

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 16 - 21, 2023**

**Monday**

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room  
 2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Halldorson

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson  
 2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

**Wednesday**

10:00 am Bible Study, Halldorson  
 2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
 5:00 pm Children’s Choir, Bell  
 Room/A-8  
 5:45 pm Children’s Chat & Chew,  
 Mulford Hall  
 Children’s Handbells, Bell

**Thursday**

12:00 pm Reformation History Class,  
 Online  
 2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers,  
 Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Belonging Book Club,  
 Home  
 of Julie Bliemel  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

**Friday**

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

**Saturday**

9:00 am Community Food Bank

**Sunday, October 15, 2023  
 10:00 A.M.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, October 22, 2023**

9:00 am Deacons Blood Drive, Halldorson  
 9:15 & 11:15 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 Coffee & Fellowship, Upper Lobby  
 Pumpkin Patch Opens  
 12:00 pm Reformed Faith and Bible for Beginners  
 6:00 pm PCCT Community Dinner, Mulford Hall

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**Prelude** Just As I Am arr. Chuck Marohnic

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is good!

*People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: Trust in the Lord.

*People: The Lord is near.*

*All: Alleluia! Amen.*

**\*Processional Hymn 409** God Is Here! ABBOT’S LEIGH

**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)

*You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You made us for a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. 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**

Yvonne Anderson  
Director of Family Ministries

*(After the message, K-4<sup>th</sup> graders and Breakfast Club will go downstairs for Extended Church School.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter:** Psalm 23

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**Anthem**

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee

Scott

Chancel Choir

**Lesson from the New Testament:** Philippians 4:1-9

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**Sermon**

Stewardship of a Thriving Church:

“Overcoming Anxiety”

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

from Psalm 145:13-18

*The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.*

*The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.*

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.*

*You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.*

*The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.*

*The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

**\*Hymn 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** “debts . . . debtors”

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**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

arr. Chuck Marohnic

**\*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 802** (vv. 1-4) The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

arr. Adam Mason

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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 Patti Montefusco, Doug Haislip, and Ken Basmadjian.

Our tabulators and processor this week are Ric and Carrie Butler.  
Special thanks to Bob Eager, Lynn Apolaro, and Nathan Brown  
for their technical assistance today.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 10 am, Halldorson Hall**

Join us in Halldorson Hall with Pastor Clémot who leads this class weekly with new themes every few months. 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.

**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 pop-up link. Thank you.  
*Managed by the Worship & Music Committee*

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**Tuesdays, Beginning October 3, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**

The Senior Center of the Chathams has opened a new session of their Grief Support Group for older adults. This group is free and provides a safe and welcoming space to explore experiences with loss. The group is facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. You can call the Center to sign up at 973-635-4565.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**October 15, 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 New Members Meet with Elders, Halldorson
- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
- 10:15 am Extended Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Party at the Patch! Front Lawn  
Pumpkin Patch Open
- 12:00 pm Reformed Faith and Bible for Beginners, Halldorson
- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones, by Ken and Phyllis Basmadjian.

**EXTENDED CHURCH SCHOOL: Today at 10:15 am**

This morning (Grades K-4) and Breakfast Club (Grades 5 – 8) will meet for Extended Church School. Students will start in worship with their families and then be dismissed to their classes before the sermon. We will have extended activities and fellowship and will also join in the fun at the Party at the Patch!



**PARTY AT THE PATCH: Today at 11:00 AM**

Celebrate Fall and the first full weekend of the Pumpkin Patch right after church outside the sanctuary's door on the front lawn this morning. We'll be grilling up some Hallo-weenies, munching on pumpkin donuts, and playing some lawn games. Bring your camera to take family / friends photos. Pick up your pumpkin before all the good ones are gone! Children staying for extended church school will be joining in the fun. Hope to see you there!

**PUMPKIN PATCH IS OPEN!**

A favorite mission and volunteer experience! To sell pumpkins on the front lawn, sign-up in the Upper Lobby; through our eblasts; on our website; or call the church office 973-635-2340. 100% of the proceeds go to local hunger relief efforts.

**REFORMED FAITH AND BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS PART III: Today at noon, Theos Room**

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.

**CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW**

Our mid-week Church school program continues on: 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. Parents are requested to donate \$125 per child for the Fall to cover the costs of the dinners and craft supplies. Please contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

**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 7 pm 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)

**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 [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Faith Forward opportunity!

**NOMINATING**

The Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for Elders and Deacons from our church members. We encourage you to nominate yourself if you are a member of the church and have an interest in serving. We elect Deacons and Elders each year for a three-year term. We also seek nominations for representatives to the Nominating Committee (members at-large) and Audit Committee members for next year. The form is available as an insert today.

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

Join us for a catered meal from *Mexican Spice* 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. Scan this QR Code to enter your responses online.



**COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP DAY: Saturday, Oct. 28, 9:00 -11:00 am**

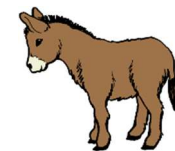
As the growing season draws to a close, we will be cleaning out the raised beds and preparing the garden for its winter rest. We want the garden to be in great shape for next spring's planting - please come lend a hand. Sign up on our website.

**THE CORNERSTONE OF PCCT'S ANNUAL PROGRAM**

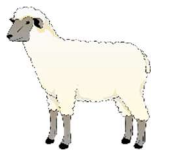
Our annual Stewardship Campaign isn't just a tradition—it's the backbone of PCCT's ministry. The funds we raise together ensure our worship spaces remain warm and welcoming, our staff receive fair wages, and our programs evolve to serve our community better. **Remember to mail your pledge card, bring it to worship on November 19, or make your pledge online.** Your unwavering support allows us to realize the dreams and aspirations we hold for our church community.

**2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Sunday, December 17, 4:00 pm**



All are welcome to come to our special outdoors live nativity pageant and carol sing. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, the event features kid participants and live animals. All school age children are invited to participate. Volunteers are also needed! For more information, please contact Yvonne Anderson, Director of Family Ministries or Elizabeth Monkemeier, Director of Children's Music.



## God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.



## 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 and O what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.