

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: September 18 - 23, 2023

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Development Committee Meeting,
Staff Conference Room

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Chapel
2:00 pm Bible Study, Griswold Parlor

Wednesday

5:00 pm Children's Handbells, Bell Room/A-8
5:45 pm Children's Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8
7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting, New Parlor
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY, September 24, 2023

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
11:00 am Faith Forward: Reception Celebrating
Rev. Tom Brown's Sabbatical, Mulford Hall

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Sunday, September 17, 2023 Commissioning of the Confirmation Class of 2024 Third Grade Bible Presentation 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word
Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...

Leader: It is God who forgives.

People: It is God who delivers.

All: Let us give thanks and praise to our gracious God! Alleluia! Amen.

*Processional Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

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 be held on: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 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.

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Thank you!

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



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



MUSIC NOTES

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



CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD BLOOD DRIVE

The Chatham Emergency Squad's Blood Drive is on Saturday, September 23rd at St. Patrick Church, 85 Washington Avenue in Chatham from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Appointments may be scheduled at www.nybc.org/njdrive - Sponsor Code 6196

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 17, 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 CHURCH

- 9:00 am Confirmation Class Orientation, Halldorson Chapel
- 10:00 am** **Worship**, Sanctuary; Nursery, Room A-9
Commissioning of Teachers and Confirmands
Third Grade Bible Presentation
- 10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Parent & Children Meet & Greet, Lower Lobby
Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
- 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship Fall Kick-Off
- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Griswold Parlor



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Deb Ashler and Lisa Boles for their continued hard work and dedication for Next Act, by Anonymous.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

Today during our regular worship we are celebrating the start of the Church School year with the commissioning of 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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF: Today at 5:00 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. Go to our website or contact Pastor Tom for more info.

FAITH FORWARD: RECEPTION CELEBRATING PASTOR TOM'S SABBATICAL

Sunday, September 24, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Please join us next Sunday after worship for informal conversation (and treats), sharing stories of rest and renewal from summer trips, visits and time away from the usual routine.



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.

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.

WELCOME BACK TO BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Tuesday, September 19, 2:00 pm

Now Tuesdays at 2:00 pm! Join us in Griswold Parlor with Dr. Clémot who will lead this class weekly with new themes every few months. All levels; bring your favorite Bible translation. The first unit will be on the significance of ritual in our worship life. No registration necessary – new time, new place, newcomers welcome!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP: Wednesday, September 20

Men's Fellowship resumes on Wednesday, September 20th, at 7:30pm, at their usual meeting place: 54 Main Restaurant on Madison. Join this small group for beer, some food, and conversation on topics of interest - always including themes of faith and everyday life. Please contact Jeff Crater with questions or to join the rsvp group text: jhcrater@verizon.net - See you 9/20 at 54 Main!

REFORMATION HISTORY ONLINE COURSE: Beginning Thursday, September 21

Rev. Jeff Vamos of Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church will be 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.

BELONGING BOOK STUDY: Beginning Thursday, September 28, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Join Pastor Clémot for late afternoon fellowship and book club conversation around Brené Brown's best-selling book *Braving the Wilderness*. Location TBD

REFORMED FAITH AND BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS: October 1, 8, 15, 22 at noon

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. Four Sundays from noon to 1 pm, with lunch in Griswold Parlor. Call the office to register or for more information.

SPECIAL OFFERING

In the pews there is an envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This will be collected on **World Communion Sunday, October 1**, and the money goes to supporting peace-building activities and to providing relief, shelter, and hope to families and to reaching out to those in crisis and recovering from natural disasters.

FAITH FORWARD SUSTAINABLE LUNCHES: Sunday, October 1, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join us after worship for this Hands On Mission Project assembling sustainable lunches for Bridges Outreach. Please sign up to donate items and plan to stay to help assemble the bags.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Sunday, October 1, 5:00 pm

We are getting ready for our third annual special service – *Blessing of the Animals* on Sunday, October 1 at 5:00 pm on the front lawn of the church. More details will follow, but we would like to print pictures of your pet(s) on the cover of the bulletin again this year, so please email your pet's picture, along with their name to Gloria at gnewson@pcct-nj.org. We hope you will be able to join us for this special service. Donations will go to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison.

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

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

769 For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 B_{sus} B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 B_{sus}

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E B_{sus} E B_{sus}

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

B *All* E E/G# A2 B_{sus} B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 B_{sus} B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

B_{sus} B (E) *Fine* A2 E B_{sus} B

jus-tice and joy!

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Draw the Circle Wide

Slowly (♩ = ca. 57)

D G/D D

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

4 G/D G A D G A

cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

7 Bm E Em A D

side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

10 D D/C# *div.* Bm7 G A D

wide. Draw the cir - cle wide, draw it wid - er still. Let this

div.

WORDS: Gordon Light
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

DRAW THE CIRCLE
Irr.

13 Bm7 G E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

16 F# Bm G A7 D D/C#

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

19 D G/D D

wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

22 G/D G A D G A

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

25 Bm E Em A

side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

27 D *div.* G/D D A/D D

wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

30 G D E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

33 *to repeat* F# Bm G A D *Repeat as desired*

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

36 *to end* F# Bm D/A F# Bm E

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

39 *molto rit.* Em G A D D

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.