



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent
The Sacrament of Communion
10:00 A.M.

Prelude Watchman, Tell Us of the Night arr. Thomas Keesecker

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The time, dear friends, is upon us now.

People: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

Leader: Rejoice and make room, for God draws near.

People: *We wait, we hope, we prepare our hearts!*

Leader: Over the horizon, just beyond our sight,

People: *The peace of our Lord is gathering strength.*

All: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

***Processional Hymn 105** (vv. 1, 4-5) People, Look East BESANÇON

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle The Kautzmann Family

The Candle of Peace

Reader 1: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope that comes in Christ.

Reader 2: Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

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.

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

Reader 3: God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too.

Reader 4: We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves, leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves.

Reader 5: We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

Prayer: Lord of All, on this day we give thanks and remember that you bring peace surpassing all understanding. Hear us as we offer the prayer Jesus taught:

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

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of truth and justice, you do not judge humanity by its appearance. But we do. We are often a superficial people, seeing only what we want to see, hearing what we want to hear. We have little patience for events that puzzle us, little practice with the search for deep answers. Yet you call us to be people who pursue what is right, no matter how long the journey. Forgive us when we reduce our neighbors to stereotypes and caricatures without learning anything about who they really are. We ask for the humility that opens minds and softens hearts and makes possible the gift of reconciliation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOR EX)

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.

Anniversary Recognition

Elders Lissa MacCallum and Robert Moore

Celebrating Associate Pastor Tom Brown's 10th Anniversary with our church.

(After the recognition, K-5th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms; Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

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Anthem

A Shoot Shall Come Forth
Chancel Choir

Richard Horn

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 11:1-10

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Sermon "Playing Nicely in the Kingdom of God" The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

by Terri Peterson

We trust God, whose Love and Justice are revealed over and over through creation, community, and story, through the voices of prophets and the lives of ordinary people, through a helpless newborn baby.

We trust Jesus the Christ, embodiment of God's word, born a refugee, raised in poverty, dependent on the kindness of others.

We trust the Holy Spirit, breath of all life, who blows where she will, calling us to the same path Jesus walked, and leading us all in the holy dance of life in the kingdom of God.

Even as days grow dark, even in the midst of uncertainty, even now: the fire of God's love burns bright, the wind of the spirit cannot be contained, streams of living water flow in the desert, and all earth cries glory, as we wait the dawn of God's new day.

The Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel/Creator of the Stars of Night*
Elizabeth Monkemeier, *clarinet* arr. Charles Callahan

***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**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

All who put their trust in Jesus are invited to partake of the sacrament. When directed by an usher, please come forward by the center aisle. You may consume the elements as you receive them or return to your seats and hold them until all have been served so that we might partake of them together. Gluten-free elements are available from an usher.

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Postlude Variations on "Noël nouvelet" arr. Matthew Zabięgala

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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 Rev. Thomas A. Brown.
Our worship assistant is Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.
Our greeter is Margie Tompkins & ushers are Barbara Edwards, Rolf Edwards & Carolyn Smith.
Special thanks to our technical team for their assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: December 5 - 10, 2022

Monday

- 9:00 am Next Act, Kitchen
- 11:30 am A New Day, Halldorson Hall
- 6:30 pm Finance & Operations, Theos Rm/Zoom
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
- 7:00 pm Deacons, Halldorson Hall
Budget Meeting, Theos Rm/Zoom

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Staff Mtg., Staff Conf. Room

Wednesday

- 10:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room/Zoom
- 5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
- 7:00 pm Worship & Music, Staff Conf. Rm.
- 8:00 pm Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

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

Saturday

- 9:30 am Cookie Walk & Soup Sale, Mulford Hall
- 6:00 pm New Jersey Chamber Singers Concert, Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY, December 11, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent

The Sacrament of Baptism

- 9:15 am & 11:00 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** Faith Forward: Carols & Coffee, Mulford Hall
Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Time TBD Middle School Youth Fellowship Christmas
Party, Zehner's Home
- 6:00 pm AA, Theos Room
- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends WorldWide Candle Lighting
Halldorson Hall

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Church office hours are 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday, unless there is a holiday.

People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look
 a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

east and sing to - day:
 Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.
 Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - 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.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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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

- 10:00 am** **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am **Rev. Tom Brown's 10th Anniversary**
Celebration, Mulford Hall
Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Molly B. Wilson, mother and grandmother, by the McCann Family.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR TOM BROWN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY
TODAY!

This morning we are celebrating Associate Pastor Tom Brown's 10th Anniversary with PCCT during worship. Please join us after worship in Mulford Hall for a special reception to honor Tom and his years of service to PCCT.

GIVING TREES * MANY GIFTS STILL NEEDED

The PCCT tradition of Christmas Giving Trees is ongoing. There are still many gifts available and more opportunities to sign up for online gifts.

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? Containers and labels available in the office. Cookie Walk: When you are baking your Christmas cookies, please add an extra batch of 4-6 dozen for this event. You can sign up on our website, RSVP to Gloria at gnewson@pcct-nj.org, or call the church office if you plan to bake cookies or make soup. Thank you!

FAITH FORWARD: CAROLS AND COFFEE: Sunday, December 11, 11:00 am

Join us for a fun and festive holiday songfest with PCCT's own Sandy Batten! Stop in to sing a few of your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy seasonal refreshments after worship in Mulford Hall. All ages and voices are welcome as we sing well-known and much loved tunes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Party: December 11, Zehner's Home, Time TBD

Join us for a White Elephant Gift Exchange and games of the season. Bring a dessert to share.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday, December 18, 10:00 am

Join us for this special worship service blending music performed by PCCT music groups, along with youth and adult leaders sharing Scripture and featuring festive music and many "sing-a-longs." Don't miss this family-friendly celebration of Advent and Christmas.

CHILDREN'S CAROLS & LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm

All are welcome to come to our special outdoors live nativity pageant and carol sing. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, the event features kid participants and live animals. Special community event!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Party: December 18, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Young's Home

We're celebrating the spirit of the season with appetizers, desserts and games. Please plan to bring an Angel Tree gift to help brighten the holidays for a child in need (details will be provided later).

MUSICAL MEDITATION: Tuesday, December 20

6:00 - 7:00 pm

MUSICAL MEDITATION



Come and enjoy instrumental and piano/vocal music in our beautiful, tranquil sanctuary by Director of Music Matthew Zabiegala. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or the whole time. There will be no reading, speaking, scripture reading, or the expectation to participate. Simply different styles of quiet music from classical to pop, medieval to Avant Garde, everything in between and arrangements of familiar, holiday tunes and hymns.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

3:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve worship service with children ensembles and brass
(in-person only; Nursery Care available)

5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service with adult ensembles and brass
(livestreamed and in-person)

11:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service
(in-person only)

December 25, 10:00 am ~ Christmas Day worship service with hymn sing



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC FUND

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. Our deadline for ordering is Friday, December 9.

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 OFFERINGS

In your pews you will find two special Christmas offering envelopes, one that helps PCCT in our ministries and one that supports retired clergy and provides educational support for minority students.

ASPIRING TOGETHER: 2023 Stewardship

Sincere thanks to all those who have pledged for 2023 thus far. Your financial gifts to PCCT help us invest in our shared and promising future.

As a caring and devoted church family, we aspire to:

- build a vibrant church together
- worship and serve together
- glorify God through music together, and
- learn together.

Our Stewardship goal for 2023 is \$750,000. As a congregation, if we can aspire to pledge 15% more than last year, we can better ensure PCCT remains a welcoming and hospitable place for both members and the community alike.

If you haven't already pledged, we invite you to do so. Go to our website to fill out the Online Pledge Form or fill out the card that was mailed to you. There are also extra cards available as you enter the Sanctuary.

Please know your support for our church family and our many important programs and rewarding mission initiatives is truly valued.

Completing 2022 Pledges

We are most grateful to all members who will fulfill or have already fulfilled their 2022 pledge commitments by the end of December. Your financial support is deeply appreciated and provides a firm foundation for PCCT's future.

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 and tickets are also available at the door.

MUSIC NOTES - ANTHEM

A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse, and a bud shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of life shall be with them, the spirit of wisdom and truth.

Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, and the lion eat straw with the ox,

For the hand of a child shall lead them to the peaceable kingdom of God.

From out of the wells of salvation will he draw us to the water of life;

His waist shall be girdled with justice, the heart of his heart shall be love.

(adapted from Isaiah 1, by the composer)

In the pews this week, you will see our new Music Ministries brochure!



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

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

OPTIONAL DEDICATION:

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

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by Friday, December 9.**

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CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH COMMUNITY



PRESBYTERIAN
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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