

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Near the Cross

arr. Greg Howlett

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: *God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.*

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

People: *In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.*

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

People: *For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.*

***Processional Hymn 248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

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)

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

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

Yvonne Anderson
Director of Family Ministries

*(After the message, children in grades K- 8 will go downstairs
to the One Room Schoolhouse in the Theos Room.)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the New Testament: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Anthem

O Peace of Christ
Chancel Choir

David Lantz

Lesson from the Gospels: John 20:19-31

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Sermon "Seen and Unseen"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 254** **That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright** **PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**

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

We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light and despair into hope. We believe God is always working for good, changing Good Friday's sorrows into Easter dreams for new life. We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life. We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation to live with joy and

purpose. We believe the Spirit is at work renewing and re-creating into the living body of Christ in this time and place, Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. Wilbur Held

***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 231** Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers SUO GAN

***Benediction**

Postlude

Recessional

Paul F. Page

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Worship Leaders today are Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown
and Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

Thank you to our greeters and ushers this morning.

Our tabulators are Carolyn Smith and Rob Meyers
and our processor is Ann Jadro.

Special thanks to our technical team for
for their assistance today.



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: April 17 - 22, 2023

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday

5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8
5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
5:45 pm Children's Club Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

Wednesday (continued)

7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting, Zoom
7:30 pm Cub Leader Meeting, Theos Room
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship Group, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Alpha Class Dinner & Class, Mulford Hall,
Halldorson Hall, Theos Room, A-7, and A-6
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

4:00 – 9:30 pm Confirmation Spring Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY, April 23, 2023

10:00 am **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
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: What We Learned in Confirmation,**
Halldorson Hall
4:45 pm New Member Class, Pastor Clémot's Office
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship, Fast Food Frenzy
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 16, 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

- 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
- 11:15 am** **Faith Forward: Legacy (And Other) Giving Options**
Halldorson Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
- 3:00 pm** Lyrica Concert & Reception, Sanctuary & Mulford Hall
- 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 Barbara Swanson Frank, mother and grandmother,
by Doug & Pat Frank.

FAITH FORWARD: LEGACY (AND OTHER) GIVING OPTIONS

This morning at 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Rose Niles of the Presbyterian Foundation will share information about giving options available to us through the Presbyterian Foundation. She will discuss Legacy giving, Donor Advised Funds and other giving options. The seminar promises to be very informative. Please join us!

LYRICA CONCERT: This afternoon at 3:00 pm

Tenor Matthew Zabiegala, our Music Director here at PCCT presents a delightful and innovative recital program of art song, accompanied by Co-Artistic Directors Ani Kalayjian and David Kaplan. Tickets available at the door.

NOURISH.NJ Breakfast Bags

Our drop off dates for April are April 17 - 26. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry each month. You may sign up on our website or on the sign up board in the Upper Lobby.

FAITH FORWARD: WHAT WE LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 23, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

The 2023 Confirmation Class will be sharing highlights from their year together and talking about some of their favorite Bible stories and lessons.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Beginning next week!

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Fast Food Frenzy

Sunday, April 23, 5:00 – 7:15 pm

Join us next week for a fast food progressive dinner – you'll even get to vote on where we go. Apps, dinner, dessert – make your list now! Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. Cost is \$10 and advance signups are required. Be sure to have a signed release form on file.

BURGERS & BBQ - A YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 30, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a delicious dinner and silent auction. The dinner - served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm - will feature "Build Your Own" Burgers, Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and Apple Dumplings made from scratch. *The auction will close at 6:45 with winners announced by 7:15.* Adult Price is \$25; kids under 10 eat free!! Proceeds will help send 35 youth and adults to Charleston, WV, where they will build wheelchair ramps, repair porches and help with other home repair projects in partnership with C.R.O.S.S. Ministries. Sign up online at pcct-nj.org/ymt.

PCCT SPRING CLEANUP: Saturday, May 6, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

We'll spread mulch, pick up branches, and clean up the church grounds—a fun and rewarding way to spend your Saturday morning. If able, please bring a wheelbarrow and some garden tools. (Rain date May 13)

COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAYS

Saturdays: April 29, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 10

Help is needed as we fill raised beds with soil and compost, install drip lines, and begin planting. Saturday shifts are 9:00 – 11:00 am. Additional details and an opportunity to sign up are on our website.

PCCT GARDEN PARTY - Saturday, May 6, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us at the home of Craig and Lisa Duke, 31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham for a relaxed evening of fun and fellowship - outdoors as weather permits. Tour the adjacent PCCT Community Garden, watch the Kentucky Derby and enjoy a Mint Julep if desired. Bring a beverage, appetizer, or dessert to share. Visit our website to sign up. Rain date is May 20.

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!

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

PCCT Hosting on Thursday, April 20!

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. **This week, April 20, we will meet here at PCCT for dinner and class beginning at 6:30 pm.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP THEOLOGY TALK

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Join us every first and third Wednesday night of the month at 7:30 pm for food, drinks, and conversation around current topics and theology at 54 Main Bar and Grill in Madison. We meet mid-September through early June with Pastor Clémot. Please contact Jeff Crater by email at jhcrater@verizon.net to learn more.

2023 EARTH CARE CERTIFICATION

PCCT has once again been certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation. To become certified, our church took the "Earth Care Pledge" and completed activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Thanks to all our members who have helped us attain this certification and special thanks to Steve Carroll who spearheads this every year.

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



YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING DINNER

Sunday, April 30, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

BURGERS & BBQ

served 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Featuring:

Build your own Burger Bar
*with suggestions from a variety of West
Virginia restaurants and burger joints*

Pulled Pork

with homemade sauces

Mac & Cheese

Green Beans

Coleslaw

Homemade Apple Dumplings

with Ice Cream

Kids' Beverage Bar

Coffee, Tea & Lemonade

SILENT AUCTION

Open 5:00 – 6:45 pm

Winners announced by 7:15 pm

*Guests will be able to bid on a wide
variety of themed gift baskets for
home, health & entertainment.*

Featured items include:

Air Pods

Gold Necklace donated by Oxford
Jewelers

Designer hand bag

Faherty Gift Card

Golf simulator with golf lessons

Wine + Gift Cards to local restaurants

Healthy Italian cooking lessons

Art with Heart basket

Please return the registration form below in the offering plate or contact the church office.

You can also pay and register online: pcct-nj.org/ymt

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

of Adults @ \$25 _____ # of Kids under 10 (free) _____

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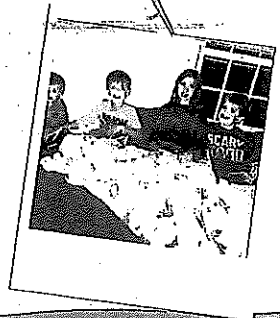
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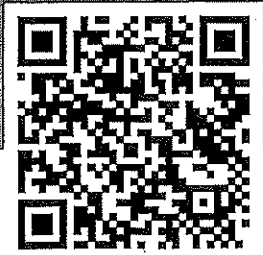
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