

## THIS WEEK AT PCCT: September 25 - 30, 2023

### Monday

10:00 am Memorial Service and Reception for Douglas Purdy  
7:00 pm F & O Meeting, Zoom  
7:30 pm M & O Meeting, Zoom

### Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson  
7:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Griswold Parlor

### Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study, Halldorson Hall  
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 Worship & Music Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm.

### Thursday

12:00 pm Reformation History Class, Online  
6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Eagle Scout Review, Theos Room  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Friday

5:45 pm Parents' Night Out, Youth Suite

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**  
**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**  
**10:00 A.M.**

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

#### World Communion Sunday

**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  
**5:00 pm** Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn  
6:30 pm Senior High Youth Group Kick-Off

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

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#### Prelude

Just As I Am

arr. Greg Howlett

#### \*Call to Worship

adapted from Jeremiah 6:16

Leader: "Thus says the Lord: stand at the crossroads, and look. Ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies."

People: *We come, O Lord, seeking the ancient paths, hoping to find the good way.*

Leader: "Walk in it, and find rest for your souls."

People: *We seek the rest, you have promised, O Lord, and worship you in the hope that we will find it here.*

#### \*Processional Hymn 393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

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#### 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 - the more the merrier! To volunteer, you can go to our website or call the office to sign up.

### MUSIC FUNDRAISER WILL NOW BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

We will be transforming our Pasta Night into Shrove Tuesday! Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 8th from 6-8pm (the Thursday before Lent). This event will be hosted by the Music Ministries to celebrate before our journey in Lent.

Expect a Mardi Gras themed event with delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and New Orleans jazz! Proceeds will directly benefit our church through larger musical endeavors during important holidays and projects.

### 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 service by using this QR code.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September 24, 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

**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

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and dedicated to Ceri Gilpin and Gloria Newson, the smiling faces of our church office who are the backbone of our congregation's superb administration. We are so lucky to have them, by Deb & Rick Ahsler.

### FAITH FORWARD: RECEPTION CELEBRATING PASTOR TOM'S SABBATICAL

**Today after worship in Mulford Hall**

Help us celebrate Pastor Tom's summer sabbatical with a special reception following worship this morning. We'll have special treats and time for informal conversation, followed by a brief presentation about Tom's family trip to the West Coast. Tom will also be sharing an invitation to be part of a larger conversation about rest and renewal that will culminate in a congregational dinner on Sunday, Oct. 22. Come and join us to learn more! Details will also be shared in the PCCT weekly e-blast.

### 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, Halldorson Hall**

Join us in Halldorson Hall with Pastor 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!

**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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jbliemel@comcast.net)

**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, in Halldorson Hall.

**SPECIAL OFFERING**

In the pews there is an envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This will be collected next Sunday 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**

Everyone is invited to attend our third annual special service – *Blessing of the Animals* on Sunday, October 1 at 5:00 pm on the front lawn of the church. All God's creatures are invited to attend with their human families. An offering 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. We would also 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](mailto:gnewson@pcct-nj.org). We hope you will be able to join us for this special service.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP PROGRESSIVE DINNER: Sunday, October 1, 6:30 pm**

All high school youth are invited to join us for dinner and a fun evening as we officially relaunch our Senior High Youth Group. We'll be looking for your input on future events and activities. Friends are welcome to join us. Advance sign up and a signed permission for are required for this event. Contact Pastor Tom for more info.

**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!

**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. The Pumpkin Patch is a major mission fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to local hunger relief efforts. 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.

## 393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;  
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.  
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.  
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.  
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

# Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
 do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
 Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
 Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

## 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).