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

Our guest musicians this morning are Emma Liu and Sandy Batten.

Thank you to our ushers and greeters this morning.

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

Special thanks to our tech team for their assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: October 2 - 7, 2023

	<u>Monday</u>		Thursday	
	9:30 am	Next Act, Theos Room		Deformation History
	11:30 am	A New Day,	12:00 pm	Reformation History
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		Boy Scouts, Mulford	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Ringers,
	Hall	20, 2004.0,	Sanctuary	
		Deacons, Halldorson	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir
	Tuesday		Room	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting,		
	Halldorsor	า		
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NEXT SUNDAY, October 8, 2023 Pumpkin Patch Opens!

10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care (A9)
 10:45 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall Patch Opens, Front Lawn
 12:00 pm Reformed Faith and Bible for Beginners, Halldorson

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Sunday, October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

arr. Robert Thygerson

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our Provider.

People: The Lord is our Hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: God brings us out of calamity and makes us free.

People: The Lord is our Hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: Glorious are the Deeds of our God. Let us praise his name!

All: Let us worship the Living God. Alleluia! Amen!

*Processional Hymn 15 (vv. 1-4) All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

^{*}Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit. **Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your Spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

(K-4th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms; Breakfast club will meet in the Youth Suite)

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 29:1-9 Page 504

Anthem Be Still Karen Marrolli Chancel Choir

Lesson from the New Testament: Philippians 2:1-13 Page 197

Sermon "A Thriving Church: Of One Mind" The Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory All Good Gifts arr. John Purifoy

*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 and encouraged to partake in Communion. Ushers will serve worshippers in the pews, first the bread, then the cup. Gluten-free elements are available in the center dish on each tray. The ministers will invite you to take the bread and cup all together after all have been served.

Prayer after Communion

*Recessional Hymn 772 Live into Hope TRURO

*Benediction

Postlude All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Eugene Butler

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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.

PCCT FAMILY DINNER: Sunday, October 22, 6:00 pm, Mulford Hall

Join us for a catered meal and time of informal conversation together as a PCCT family. Individuals, couples and families are encouraged to join us and to *share their stories** of rest and renewal.

Dinner will be followed by a brief presentation from Pastor Tom, who will reflect on the ongoing benefits of his two-part sabbatical and share a synopsis of letters received from members about their own experiences and reflections.

Costs for this event are part of the sabbatical grant received from the Lily Foundation. RSVP requested by Oct. 13

*We want to hear from you! Go online to share a story, personal experience, or reflection on your thoughts about rest and renewal. this QR Code to enter your responses online.



Scan

YOUNG ADULTS GET-TOGETHERS

New to the community, or grew up here and settling in? Join our occasional gatherings of young adult conversation and social time together for happy hour, weekend brunch, or occasional outings. Contact the church office for more information.

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 popup link. Thank you!

Managed by the Worship & Music Committee

MUSIC NOTES

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 1, 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 and induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

TODAY AT CHURCH

World Communion Sunday

9:15 am	Confirmation Class, Youth Suite	
10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9	
10:15 am	Church School and Breakfast Club	
11:00 am	Faith Forward: Sustainable Lunches for Bridges;	
	Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall	
12:00 pm	Reformed Faith and Bible for Beginners, Halldorson Hall	
5:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn	
7:15 pm	Senior High Youth Group Brainstorming Dessert, Youth Suite	

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Eleanor J. Gilsenan, by Valerie Moodie.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is World Communion Sunday. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. Today all Christians remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. We hope that this World Communion Sunday will be a time to remember our wider community of faith and our partnership as stewards of the earth and neighbors to people in other countries.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Today we will be collecting the special offering envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

SUSTAINABLE LUNCHES FOR BRIDGES: Today after worship in Mulford Hall
Join us after worship for this Hands On Mission Project assembling sustainable lunches for
Bridges Outreach. This is a Faith Forward event.

REFORMED FAITH AND BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS: Today at noon, Halldorson Hall

A four-part introductory course to theology and biblical studies for anyone wanting to learn the basics about the Bible and understand our Reformed Faith/Presbyterian tradition. The course will be offered three times, in the fall, winter, and spring.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Today at 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend our third annual special service – *Blessing of the Animals* on the front lawn this evening. All God's creatures are invited to attend with their human families. An offering and donations of goods will be received to benefit St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison. There will also be a treat bag for you to take home for your pet. If your pet is not able to come or has passed away, you may bring a picture of them to be blessed.

MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION: September 8 - October 26

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

WELCOME BACK TO BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 10 am, Hallidorson Hall

Join us in Halldorson Hall with Pastor Clémot who will lead this class weekly with new themes every few months. The first unit will be on the significance of ritual in our worship life. No registration necessary – new time, new place, newcomers welcome!

REFORMATION HISTORY ONLINE COURSE: Thursdays at noon

Rev. Jeff Vamos of Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church is presenting on Reformation history with Pastor Clémot participating. This online lunchtime class meets on Thursdays at noon starting September 21 for eight weeks. Please call the office to register.

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 (estimated start time is 9:00 am) 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.

PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS: Sunday,



October 8 at 11 am

A favorite mission and volunteer experience! Spend a few hours (or more) selling pumpkins on our front lawn. While we can't always guarantee a crisp fall day, we can guarantee a rewarding feeling of knowing your efforts support a great cause. Sign-up in the Upper Lobby; through our eblasts; on our website; or call the church office 973-635-2340.

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**. Class dates and times are flexible and can be accommodated to meet your schedule.

BELONGING WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Beginning Thursday, October 19, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join in with other women in the workforce or home with kids in school for monthly fellowship and conversation. The group will launch October 19th at 7pm at the home of Julie Bliemel for a meal and discussion around Brene Brown's best-selling book, *Braving the Wilderness*. Venue and topic changes monthly. Please contact Julie for more information at jbliemel@comcast.net

BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, October 22, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Deacons are hosting a blood drive on October 22 in Halldorson Hall from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. To schedule an appointment, go to <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Appointments are strongly recommended and please try to make your appointment before it is open to the general public to ensure a spot. This is a Faith Forward opportunity.

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$125 per child for the Fall to cover the cost of the dinners and craft supplies. Our Fall sessions will continue on: 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 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.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King



Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia! Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 - 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976 TRURO MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778

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