



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, August 27, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

Prelude Two Old Tunes arr. Thomas Keesecker

***Passing of the Peace**

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** From Psalm 138

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

People: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us feel alive again.

All: The Love of God lasts forever! Alleluia, Amen.

***Hymn 664** Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 582 (v. 1)** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 67 Page 529

Anthem The Holy Wings (I Lift My Soul) arr. Michael Burkhardt
Sopranos and Altos from the Chancel Choir

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Genesis 50:15-21 Page 48

Sermon Family Reversals "Cutting the Cord" The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison) From a Brief Statement of Faith

The God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.... Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Hymn 488** I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry WATERLIFE

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory Beautiful Savior arr. Thomas Keesecker

***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 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

*Benediction

Postlude Jesus Shall Reign arr. Greg Howlett

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Worship Leaders today are Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
and Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer.

Thank you to our ushers and greeters this morning.

Special thanks to Lynn Apolinaro
for her technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 28 – September 2, 2023

Monday

7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Mtg., Zoom
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall & Outside

7:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg., Zoom

Tuesday

10:30 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm.

Wednesday

6:00 pm Christian Education Mtg., Zoom

Friday

Office Closes at 2:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

The Sacrament of Communion

10:00 am **Worship, Halldorson Chapel**

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Halldorson Chapel Hallway

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Morning Has Broken 664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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BUNESSAN
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488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-



see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer. Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar. More details to come!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, September 10

Welcome Back Sunday

Wednesday, September 13

Children's Chat & Chew Kick-Off

Sunday, September 17

Church School Kick-Off with Parent Meet & Greet

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Commissioning of Confirmands and Teachers

Middle School Youth Fellowship Kick-Off

Senior High Youth Group Kick-Off

Thursday, September 21, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Pasta Night Fundraiser

Sunday, September 24

Faith Forward Reception Celebrating Associate Pastor Tom's Sabbatical

Sunday, October 1, 5:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7, 9:00 am

Pumpkins Arrive!

Sunday, October 22

Church Family Dinner

Assoc. Pastor Tom's Sabbatical Presentation and Sharing Stories of Rest & Renewal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 27, 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.

TODAY AT CHURCH

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Chapel
11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Halldorson Hallway

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of
John C. Farley, Loving father and "Pop", by the Nolle Family.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT FOCUSED ON OUR SERMON SERIES

1. When you were growing up, did birth order matter as it did for Jacob and Esau?
2. Have you had to navigate blended families with half brothers and sisters like Isaac and Ishmael?
3. God loves even the most rascally among us – where did you fit into your family dynamic?
4. How has family forgiveness made a difference in your life?

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK: Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm

Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer invites everyone to an end of summer potluck meal at her home located at 145 Van Houton Avenue in Chatham from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will be a vegetarian meal option and soft drinks. Pastor Ellen will barbecue some chicken. Please bring a side or dessert and the beverage of your choice. You can go to our website to RSVP or call the office to join in. We look forward to fellowship time with you, a great meal and conversation.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Thank you!

Big thanks to everyone who helped produce an abundant harvest this year. We still need volunteers for the end of August and September - the more the merrier! To volunteer, you can go to our website or call the office to sign up.

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently working on building the teaching teams for our Church School (K-5th) and Breakfast Club (6th-8th) for the fall (Church School begins on Sept. 17). You can reach out to Yvonne Anderson@yanderson@pcct-nj.org if you are interested or for more information.



MUSIC REHEARSALS ARE BACK! - Beginning Sept. 7
Sanctuary Ringers - Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Chancel Choir - Thursdays at 7:15 pm in the Choir Room
Please contact Matt Zabiegala for more information

MUSIC NOTES

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



MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION: September 8 - October 26

PCCT is collecting gently used coats/hats/gloves/scarves to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Donations will be accepted at PCCT now through October 26. The big collection box will be in the upper lobby. Thank you!

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: September 10, 2023

Save the Date for our annual kickoff to the program year. Join us for a special worship service followed by a picnic on the front lawn. Reconnect with church family and friends over a lunch of hamburgers/hot dogs, and experience the joy of children enjoying games, face painting, and a bouncy house. There's so much to look forward to - we can't wait to see you! Please sign up to help, bring a side salad or a dessert in our weekly eblasts.

Fall Festival at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Come celebrate insects at the Great Bug Blast! Activities will include target archery and hoverball, river seining, guided walks, giant jenga game, live swamp critters, Junior Refuge Manager, nature activities and crafts for kids. Free hot dogs on the grill and plenty of parking. Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township, NJ.



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Welcome Back

CHURCH SCHOOL

PARENT
MEET & GREET
COFFEE/DONUTS

SEPTEMBER 17 | 11AM



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Offering a welcoming church community to all people, wherever they may be on their journey of faith, celebrating the glory of God through worship, fellowship, and service.