

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 of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day. Yet too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives. We treat your children unequally, deeming some more important than others. We forget that our daily actions need to reflect our faith. Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life for all of your children. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER Psalm 146

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Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT James 2:1-10, 14-17

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My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

SERMON "A Working Faith"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

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

John Birch

You call us to service; to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world.

To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create, but the injustice, hate and suffering that humankind generates.

To open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week, but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.

To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share, but in welcome, love and fellowship to all who you draw near.

To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words, but the truths you lay upon our hearts: your Word for this, your world.

You call us to service, to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It Is Well with My Soul

Phillip P. Bliss
Gary Lanier, arr.

Julian Cartwright, violin, Kraig Williams, flute and Janice Williams, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*(Our custom is to hold the bread until all have been served
and then to eat after the Pastor says,)*

Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Ministering in the name of Christ, I offer you the bread.

(We hold the cup and drink together after the Pastor says,)

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing. Abiding in my love, you will bear much fruit."

Ministering in the name of Christ, I offer you the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST.THOMAS (Wade)

*(1) For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.*

*(2) Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.*

*(3) All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.*

*(4) You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.*

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1965
MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, 1861
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro
Francesco Veracini
Julian Cartwright, violin and Janice Williams, piano

This morning's plate offering (gifts received in cash) is designated for the work of our Board of Deacons, which coordinates important ministries of congregational care and compassion. Please remember them in your giving today and on the first Sunday in the months to come.

Today's preacher is Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown.

Our worship assistant this morning is Doug Frank.

Special thanks to our guest musicians Julian Cartwright and Kraig Williams.

Our cantors this morning are Gayle Hendrix, Carol L. Sargent and Rae Wade.

Our ushers this morning are Tom and Sally Abbott.

Peck and Virginia Hofler are our greeters this morning.

Special thanks to Zach Brown, Bob Eager and Carlene Pruitt
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. In Person Registration is no longer required. However, we encourage you to 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. Masks are still required as an expression of care for those most vulnerable.

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Dee Shelley, wife, mother and grandmother,
by Penn Shelley and Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE RE-ENTRY TASK FORCE

We want to keep you safe and see you back at church, in-person, again. Stay healthy by being vigilant about wearing your mask to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 Delta variant, and other forms of this killer disease. Even if you are vaccinated, the variant strains of the virus can break through, and can be passed on to others by your breath - even without your knowing it. Remember that mask wearing is mandatory everywhere inside the building at PCCT, including the sanctuary worship space. So please, mask up, vax up, be safe, and be thoughtful of our young children and others who cannot yet be vaccinated. Unless all of us are vaccinated, the virus will continue to evolve and persist.

Save lives: wear a mask whenever indoors.

9/11 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: September 12 at 10 AM

Request for Remembrances

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attack on 9/11. We will observe this solemn day with a special Service of Remembrance on Sunday, September 12, at 10 am in our sanctuary. We invite all of our community members to send us the names of any family member or friend who died in the attacks against our nation on 9/11. We will read their names aloud during the service and remember them in prayer. The service will include scripture and sermon along with sacred music selections sung by our Sanctuary Choir and a special anthem sung by our new Director of Music, Matthew Zabiegala. Matt will also play organ during the postlude in a poignant organ and trumpet duet with Doug Haislip on trumpet. We hope you will join us for this special Service of Remembrance at PCCT. Please call the office or send the names to be read to Gloria at gnewson@pcct-nj.org

NEW MEMBER CLASS: September 12, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

On Sunday, September 19, we are excited to be welcoming new members to PCCT. If anyone is interested in joining, you are invited to attend our new member class on Sunday, September 12, from 12:30 - 1:30 pm in Halldorson Hall. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Ellen](#).

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF EXTRAVAGANZA

September 12, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Help us get the new school year off to a great start! Bring a friend and come ready for a great time. We'll have games, dinner, and a short reflection on the year ahead. Parent Sign Up - There are a lot of opportunities to support this amazing group. Please consider providing a meal or transportation, help chaperone or help host a special event. Go to our [website](#) or contact [Pastor Tom](#) for more info.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY AND CHURCH PICNIC: September 19 at 10 AM

Celebrate coming back together for the start of the program year. The day begins with worship at 10 am in-person and livestreamed from the sanctuary. New members will be welcomed into the PCCT family during the service. Families with children K-8 will attend worship together, and Nursery Care will be available for Nursery-PreK.

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.

*Please register online on our website at pcct-nj.org. There are two sign ups, one for **volunteers** to help set-up, clean-up and one to **RSVP**. All are welcome to join us in this fun, annual event hosted by the Fellowship Committee.*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

September 19, 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!

PCCT INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

PCCT is offering Family Ministry Internships available to high school students and young adults ages 14-22 for both the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming school year. Interns will work alongside Church School teachers, planning and leading lessons, games and activities for children on Sunday mornings. This is a great opportunity for teens/young adults looking to develop leadership skills and/or earn service hours. Further information and an application can be found on our **website** or you can pick one up on the table inside the glass doors at the church. Applications are due Sept. 10. For more information, please contact **Pastor Tom**.

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 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: 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.*

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.

UPDATE ON HAITI

Many have asked about our friends in Haiti and if they were impacted by the earthquake that occurred on Saturday. Thankfully, Pastor Valentin, his family, FFP staff and children at the CAD orphanage are all safe. The Men nan Men school and Sanctuary of Grace Church that PCCT Mission Teams helped to build sustained no damage. Foundation for Peace is working to assist others who are in great need of food, water and supplies. You can get more information and learn how you can help by going to the website at foundationforpeace.org (write EARTHQUAKE in Comments Box). Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.

MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION

September 10 - October 26

Once again PCCT will collect 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 beginning September 10 through October 26 between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The big collection box will be 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 tent. The PCCT Pumpkin Patch is a major mission fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to local hunger relief efforts. Additional details and timing will be shared in e-blasts and other announcements - stay tuned!

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

TIDINGS IS ON ITS WAY!

Our September and October issue of Tidings is on its way to you in the mail and will also be available online on our website at pcct-nj.org

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.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

Join us in the fight against suicide; Register today for the 6th Annual Morris County Out of the Darkness Walk at Cougar Field in Chatham Township at 4 pm on **September 18**. For more information and to register, go to www.afsp.org/morriscounty

SPECIAL OFFERING

In the pews this morning, you will see 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

October 3rd 10:00 AM - World Communion and Mission Sunday
 5:00 PM - Blessing of the Animals