



September 26, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Commissioning of Teachers and Confirmation Class of 2022
Third Grade Bible Presentation

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Sandy Batten, *piano*

arr. Olive Huisman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot
Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise God! Praise God in the beauty of this sanctuary.

People: Give praise throughout the greatness of the universe.

Leader: Praise God for God's wondrous deeds.

People: Give praise for God's sustaining love.

Leader: Praise God with the blast of trumpets;

People: give praise with timbrel and dance;

Leader: praise God with word and song;

People: Give praise with the roar of the organ.

Leader: Let everything that draws breath, praise God;

People: with gladness we adore and praise God!

***HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*(1) Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*(2) Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

*(3) Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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)

Book of Common Worship

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

COMMISSIONING OF CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

*(K-5th graders follow Kathy Hoffman downstairs to their classrooms;
6th-8th graders meet their teachers in the lounge and go outside under the tent for Breakfast Club.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Roman Kostrowski, Liturgist

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps
Chancel Choir and Carol L. Sargent, djembe

arr. Andre Thomas

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:38-50

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John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

SERMON "A Singular Purpose in a Bright Shiny World"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

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

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

Assisting with the Commissioning of the Confirmation Class of 2022 is Confirmation Teacher, Scott Heller and assisting with the Third Grade Bible Presentation and the Commissioning of Teachers is Interim Director of Family Ministries, Kathy Hoffman.

Thank you to Roman Kostrowski for being our liturgist this morning.

Our ushers this morning are Doug Frank, Gage Johnson, Story Savage and Margie Tompkins.

Kent and Phyllis Stevens are our greeters this morning.

Special thanks to our tech team 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. Stay healthy by being vigilant about wearing your mask, social distancing, and careful hand hygiene to prevent the transmission of the Delta variant and other forms of this disease. Help us protect young children and others who cannot be vaccinated. Please stay home and join us for online worship if you aren't feeling well, or answer "yes" to any question on our health questionnaire [HERE](#) or on our website at pcct-nj.org.

***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 memory of Jack and David Gesell by Marcia Gesell and family.

The flowers in the lounge are presented to the Glory of God by Jay and Miranda Cogswell in honor of Laura (Cogswell) and Matt Carey who were married here yesterday at PCCT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 26, 2021

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

The children will join us for the beginning of 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. Afterwards, Kathy Hoffman will take Grades K-5 downstairs to their classrooms. Breakfast Club will head directly to the Youth Suite.

Nursery and Pre-K will be in the Nursery Room (newer wing). Meggan C., from College Sitters, Nannies and Tutors, will watch the younger children while a PCCT volunteer will provide a simple and short lesson for the Pre-K aged children.

Grades K-3 will meet in Room A5 (under the sanctuary).

Grades 4-5 will meet in Room A10 (under the sanctuary).

Breakfast Club (Grades 6-8) will meet outside under the tent in the front of the church.

After worship, parents of nursery children and children in Grades K-5 will go downstairs to meet the teachers and pick up their children from their classrooms. Breakfast Club will be dismissed by their teachers.

Please see an usher if you need directions to the classrooms.

FAITH FORWARD: The History of Worship in Chatham Township - Today at 11:15

Join us in Halldorson Hall today 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!

Tonight from 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!

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS: September 29, 10:30 - 11:45 am

We invite everyone to join weekly Bible Study, led by Rev. Clémot in person in Halldorson Hall (and via Zoom) starting Wednesday, September 29th at 10:30 am. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays for the next eleven weeks. The study theme for this autumn series is "Scripture Stories of Welcome." Please register for the class on the sign-up genius on our [website](#) and be sure to indicate if you will come in person or online. We look forward to having you join the group!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: October 3

The special offering envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering (found in the pews) will be collected on October 3 and your gift goes to supporting peace-building activities and 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.

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.



LYRICA: Sunday, October 10, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Celebrate the return of Lyrica and the first concert on the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township's newly acquired 1928 Steinway B piano! First Half: Solo Piano Recital featuring works by Christopher Cerrone, Anthony Cheung, Louis Couperin, and WA Mozart. Second Half: Cello and Piano Recital. You may purchase tickets on their website at lyricachambermusic.org There are limited complimentary tickets available for PCCT members. Please contact the office if you are interested. Also please note: proof of vaccination required to attend. Just like on Broadway!

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.

APPORTIONMENT/PER CAPITA

Apportionment, also known as Per Capita, is a set amount of money per member (\$40 for PCCT) that congregations contribute to our Presbytery, The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. The Presbytery has supported PCCT in many ways such as our Interim Pastor search, providing direction for Re-Entry protocols, as well as guide us in the process for finding our new Senior Pastor. PCCT is required to pay the full Apportionment amount regardless if members contribute or not. In past years, the Church has had to pay a significant portion to cover this fee.

If you have already paid your Apportionment, Thank You! If not, we encourage you to pay your/your families share as it frees up funds in our budget to cover other critical expenses. You can give easily [HERE](#). (Please choose "Apportionment 2021" on the dropdown.)

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