#### THIS WEEK AT PCCT: September 18 - 23, 2023

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Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall		
Development Committee Meeting,		
Staff Conference Room		
Staff Meeting, Halldorson Chapel		
Bible Study, Griswold Parlor		
Wednesday		
Children's Handbells, Bell Room/A-8		
Children's Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall		
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8		
Christian Education Meeting, New Parlor		
Men's Fellowship, off-site		
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Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary		
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 arr. Kevin McChesney Sanctuary Ringers

#### \*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.

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**

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others. You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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.

#### **Commissioning of the Confirmation Class of 2024**

#### Third Grade Bible Presentation

Aiden Jack Kautzmann, Emerson Smith Newman, Marion Joy Oosterheert, Luke James Schroeder

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter**: Psalm 114 Page 563

Anthem Lead Me, Lord arr. Carl Mueller
Chancel Choir

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Matthew 18:21-35 Page 20

**Sermon** "Fellowship of the Forgiven" The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

#### \*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) From Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

\*Hymn 769 For Everyone Born FOR EVERYONE BORN

#### The Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. Anna Laura Page

\*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 Draw the Circle Wide (see insert)

\*Benediction

Postlude God is Our Refuge and Strength Robert J. Powell

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Worship leaders this morning are Senior Pastor Ellen Clark Clémot and Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Jennifer Pannuzzo and John Merwin.

Thank you to our tabulators Bob Eager and Gordon Leach and to our processor Sandy Batten.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Gage Johnson, and Lynn Apolinaro for their technical assistance today.

#### 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.





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 SOUAD 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 and 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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.

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## Here in This Place



- 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 yearn for your face. We have been sung to bread of new birth. Here you shall call light years a - way: here in this place

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



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



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



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



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

# For Everyone Born 1 For ev - ery - one born, 2 For wom - an and man, 3 For young and for old, 4 For just and un - just, 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place a a place a a place a a place a

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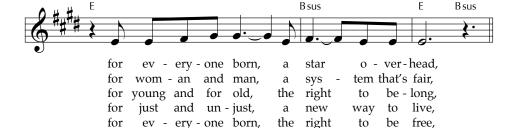


ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, voice to be heard, part in the song, a - bused, a - bus - er. with need to for give, live with - out fear, and sim - ply be,



a shel-ter, a space, with wis-dom and grace, the hands of a child in an-ger, in hurt, to work, to speak out,

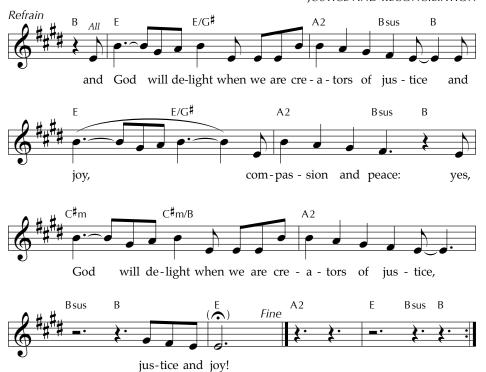
a safe place for grow - ing, di - vid - ing the pow - er, in hands that are wrin - kled, a mind - set of mer - cy, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



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.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998 MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006 Text © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

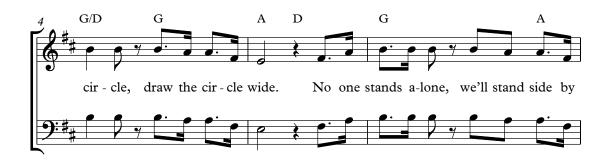
#### JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



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### Draw the Circle Wide









WORDS: Gordon Light MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

