



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

October 3, 2021 • 10:00 AM
World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Reverie

William Grant Still

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot
Associate Pastor Tom Brown

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Canada)

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

People: *God's people called from around the world to come to the One Table where simple grace nourishes us.*

Leader: From down the street to across town, from desert dweller to indigenous person; from single households to apartment dwellers; from everywhere:

People: *God's people are called to community, where we live with and serve one another.*

Leader: From every class, every race, every status, every nation; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

People: *God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.*

***HYMN 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*(1) Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*(2) Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

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

*(3) Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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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)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. As we share in this time of worship and communion, transform us. Transform us and send us back out into your world as living testimonies to your goodness; by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*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

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Children are invited forward to hear a message on the chancel steps.

After the message, Grades K-2 will follow Ryan Oosterheert downstairs to their classroom (Room A5 in the wing under the sanctuary.) Grades 3 - 8 will return to the pews with their families for the rest of the worship service.

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together
Chancel Choir

arr. Gwyneth Walker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER Psalm 8

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O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMON "Stewards of God's Creation"

The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

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

adapted from The Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Blood Drive

Deacon Andrew Brummer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Near the Cross

rr. Greg Howlett

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

A Great Thanksgiving

(The congregation will be prompted by the pastors with responses during the communion liturgy. The sung responses are from Hymn 507, Come to the Table of Grace, with the words listed below.)

*(1) Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.*

(2) Come to the table of peace...

(3) Come to the table of love...

(4) Come to the table of hope...

(5) Come to the table of joy...

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 4 (vv. 1-2, 4)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*(1) Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.*

*(2) Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"*

*(4) Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna, from *Southern Harmony*

arr. Robert C. Lau

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 Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot.

Thank you to Ryan Oosterheert for helping with the Message for All God's Children today.

Our ushers this morning are Bruce Hoppe, Story Savage and Carolyn Smith.

Cheryl Templeton is our greeter 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. 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 honor and appreciation for all our mission volunteers and mission team partners and all the work they do to help and serve our communities.



ANNOUNCEMENTS **Sunday, October 3, 2021**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND SPECIAL OFFERING

Today is World Communion Sunday. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. Today all Christians remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Our Deacons have prepared a special bread display on our communion table to remind us that all Christians celebrate the Lord's Supper in as many ways as there are congregations. We hope that this World Communion Sunday will be a time to remember our wider community of faith and our partnership as stewards of the earth and neighbors to people in other countries.

Today we will be collecting the special offering envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering (found in the pews). 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.

WELCOME MATTHEW ZABIEGALA!

We are so happy to welcome Matt on his first official Sunday with us. Matt joined the staff officially as our new Director of Music on October 1 and we are so happy to have him as part of our PCCT family!

CHURCH SCHOOL

Today the children in Grades 3 - 8 are invited to stay in worship today and participate in World Communion with their families. The younger children will go downstairs after the children's message for a short lesson and activity in Room A5 (under the sanctuary). There will be nursery and Pre-K Care available in our nursery room (newer wing). Please see an usher if you need directions to the classrooms.

MISSION FAIR: Today, 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 after worship today 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: Today, 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to gather this evening 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 hope you will be able to join us for this special service. In the case of rain, we will meet under the portico in the front of the church.

BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday, 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). We will meet weekly on Wednesdays until December 15. 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!

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! We need help unloading the truck and setting up the patch. If you are able, please bring a wheelbarrow. Timing will be mid morning and announced at worship. This greatly facilitates bringing pumpkins from the truck to the patch. Also, this activity is not just heavy lifting! We need several people to help set up and arrange the small pumpkins and gourds around the tent as well as counting out large amounts of small pumpkins for the nursery schools that visit our patch (and have already put in their orders!). 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 1929 Steinway B piano, with Lyrica's Co-Artistic Directors, pianist David Kaplan and cellist Ani Kalayjian. 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!

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN: Saturday, October 23, 9:00 AM

Open to all PCCT members and friends. We'll start work at 9:00 am and finish for the day between 11:30 and noon. Participants are welcome even just for an hour or two. Location is 31 Long Hill Lane in Chatham.

What to bring:

Hat and Sunscreen

Filled Water Bottle

Work Gloves

Youth Participants must bring a signed [waiver form](#)

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