

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

Our ushers this morning are Linda Barnes, Patti Montefusco and Carolyn Smith.

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### THIS WEEK AT PCCT: September 4 - 9, 2023

#### Monday

Office Closed-Labor Day

#### Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm

#### Wednesday

7:30 pm Cub Scout Leader Mtg.,  
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#### Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

#### Friday

Market Street Mission Coat Drive Begins

6:30 pm Cub Scouts, Mulford Hall

#### Saturday

10:00 am Presbytery Meeting,  
Pluckemin

#### NEXT SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

##### Welcome Back Sunday

10:00 am Family Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Welcome Back Picnic, Front Lawn

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### Sunday, September 3, 2023 The Sacrament of Communion 10:00 A.M.

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#### Prelude

Davenport

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Rudy

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 26:7-8

Leader: Sing a song of thanksgiving!

People: *Declare God's wondrous deeds.*

Leader: For the Lord dwells among the people;

People: *the glory of God abides with us.*

All: *Let us worship the living God!*

#### \*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Confession

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

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin. Free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. 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 26:1-8 Page 503

**Anthem** Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Moses  
Hogan

**Lesson from the New Testament:** Romans 12:9-21 Page 162

**Sermon** "Words to Live By" The Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (in unison) Nicene Creed, extracts

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made....***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,***

*and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors" Hymnal, Page 35

## Call to Offering

**Offertory** Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Greg Howlett

**\*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 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 the minister, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the elements. The bread will be on a plate and the juice will be provided in cups – please take the bread and the cup for yourself. You may take the elements as you receive them, or return with them to your seat so all may partake of them together. Gluten-free bread is available in the cup at the center of the tray.

### Prayer after Communion

**\*Hymn 39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** Land of Rest arr. Thomas Keesecker

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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.*

### **PUMPKIN PATCH DELIVERY AND SET-UP: Saturday, October 7**

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming! And we need all hands on deck! Saturday morning (time tbd) we need help unloading the truck and setting up the tent. The Pumpkin Patch is a major mission fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to local hunger relief efforts. Additional details and timing will be shared in e-blasts and other announcements – stay tuned!

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGINNING THIS FALL!**

We are excited to be welcoming new members to PCCT. If anyone is interested in joining, you are invited to attend our new member class on **Wednesday, October 11, from 5:45 – 6:30 pm**. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the **church office** or **Pastor Ellen**.

### **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.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

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



### **SAVE THE DATES IN OCTOBER!**

- October 1: World Communion and Mission Sunday  
Blessing of the Animals
- October 8: Pumpkin Patch Opens
- October 22: Church Family Dinner

### **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 3, 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**

#### **The Sacrament of Communion**

**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 Dee Shelley, by Penn Shelley and family.



### **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY AND CHURCH PICNIC: September 10**

Next Sunday is 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. We will also have an old-time ice cream truck to be enjoyed by all. There's so much to look forward to - we can't wait to see you! Please sign up on our website or through weekly eblasts to volunteer to help at this event.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS: September 17 at 10 AM**

Join us during our regular worship to celebrate the start of the Church School year with the commissioning of Teachers and Confirmands plus the Third Grade Bible Presentation. Afterwards, please stay for our Parent and Children Meet & Greet in the Lower Lobby with coffee and donuts. Hope to see you there!

*For more information about **Church School** and **Confirmation** as well details about **Sunday worship**, please go to our website at [pcct-nj.org](http://pcct-nj.org) You can also register your child online for church school this fall by filling out the form on **Breeze** via our website.*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF

September 17, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Help us get the new school year off to a great start! Bring a friend and come ready for a great time. We'll have games, dinner, and a short reflection on the year ahead. Parent Sign Up – There are a lot of opportunities to support this amazing group. Please consider providing a meal or transportation, help chaperone or help host a special event. Go to our website or contact Pastor Tom for more info.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

September 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us as we kick off a new year – come meet friends new and old, hear about what we have in store for the coming months. We will have dinner and time to hang out. Youth-led, and coordinated by Pastor Tom, our High School Youth Group provides a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for 10-12 graders. Take a break from the stresses of high school and join us for lots of fun with a great bunch of people! Friends are always welcome as are your ideas – just let us know!



### MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION:

September 8 - October 26

Our church will be collecting gently used coats/hats/gloves/scarves to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Donations will be accepted here beginning on September 8 through October 26. The big collection box will be in the upper lobby. Thank you!

### NOURISH.NJ BREAKFAST BAGS: September 18 - 27

A great way for the whole family to help someone in need. Purchase the items, assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 pm between September 18 – 27. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby. Contact our PCCT member liaison Story Savage with any questions.



### 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



**PASTA NIGHT @ PCCT** - Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and beloved and signature pasta dishes and wonderful music! Sponsored by the Music Ministry, proceeds will specifically help fund our professional guest musicians during church holidays.

**Thursday, September 21st - 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

\$25 for adults, \$10 for 12 yrs. and under,  
under 5 yrs. are free.

Can't make it that evening and would like to take a meal home for your family? You can scan the QR code or go to this [link](#) to sign up for a homemade pasta meal ready to bake!



## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

## 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 베 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

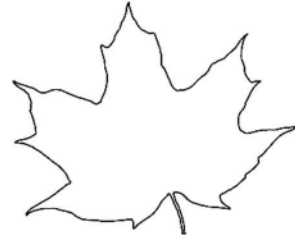


We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer. Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar. More details to come!

**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*

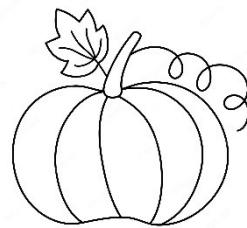
Pasta Night Fundraiser

*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 Sharina Stories of Rest &*