets on the cover of the bulletin for this service. You can email your pet’s pictures, along with their names, to Gloria at gnewson@pcct-nj.org. We hope you will be able to join us for this special service.

MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION
September 10 - October 24

Once again PCCT is collecting gently used coats/hats/gloves/scarves to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Donations will be accepted at PCCT now through October 24 between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or bring on Sunday! The big collection box is in the upper lobby. Thank you!

PUMPKIN PATCH DELIVERY AND SET-UP: October 10

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming! And we need all hands on deck! Following the 10 am worship service, we need help unloading the truck and setting up the patch. The PCCT Pumpkin Patch is a major mission fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to local hunger relief efforts. You can sign up on our pumpkin patch board in the upper lobby or go to our [website](#) to sign up online. Pumpkins will be on sale from October 11 through October 31.



BLOOD DRIVE: October 24

We will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, October 24, 2021, in Halldorson Hall from 9 am - 2 pm. Please remember to drink plenty of water, eat iron rich foods, and bring a picture I.D. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

If you are worshipping from home and would like to include someone in Prayers of the People during the service, please email both [Ellen](#) and [Tom](#) with your prayer requests during the week and before 9:00 am on Sunday morning.

SPECIAL OFFERING: October 3

In the pews there is an envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 3, and the money goes to supporting peace-building activities such as accompaniment, advocacy, and education. It also goes to providing relief, shelter, and hope to families who've fled their homes in search of safety, and to reaching out to those in crisis and recovering from natural disasters.