



*Offer unto God  
thanksgiving.*

PSALM 50:14

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**  
**Harvest Festival**  
**10:00 A.M.**

*We welcome you to our community as we celebrate the  
Glory of God through faith, fellowship, and service.*

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**Prelude**

Be Thou My Vision  
Elizabeth Monkemeier, *clarinet*

arr. Charles Callahan

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and worship the Sower of grace!

People: *Let us sing of God's faithfulness and love.*

Leader: Seeds of hope and joy are planted within us.

People: *May our hearts yield a rich harvest for our God.*

Leader: Let us join our voices with the fields and prairies in praise of our Creator God.

People: *We rejoice in the One who welcomes us. We come to worship God.*

**\*Processional Hymns**

<b>367</b>	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
<b>336</b>	We Gather Together	KREMSER

(During these hymns, please bring your food offerings  
to the front of the sanctuary, as directed by the ushers.)

**Opening Prayer**

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

Hymnal, Page 35

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*Saving God, like Israel before us we are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage and we praise you when you vanquish our foes. Yet we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert: the long way, the unknown path, the journey of trial, trust, and refining. Forgive us for doubting the path you have*

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

*offered, and for our complaining along the way. Deliver us from our Egypts; lead us on our unexpected journeys; sustain us in our deserts and bring us to our promised lands. Amen.*

### **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**

( K-5<sup>th</sup> graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;  
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from the New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9**

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**Anthem**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

**Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

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**Sermon "Remembering Who We Are"**

The Rev. Thomas A. Brown

**\*Hymn 652**

A Grateful Heart

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**\*Prayer Litany (in unison)**

Christine Jerrett

*We do rejoice in you, God our God. We rejoice in your steadfast love and faithfulness – a rich feast for our souls. We rejoice that you shelter us in the shadow of your wings – strong protection against the storms. We rejoice that you are more powerful than the troubles that trouble us.*

*We rejoice that, when we wander far from You, losing our way, you do not leave us on our own. You come to us in Jesus, your Word made flesh, dwelling among us, full of your grace and your truth.*

*O God who has drawn near, you know us as we are: the songs of praise tell only part of the story. We have wandered down many paths, seeking happiness or glory, we have trusted in lesser gods, looking for safe haven from the dangers that threaten. But the deep hungers are not satisfied; the fears and anxieties still haunt us. And now we know: our souls thirst for you, the living God.*

*Show us your power and your glory. Take our weariness and send your Holy Spirit to renew our hope. Take our fears and grow new courage in us. Take our resignation to the way things are and pull us into your passionate love.*

*Lord Jesus, you meet us in the wilderness of our days, and fill us with the bread of life. You meet us in the desert of our loneliness and streams of living water start to flow. We drink deeply of the gift of your presence, and we rejoice, for you have made us glad. Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Call to Offering**

**Offertory** Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. William E. Gross  
Sanctuary Ringers

**\*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**

**\*Hymn 643** Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God/Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
Sandy Batten, *piano* arr. Cindy Berry

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Please join us in Mulford Hall following worship to help sort the food that has been so generously donated this morning. These donations will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Today's preacher is The Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

The worship assistant this morning is The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

Our greeters are Kathy and Warren Hoffman.

Today's ushers are Ric Butler, Mike Kmiecik, Nancy Kmiecik, John McCann,  
Joslin Ruffle, Story Savage, and Carolyn Smith.

Special thanks to our technical team  
for their assistance today.

## **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP**



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## 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bid:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har-vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

## We Gather Together

336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894  
 MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER  
 12.11.12.11  
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## A Grateful Heart

652

(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - jice.  
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790

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## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20, 2022

### Harvest Festival

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. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

#### TODAY AT PCCT

- 9:15 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite  
**10:00 am Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9  
10:15 am Church School and Breakfast Club  
**11:00 am Faith Forward: Food Sorting, Mulford Hall**  
Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
Children's Choir, Bell Room  
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship, Pack the Place,  
Mulford Hall  
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room  
7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group, Jackbox Games, Youth Suite  
Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

#### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Gregory Granger, beloved son and brother,  
by the Granger Family.



#### HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY

Thank you for bringing items to be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry, which provides food to those in need in Morris county. Please bring your offering of food to the front of the Sanctuary during the opening hymns, coming forward as directed by the ushers. If possible, please also join us briefly after worship in Mulford Hall to help sort food.

## **GIVING TREES**

The PCCT tradition of Christmas Giving Trees has begun. Please see today's insert for more information and grab a tag or two off the trees in the lobby!

### **ASPIRING TOGETHER: 2023 Stewardship Campaign**

Last Sunday was Stewardship Sunday, and we are extremely grateful to all those who have pledged for 2023 thus far. Your financial gifts to PCCT help us invest in our shared future, so we can continue to strengthen our ministries and support our mission of love and compassion in Christ's name. Our goal for 2023 is \$750,000. Together, if we can aspire to pledge 15% more than last year, we can better ensure that PCCT remains a welcoming and hospitable place for both our congregation and our community for years to come.

If you haven't already pledged, we invite you to do so. To support PCCT in 2023, please return the Pledge card you received in the mail (extra cards can be found in a basket in the Narthex), or complete the confidential form on our website. Thank you.

We also deeply appreciate members who are staying current or have completed their pledges for 2022. Your ongoing support provides a firm foundation for a bright future, enabling us to worship, serve, connect and learn together.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Pack the Place at 5:00 tonight**

Help us "Pack the Place" by bringing as many friends as you can. We'll re-create the world's longest sundae and have a great time playing games, sharing a meal, and getting to know everyone a little better.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Jackbox Games at 7:00 tonight**

Join us for dinner and a chance to play some of the newest Jackbox Games as well as long-time favorites. Bring a friend and your smartphone or tablet. Friends are welcome!

## **CHATHAM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm**

Join with Chatham friends and neighbors across all faiths and traditions in a joyous celebration of the many blessings we share. The service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 Main Street. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the Chathams and Green Village. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the CUMC Food Pantry; offering to go to the Chatham Emergency Squad. Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot will be preaching.

## **KICK OFF TO CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP PARTY!**

**Save the Date! Saturday, December 3 from 5:00 -8:00 pm**

Lissa & Ian MacCallum's Home, 20 Lindsley Road, New Vernon

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Go to our website to sign up!



### **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

The envelopes in your pews are for any donations that you would like to make to PCCT in gratitude for all our blessings at this time of thanksgiving.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS AND GREETERS**

Please sign up on the Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters board in the Lobby if you are able to serve.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC**

Please see today's red insert to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the December 18 worship service, and also the green insert to donate to our music program to support special music during the Christmas season. You can also find both order forms online on our website.

### **FAMILY PROMISE: CLOTHING NEEDED**

Kynishah, a single mom of three children in Family Promise's shelter program, just got a job as a teacher's assistant. She is very excited. The dress code for her position is business casual and she is in high need of some attire. Below are Kynishah's sizes.

Shirt/blouse: Large; Pants: 14; Jackets/blazer: XL; Shoes: 8-8 ½

*Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you!*

### **TABULATORS NEEDED**

Are you a busy person who would like to contribute more of your talent to the church but are having trouble finding time? Then, consider becoming a Tabulator! Tabulators work in teams to process donations and other income in a structured way to ensure the gifts are recorded properly and money makes it to the bank in a timely fashion. Tabulating teams work immediately following the Sunday church service. The entire tabulation process takes less than an hour. Each team tabulates 6 to 8 times a year. Tabulating is an important, but easy way to contribute to the church. If you have additional questions or want to volunteer please contact Financial Secretary, Ann Jadro, at 973-224-5638.



**NEW JERSEY CHAMBER SINGERS**

**Saturday, December 10, 6:00 pm**

"AND HOLY IS..." The New Jersey Chamber singers, under the artistic direction of Matthew Zabiegala, will present their program called "And holy is..." which explores the meaning of 'holiness' in our lives through the varied lenses of wholehearted giving, transcendent meditation, and joyful harmony. Featuring the compositions of Bernstein, Scheidt, Courtney, Schubert, Narverud, LaViolette, and beloved favorites in an intimate chamber setting illumined by candlelight and stunning acoustics. Ticket information is available at [www.njchambersingers.org](http://www.njchambersingers.org)

**THIS WEEK AT PCCT: November 21 - 26, 2022**

**Monday**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

7:30 pm Communications, Zoom

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm.

7:00 pm Chatham Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Welcoming Committee, Zoom

**Thursday**

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

**Friday**

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

**NEXT SUNDAY, November 27, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 am** Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9

10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

**BLOOD DRIVE: Saturday, December 3, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Hosted by the Chatham Emergency Squad

Location: Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

## ANNUAL COOKIE WALK AND SOUP TO SOOTHE SOULS

Saturday, December 10, 9:30—11:30 am

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?
- Cookie Walk: When you are baking your Christmas cookies, please add an extra batch of 4-6 dozen for this event.
- Please sign up on our website, RSVP to Gloria at [gnewson@pcct-nj.org](mailto:gnewson@pcct-nj.org), or call the church office if you plan to bake cookies or make soup.

## ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: Sunday, December 18, 10:00 am

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

## CHILDREN'S CAROLS & LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm

*Our second annual outdoor ecumenical service with **Live Nativity!***

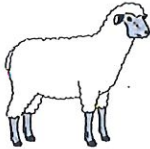
*This special community event will be led by Pastor Ellen,*

*our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson*

*and our Director of Children's Music Elizabeth Monkemeier,  
along with their counterparts from Corpus Christi.*

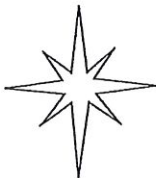
*We will be looking for kids of all ages  
to participate in the pageant.*

*All are welcome to attend!*



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

*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

3:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve Worship (in-person only)

5:00 pm ~ Candlelight Worship (livestreamed & in-person)

11:00 pm ~ Candlelight Worship (in-person only)



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Advent Giving Trees 2022! 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 3-November 20 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 20-December 11 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—due dates vary, please check tag:

**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 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 Friday, December 9. The price is \$15.00 per plant.

### Red or White Poinsettia (circle choice)

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each, to be taken by the Deacons to a sick or homebound member of the congregation.

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each, which I will pick up following worship on Sunday, December 18.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to the church office no later than  
Friday, December 9.**

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!



**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 Friday, December 9. You can also make a donation online through Breeze if you go to our website. 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 Friday, December 9.**

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





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child up for pageant



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PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

# Christmas Pageant

December 18, 2022

4:00pm

Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot, Senior Pastor PCCT

Rev. T. Kevin Corcoran, Pastor CC

*combined children's program, live animals, music, and fellowship*