



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M.

"Act as though everything depended upon you.
But pray as though everything depended upon God."

St. Ignatius

Prelude

Prelude on *Attende Domine*

arr. Paul Fey

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

People: *God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.*

Leader: God bathes my head in sweet oil. My cup is so full it overflows!

People: *Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me my whole life long.*

All: *Let us worship our faithful God. Amen.*

***Processional Hymn 32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we are still people who love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light so that we may know that we are loved. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 583 (sing twice)** **Glory to God** **GLORIA (Taizé)**
(1st time - choir, 2nd time - all)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

Message For All God's Children

Yvonne Anderson
Director of Family Ministries

*(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 23

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Anthem

What Wondrous Love Is This
Chancel Choir

arr. L. Eugene Oldham

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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Sermon "Seeing Inside"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive)**

Leader: As we now see him through the eyes of redemption,
as we now remember him through hearts of hope,
we speak of that mystery we call our faith:

People: *In death, Christ became our life;
in life, Christ shapes us into new creatures;
in glory, Christ will come to fulfill all God's plans.*

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: March 20 -25, 2023

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
5:00 pm Personnel Mtg., Staff Conf. Rm.
7:00 pm Interfaith Service for Ukraine,
St. Patrick Church, Chatham

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
Lenten Book Discussion, Zoom

Thursday

6:30 pm Alpha Class, St. Vincent Martyr Church
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am **Worship**; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am **Fellowship Pancake Breakfast, Mulford Hall**
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshííinígí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ní'éeé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

AMAZING GRACE

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

CHEROKEE

*Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
 e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*

KIOWA

*Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
 daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
 daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 19, 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

- 9:15 & 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 Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
11:15 am **Faith Forward: Mindfulness with Dr. Marielle Collins,**
Halldorson Hall
5:15 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship, Indoor Rock Climbing
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen Hanjian, Ken's sister, by Ken and Phyllis Basmadjian.

MINDFULNESS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEORY AND PRACTICE

This morning at 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Led by Marielle Collins, PhD, this talk will introduce the basic concepts and theory of mindfulness and teach simple ways to integrate mindfulness into everyday life. Additionally, strategies for integrating mindfulness and spirituality will be reviewed, to support practicing mindfulness from a Christian perspective.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Indoor Rock Climbing

Today at 5:15 pm

Meet at the Gravity Vault, 40 Watchung Avenue in Chatham. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in. Friends are welcome to join us; please sign-up in advance. Cost is \$35 per climber. Parents, please fill out the online waiver for your child prior to the event.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church, Chatham

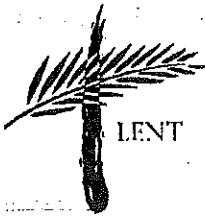
There will be a prayer service at St. Patrick's Church to mark the one year of war in Ukraine with special guest Fr. Stepan Bilyk. Fr. Bilyk is a pastor at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whippany. Please see the eblast for needed donations. All are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 26, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Please join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and some gluten-free options! All are welcome to this Fellowship event after worship to enjoy breakfast with friends both old and new. No sign-up required to attend, but you can go to our website to sign up to help out. Free will offering will be available.

LENTEN BROCHURE

Please pick-up a Lenten Brochure in the Upper Lounge or the Church Office. There is something for all ages!



LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Wednesdays in March (Zoom Format)

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 on Zoom from 7 pm to 8 pm every Wednesday through March 22.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our special offering during the season of Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes found in the pews.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Sunday, April 2, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Spring has sprung! Come one and all for our first garden work day - a spring clean-up of our Community Garden at 31 Long Hill Lane. We will have some supplies; but feel free to bring your own gloves and a water bottle. Hope to see you there. You can go to our website to sign up for future dates.

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$10 per child per week to cover the cost of the dinners and craft supplies. We meet the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Please contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

ALPHA CLASS: Meeting on Thursday Evenings

You are invited to join Pastor Ellen Clémot, Pastor Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer, 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 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.

NOURISH.NJ: Breakfast Bags: Due by March 22

Drop off bags at Mulford Hall at the church this month by March 22. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby for future dates.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Beginning in April!

If you would like to make The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township your church home, please join our new member classes beginning on Sunday, April 23, from 4:00 – 4:45 pm. The first class is on Zoom or in person. Please speak with Pastor Ellen if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions. You can also sign up on our website.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION: Sunday, April 30

Save the date for this year's Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner! Each spring the participants host a fun-filled, themed dinner to raise money for their trip, and the night features a silent auction. All funds raised will go to support 35 teens and adults traveling to Charleston, West Virginia in June. Any and all donations for the auction are welcome from the congregation. If anyone chooses to donate, we ask that the basket items be delivered to the church office by Friday, April 7. The committee will take care of wrapping and packaging everything. Please e-mail Annie DesMarais at njdesmarais@yahoo.com if you have any additional questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 19 - June 23, 2023, 8:45 am - 1 pm

This year's Vacation Bible School will feature Fun and Creative activities, Lessons, Crafts, Breakfast and Lunch! The day will begin with a simple breakfast and the kids will then move on to stations including music & drama, crafts, recreation & games, and at the end of the day all of the kids will gather together for lunch. Sign up today!



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

Worship at 10:00 am

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of Communion

Worship at 7:30 pm

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

Worship at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, Easter

Two Worship Services 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Egg hunt on the front lawn following the 11:00 am service

(weather permitting)

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

To order an Easter Lily or an azalea to decorate our Sanctuary this Easter or if you would like to help support our music program in presenting beautiful music during the Easter season, you may fill out one of the inserts found in today's bulletin or you may go to our website. Thank you!



VIRTUAL COMMENT BOX

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

Managed by the Worship & Music Committee

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY CONCERT!

Save the date for our Caring for the Community Concert on Saturday, July 15, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on the front lawn of the church with music by Blue Soul. Plan to join us!



MUSIC NOTES

You can read all the music notes for today's worship service by using this QR code →



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to order plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 26. The price is \$15 for an Easter Lily and \$30 for an azalea plant. Please indicate how many and what kind of plant you would like:

_____ Easter Lily(ies) [\$15 per plant]
(# of plants)

_____ Pink Azalea plant(s) [\$30 per plant]
(# of plants)

I wish to donate _____ plant(s), which will be taken by the Deacons to a member of the congregation.

I wish to donate _____ plant(s), which I will pick up after the 11:00 am worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9.

*****THE BULLETIN WILL READ:

*The Easter flowers in our chancel have been contributed
IN MEMORY OF.....(or) IN HONOR OF.....(circle one)*

NAME(S) FOR DEDICATION

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR

by....DONOR'S NAME

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

Daytime Telephone Number_____

Return this form to the church office no later than Sunday, March 26. Checks should be made out to PCCT and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. You can also order on our website. Thank you!

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

Lent 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 in a special insert included in Easter worship bulletins.

Simply fill out the form below and return, with your donation, to the church office by Sunday, March 26. 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)

**Please return this form to the church office
by Sunday, March 26.**

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

