

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet somehow we lose our way and fall back in fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, to ourselves, and to each other, through the power of Christ, and the gift of your Spirit.

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.*

Message for All God's Children

*(After the message, 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 13

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Anthem Blest are they whose spirits long, *from Israel in Egypt HWV54*

Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

Lesson from the Old Testament: Lamentations 3:1-9; 16-26; 32-33

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Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

***Affirmation of Faith (Hymn 39)**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Prayers of the People

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

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THIS WEEK AT PCCT: February 13-18, 2023

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Session Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room
5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8
5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
7:00 pm Christian Education Mtg., Zoom
7:30 pm Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Alpha Class, St. Vincent Martyr Church
RAMP Meeting, Halldorson Hall
Spiritual Child Presentation, Zoom
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday

9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside

NEXT SUNDAY, February 19, 2023

Family Worship

10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13
10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
11:15 am Faith Forward: Sermon Talk, Halldorson Hall
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
 where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.

pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
 there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:

to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
 by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
 the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 12, 2023

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or a 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

- 9:00 am New Members Meeting with the Welcoming Committee and Elders, Halldorson Hall
- 9:15 am & 11:00 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 Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8
- 11:15 am Faith Forward: Sermon Talk, Halldorson Hall**
- 6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

CHANCEL FLOWERS

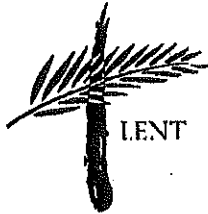
The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Matt Zabiegala and Elizabeth Monkemeier and all the wonderful music they bring to PCCT, by Lissa and Ian MacCallum.

FAITH FORWARD: SERMON TALKS - Today at 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall AND Sunday, February 19 at 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Here is an opportunity to share your thoughts on the sermon text for the day, what you heard in scripture, and what message you found there. Your insights may or may not be the same as was preached Sunday morning, which is what makes the Bible such a rich and Spirit-filled resource. Share your thoughts about the sermon preached, and learn more about how a sermon is prepared, crafted, and proclaimed. There are forms in your pews this morning for you to fill out. Please bring them with you to the Sermon Talk or place them in the basket in the narthex as you leave.

"NEW" CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

A new mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. We meet the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Please see the flyer in the lounge or contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.



ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 22

More details to follow in coming weeks!

5:45 pm Planting! An activity for all ages in Mulford Hall

6:15 pm Soup Supper in Mulford Hall

6:45 pm Worship (Sacrament of Communion) in Halldorson Hall

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Wednesdays in March

Join Pastor Ellen and Pastor Mary Anne in the discussion of selected chapters from *Finding Abundance in Scarcity*, edited by Samuel Wells. The book was written by the church leaders of St. Martin's in the Fields Church in London during the pandemic and traces their application of spiritual disciplines to help them maintain their faith, hope, and sense of community in adversity. We will learn and apply several spiritual disciplines as we read: prayer, silence, simplicity, and music – finding ways to connect with the Spirit throughout the Lenten journey. The group will meet in Halldorson Hall from 7 pm to 8 pm, starting March 1, and every Wednesday through March 29.

FAITH FORWARD: THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Sunday, February 26, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

The 40 days of Lent will have just begun when we gather to talk about how to make this spiritual journey from Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday the best ever! Following up on Pastor Tom's discussion about spiritual practices that renew our faith, we will consider some of the most common ways Christians have traditionally drawn close to God. Using the well-known book, "Soul Feast," written by Marjorie Thompson, a Presbyterian minister, we will give an overview of some of these spiritual disciplines and suggest how one might choose one or more to practice during Lent. Join us for this Faith Forward event led by Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer.

ALPHA CLASS: Meeting on Thursday Evenings

You are invited to join Pastor Ellen Clémot, Father George Hundt, and lay leaders from both the Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches in **the Alpha Course**, a dinner table conversation and class on Christian faith exploration. We will meet at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison for dinner (free) on Thursdays at 6:30 pm with conversation and course materials ending at 8:15 pm. You do not have to attend every week. Try it out and see. To participate, register online at www.svmni.org/alpha. If you have any questions, please call Sarah Murchison at (347) 453-6661 or Pastor Clémot at (862) 260-0135.

NOURISH.NJ Breakfast Bags: February 13 – 21

Drop off bags at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm between February 13 – 21. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY

Saturday, February 18, 9:00 – 11:00 am

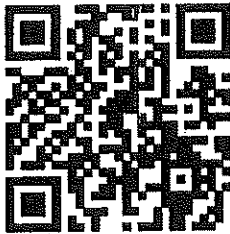
Our next day to join us at the Community Foodbank of NJ in Hillside is coming up. Volunteers ages 12 and up generally help sort and repackage food for distribution. Advance signups are required. Please go to our website for more information or contact the church office.

FLOWER MINISTRY: Dates in March and April are open!

Thank you to everyone who dedicates flowers each Sunday. To place a dedication for 2023, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact Gloria or call the church office at 973-635-2340.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 19 - 23

Save the dates! This year, we will have a day program for VBS that will run from June 19-23. Please pick up a flyer in the Lounge and use the QR code to show interest. VBS will meet each day from 9:15 am - 1:00 pm and lunch will be provided.



VIRTUAL COMMENT BOX

We're glad that you're here worshipping with us! Please share your worship experience with us via the QR code. Open your camera app, hold your phone over code, and follow the pop-up link. You may submit this form at any time you have feedback. Thank you!

(Managed by the Worship & Music Committee)

PLEASE NOTE: Please be reminded, Pastor Tom is on Sabbatical for the next six weeks. Instead of calling or texting him over the next six weeks, please contact Pastor Ellen on her cell phone at (862) 260-0135, email to eclmot@pcct-nj.org, or call on any of our wonderful office staff to help you find information on programming or to receive prayer and pastoral care.

MUSIC NOTES

PRELUDE

Maureen Howell serves as the Director of Music at the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, NJ, and is also an avid composer/arranger. A native of Virginia, Maureen has a Bachelor of Arts (The College of William and Mary, 1984) and a Masters in Church Music (The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1986).

ANTHEM

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) is widely known as a composer of oratorios, namely his oratorio, *Messiah*. Following the examples of earlier oratorios, Handel's works are essentially operatic in style, and based on stories from the "Old Testament." Handel broke from his predecessors, however, in his preference for the English language and his dramatic use of the chorus, setting it on an equal footing with the solo roles. While most of Handel's oratorios are loosely based on "Old Testament" stories, *Israel in Egypt* and *Messiah* are the only two that are drawn directly and exclusively from the biblical text, with no paraphrases, interpolations or interpretations. Composed in 1738, "Blest are they..." was originally set as a mezzo and tenor duet.

OFFERTORY

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was the first black woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers were found in an abandoned dilapidated house on the outskirts of St. Anne, Illinois. These consisted of dozens of her scores, including her two violin concertos and her fourth symphony. As Alex Ross stated in *The New Yorker* in February 2018, "not only did Price fail to enter the canon; a large quantity of her music came perilously close to obliteration. Even though her training was steeped in European tradition, Price's music consists of mostly the American idiom and reveals her Southern roots. She wrote with a vernacular style, using sounds and ideas that fit the reality of urban society. Being deeply religious, she frequently used the music of the African-American church as material for her arrangements. Her melodies were blues-inspired and mixed with more traditional, European Romantic techniques. The weaving of tradition and modernism reflected the way life was for African Americans in large cities at the time.

LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, February 26, 3:00 pm

Five distinguished alumni of the Perlman Music Program perform music for piano and strings, including Mozart's g minor Piano Quartet, the Schumann Piano Quintet, and a new String Quartet by Michelle Ross, who also performs on violin. Complimentary tickets are available for church members. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

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