

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, November 28, 2021  
First Sunday in Advent  
10:00 A.M.

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**Prelude** E'en' So Lord Jesus Quickly Come by Paul Manz  
Carol Wooldredge, *cello* Arr. P. Brunelle

**Welcome and Announcements** Associate Pastor Tom Brown

### **Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

The Candle of Hope  
The Wade & Woodward Families

Reader 1: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

*All Sing: While we are waiting, come; Hymn 92 (v. 1)*  
*While we are waiting, come.*  
*Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,*  
*While we are waiting, come.*

Reader 2: We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation.

Reader 3: We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD.

Reader 4: We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

*Prayer:* Christ our savior, on this day may we remember to look hopefully for your coming even as we offer the prayer you taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

**\*Processional Hymn 82** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

**Call to Confession** Elder Peter Meyers

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help.*

*Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri** 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.*

**Message For All God's Children**

*(After the message, K-8th graders will go downstairs to the One Room Schoolhouse in Halldorson Hall.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 25:1-10** Page 502

**Anthem** Lo, How a Rose/The Rose arr. Craig Hella Johnson  
Ashley Mathews, *vocalist*

**Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16** Page 738

**Sermon "Fulfilling the Promise"** The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (in unison) Nathan Nettleton, adapted

*We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all; and in Jesus the Christ – God coming to us in the fragile promise of a*

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

*baby yet unborn - who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt and deceitful.*

*We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be fulfilled in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

**\*Hymn 357**

The Days Are Surely Coming

LLANGLOFFAN

**Prayers of the People**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

Veni Emmanuel

arr. Hal Hopson

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Recessional Hymn 93** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Variations on PUER NOBIS NASCITUR arr. Hal Hopson

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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](http://pcct-nj.org).*

Today's preacher is Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown.  
The worship assistant this morning is Elder Peter Meyers.  
Today's ushers are Debra Balvage and Kent Stevens.  
Greeting this morning is Susan Tompson.  
Special thanks to Zach Brown, Bob Eager and Dylan Mangel  
for their technical assistance today.

**THIS WEEK AT PCCT: November 29 - December 4, 2021**

**Monday**

9:00 am Next Act, Halldorson Hall  
5:00 pm Worship and Music, Zoom  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Mtg., Halldorson Hall  
7:00 pm Fellowship, Zoom  
Personnel, Zoom  
Communications, Zoom

**Wednesday**

10:30 am Bible Study, Halldorson Hall/Zoom

**Thursday**

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**Friday**

9:00 am Hillside Foodbank, offsite  
7:00 pm Cub Pack Meeting, Mulford Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 5, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

9:15 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite  
**10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13**  
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club  
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
**11:15 am Faith Forward: Conceiving Christ's Nativity in Art  
from Antiquity to the Renaissance**  
4:00 pm Better Together Get Together, Bliemel's Home  
5:00 pm MSYF Neon Night, PCCT  
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**November 28, 2021**

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.

### **THIS MORNING**

#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL AND FAMILY SUNDAY**

- 10:00 am** Worship; Nursery Care and Pre-K, Room B-13
- 10:15 am** One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
- 6:30 pm** AA, Theos Room

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God  
and in gratitude and thanksgiving for our elders and deacons  
who do so much for PCCT throughout the year.

### **GIVING TREES**

The PCCT tradition of Christmas Giving Trees has begun. Please see today's insert for more information and go to our [website](#) to sign up online.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC FUND**

Please see today's red insert to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the December 19 worship service. You can also fill out a form online on our [website](#). There is also a green insert if you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas music this season.

### **COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY**

After a long pandemic break, we will be returning to the **Community FoodBank of New Jersey** in Hillside. Join us for a one-time trip on Friday, December 3 (9 am – noon) and once a month on Saturdays starting in January. Advance signups are required. For more information contact Pastor Tom. You may sign up on our [website](#).

## **BETTER TOGETHER GET-TOGETHERS!**

We are better together – so let's get-together! Join our Deacon leaders at a series of at-home, small group, wine and cheese gatherings with our Senior Pastor Ellen Clémot to talk about our church life together. Choose a date that works for you over the next several months by going to our [website](#). The next date is **December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** at Julie and Thomas Bliemel's home, then **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** at Lantern Hill and **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** at Virginia and Peck Hofler's home. Spaces are limited to the first 14 people (or 7 couples) who sign up – no limit on kids – we will provide on-site childcare. Thank you deacons for your hospitality!

### **FAITH FORWARD: Conceiving Christ's Nativity in Art from Antiquity to the Renaissance: Sunday, December 5, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall**

Call to mind a picture of the Christmas story. Chances are its features are familiar: manger, stable, star, shepherds, wise men, animals. Our way of imagining Christ's birth continues an age-old tradition forged by visionary artists as well as theologians, mystics, and preachers. This class explores the roots of this tradition in works of art from the sixth to the fourteenth century. Come explore some of the early depictions of Christ's birth with local art historian Jean Sorabella.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Neon Night NEW EVENT Sunday, Dec 5, 5:00 - 6:15 pm**

Come tonight for a special Glow-in-the-Dark game night. We'll have glow sticks galore and all kinds of other fun, plus you'll get to design your own T-shirt to take home with you. Bring a friend and please RSVP so we are sure to have enough supplies on-hand.

### **STEWARDSHIP "BETTER TOGETHER"**

We are over halfway to our goal of \$750,000 in pledges. Thank you to all who have pledged so far! We are very excited to have 121 households sending in their pledge cards and participating in apportionment. As you consider your pledge amount for PCCT, please do so with gratitude to God for our church. We are #bettertogether #thankyou

Please choose how you would like to support PCCT in 2022:

1. Return the Pledge card you received in the mail.
2. Complete the confidential online form on our [website](#)!
3. On Sunday, Pledge cards can be found on the table in the Narthex.

## **COOKIE WALK AND SOUP TO SOOTHE SOULS**

**Saturday, December 11, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Cookie Walk:** Calling all bakers! We will need dozens of homemade cookies to make our event a success. **We have been running out of cookies early the past few years; we need your help!** When you are baking your own cookies, please add an extra batch of 4-6 dozen cookies to donate to the Cookie Walk! Sign up on our website to let us know you will be baking.

**Soup to Soothe Souls:** We are also looking for people to make soup. Would you be willing to fill 4 2-quart containers with your favorite soup for our sale? The soup will be sold frozen, so it can be made well ahead of time. Containers and directions will be available in the church office and we will also have a table after church a few Sundays for container pick ups.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS AND GREETERS**

Please sign up on the Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters boards in the Lobby or call the office if you are able to help.

## **USHER CAPTAINS NEEDED**

Session's Worship and Music Committee is looking for a few usher team captains for 2022. Being an usher is an easy and enjoyable way to participate in worship. Being a captain takes just a little bit more. Easy instructions are provided, which can be summarized to emailing your team members a monthly reminder about the upcoming worship service, and when at the service, checking that the sanctuary lights are on, lighting the candles in the front of the sanctuary, and placing the offering into a manilla envelope. Many hands make light work! Please contact Gloria Newson if you are interested and if you have any questions.

## **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

2022 dates are also now available! You may sign up on our board in the Upper Lobby or on our website. Thank you for supporting the Deacon's flower ministry.

## **CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD BLOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday, December 4, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church in Chatham**

Please consider donating this holiday season. To schedule an appointment visit: [nybc.org/njdrive](http://nybc.org/njdrive) - Sponsor Code: 61961. Thank you!

## MUSIC NOTES

### PRELUDE

Paul and Ruth Manz wrote "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" in 1953 during a time when their three-year-old son was critically ill. Reflecting on the time, Ruth Manz reported, "I think we'd reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus quickly come'". During this time, she had prepared some text for Paul for a composition based on the Book of Revelation. While at his son's bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition, which later became the current piece. Their son did recover, which the couple attributed to the power of prayer. The motet originally written for SATB voices, includes text from a number of verses in the Book of Revelation.

*Text from the choral version:*

*Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be.*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God Who was, and is, and is to come.*

*Sing Holy, Holy Lord, Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within.*

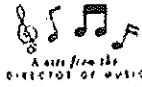
*Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon.*

*E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come And night shall be no more.*

*They need no light nor lamp nor sun For Christ will be their All!*

### ANTHEM

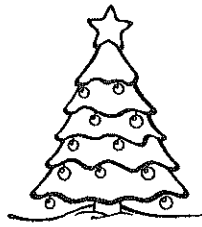
This special arrangement fuses "Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming (Es ist ein ros entsprungen by M. Praetorius) and Amanda McBroom's time song, "The Rose". On the border of sacred and secular, the alternating text highlights both texts and meanings in a fresh way.



### **NEW JERSEY CHAMBER SINGERS: Saturday, December 11, 6:00 pm**

**HOW GREAT OUR JOY:** The New Jersey Chamber Singers, under the artistic direction of Matthew Zabiegala, will present their program called "How Great Our Joy!" centered around the many expressions of "JOY" on Saturday, December 11 at 6:00 pm in the PCCT Sanctuary. Featuring a variety of styles and compositional representation, these concerts are a triumphant return to choral music in NJ. Ticket information is available at [www.njchambersingers.org](http://www.njchambersingers.org)





## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Advent Giving Trees 2021! There are nearly 200 opportunities to support local organizations that serve homeless families, refugees, and children and adults impacted by domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental illness. PCCT will offer virtual "tag" selection via Sign-Up Genius as well as in-person tag selection from the Christmas trees in the church lobby- gifts can be mailed directly to PCCT or dropped off in the lobby.

Following are the organizations supported by the PCCT Giving Trees:

November 4<sup>th</sup>-November 21<sup>st</sup> Online giving via Sign-Up Genius:

**Jersey Battered Women's Services** is dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence. JBWS provides protection and empowerment of the victim and rehabilitation of family members. JBWS advocates for social reform and public education about partner violence and its consequences.

November 21<sup>st</sup>-December 12<sup>th</sup> Online giving via Sign-up Genius:

**Freedom House** provides long term residential treatment and outpatient services for men with substance abuse illness- treatment is based on the values of faith, hope, trust, and freedom. **The Family Afterward** provides transitional housing for mothers and their children with a focus on recovery and family reunification.

Choose one tag (or more!) from the trees in the lobby:

**RAMP** is a coalition of faith-based organizations dedicated to helping families from Middle-Eastern counties transition to safe, independent, and productive lives in the Morris County area. RAMP assists refugee families with finding housing, employment, and other resources- education, English language instruction, transportation, and medical care.

**Family Promise** believes that families should not be separated during the stressful period of home insecurity. Their mission is to help these families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response providing shelter, mentoring, and education..

The **Homeless Solutions** philosophy is "A Hand Up, Not A Handout." Homeless Solutions offers shelter, social services, and supportive housing to people experiencing home insecurity and the working poor in Morris County.

**The Mental Health Association of Morris and Essex** is dedicated to removing the stigma associated with emotional and mental health disorders. MHA provides direct mental health services to those in need, advocates for individuals with severe emotional disorders, and offers education about mental health and wellness.

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

## ANNUAL COOKIE WALK AND SOUP TO SOOTHE SOULS

Saturday, December 11, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM

Your help is needed to make this ever-popular event a success!

- Soup to Soothe Souls: Would you be willing to fill 4 one-quart containers with your favorite soup for our sale? Stop by the table in Mulford Hall for more information.
- Cookie Walk: When you are baking your Christmas cookies, please add an extra batch of 4-6 dozen for this event. Please RSVP to Gloria at [gnewson@pcct-nj.org](mailto:gnewson@pcct-nj.org) or call the church office if you plan to bake cookies.

### ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: Sunday, December 19, 10:00 am

*The Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Ringers, and guest musicians will bring their gifts, along with congregational singing. Celebrate the season with us!*

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, December 19, 4:30 pm

#### Something New This Year!

*An original outdoor ecumenical service with Live Nativity!*

*This special community event will be led by Pastor Ellen,*

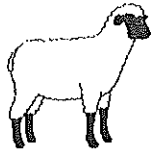
*our Interim Family Ministries Director Kathy Hoffman,*

*and our new Associate Director of Music Ashley Mathews,*

*along with their counterparts from Corpus Christi.*

*We will be looking for kids of all ages*

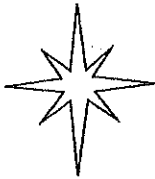
*to participate in the pageant.*



### MUSICAL MEDITATION: Monday, December 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

#### Also New This Year!

*Amidst the pressure of the holiday season, come and enjoy instrumental and piano/vocal musical in our beautiful, tranquil sanctuary.*



### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm ~ masks required, no social distancing and child care provided

7:30 pm ~ masks required, social distancing and pre-registration required

11:00 pm ~ masks optional if vaccinated, except when singing

**HELP OUR MUSIC PROGRAM  
PRESENT BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THIS CHRISTMAS**

The holiday season is upon us, and our music program is hard at work preparing wonderful music for the season.

This requires hours of rehearsal by our dedicated volunteer musicians, along with significant financial support, as there are professional musicians, instrument rentals, and sheet music to be paid for.

Any and all donations are welcome, with your name and optional dedication appearing alphabetically in a special insert included in the worship bulletin.

Simply fill out the form below and return, with your donation, to the church office by Sunday, December 12. Thank you for your support!

DONOR'S NAME

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DONATION AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (will NOT be listed in Bulletin)

**OPTIONAL DEDICATION:**

NAME *IN MEMORY OF . . .* (or) *IN HONOR OF . . .* (circle one)

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**Please return this form to the church office  
by Sunday, December 12.**

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "Music Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!





## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary during the Christmas season, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, December 12. The price is \$12.00 per plant.

Red or White Poinsettia (circle choice)

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$12.00 each, to be taken by the Deacons to a sick or homebound member of the congregation.

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$12.00 each, which I will pick up following worship on Sunday, December 19.

I wish to make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation towards the Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary.

\*\*The bulletin will read: *The poinsettias in our chancel have been contributed....*

**IN MEMORY OF . . .** (or) **IN HONOR OF . . .** (circle one)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

DONOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday, December 12.**

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. You can also place your order online through Breeze if you go to our website. Thank you!

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

## The Days Are Surely Coming 357

1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,  
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,  
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.  
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.  
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.

My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land  
 Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,  
 Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land

and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.  
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.  
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.