



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**

Gymnopedie No. 1  
Sanctuary Ringers

by Erik Satie  
arr. Dan Wagner

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: O sing to God a new song!

People: *Sing to God, all of us throughout this earth.*

Leader: Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.

People: *Proclaim God's salvation from morning until night.*

Leader: For God is great!

People: *With gratitude and joy, we join together in praising Almighty God.*

**\*Processional Hymn 275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      EIN' FESTE BURG

**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)

*Your holiness, O God, invites us to confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as we should nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us, we pray, in Jesus' name.*

**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.*

**Special Music**

Welcome Song  
Children's Choir

by Toni Sullivan  
arr. Elizabeth Monkemeier

**Message For All God's Children**

The Rev. Thomas A. Brown

*(K-4<sup>th</sup> graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;  
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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**Anthem**

One Step  
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Matthew 22:34-40

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**Sermon "Loving Our Neighbors"**

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

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

The Apostles' 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.*

**\*Hymn 203** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CHEREPONI

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors" Hymnal, Page 35

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** Healing Spirit Andrew Garner

**\*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 754** Help Us Accept Each Other BARONITA

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** A Mighty Fortress is Our God Johann Pachelbel

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Worship leaders this morning are Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown  
and Elder and Deacon Co-Moderator Lissa MacCallum.

Our ushers this morning are Martin Barbato, Mark Schmitter, Ed Kostrowski,  
Andy Brummer, Jeff Baun, and Bob Wislocky.

Thank you to our tabulators Cindy Murphy and Kent Stevens  
and our processor Sandy Batten this week.

Special thanks to our technical team for  
for their assistance today.



**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 30 – November 4, 2023**

**Monday**

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

5:00 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8  
5:45 pm Children's Handbells, Bell Room/A-8

**Wednesday (cont'd)**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Eagle Review, Theos Room  
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship Group, off-site

**Thursday**

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

**Saturday**

Confirmation Retreat, Johnsonburg

**NEXT SUNDAY, November 5, 2023**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**All Saints' Remembrance**

**Marcel Tyberg's "Mass in F Major"**

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**  
10:15 am Church School and Breakfast Club  
11:00 am **Faith Forward: Reformation Presentation  
and Reception, Mulford Hall**  
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship,  
Capture the Flag, Youth Suite

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# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



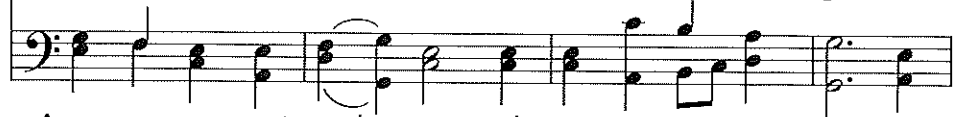
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



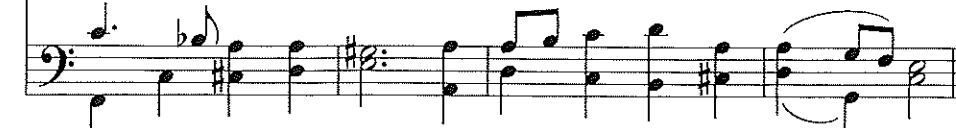
Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, all.

EIN' FESTE BURG  
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.  
 MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982  
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 Music Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREPONI  
 7.7.9 with refrain

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1974  
 MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974  
 Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

BARONITA  
 7.6.7.6.D

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 29, 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

- 9:15 & 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, Mulford Hall  
Pumpkin Patch Open  
3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception, Sanctuary & Mulford Hall  
6:00 pm Senior High Youth Group, Scare Farm, Hillsborough



## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Susan & Ralph Johnson, parents,  
with love and gratitude by Nancy, Carol and David Johnson.

## LYRICA CONCERT: Today at 3:00 pm

Guest violinist Eric Silberger, an international artist of the highest order and a long time protege of Itzhak Perlman, joins Lyrica's Co-Artistic Directors Ani Kalayjian and David Kaplan to open the new season. Their program is built around the Piano Trio in A minor by Tchaikovsky, a work in which deeply personal emotions are given an epic scale. A reception will follow to meet the artists.

## PUMPKIN PATCH ENDS SOON!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and or purchased some pumpkins this year. 100% of the proceeds go to local hunger relief efforts-we appreciate your support!

## REFORMATION HISTORY TOUR BLOG WITH PASTOR ELLEN

Follow along online as Pastor Ellen visits the key sites of the historic events that took place during the years of the Protestant Reformation movement in Germany and Switzerland 500 years ago. She will be sharing photos and a trip blog every few days while she travels to the birthplace of our Reformed faith tradition during the last week of October. Go to our website for the link to the travel blog.



**REFORMATION HISTORY RECEPTION: Sunday, November 5, 11:00 am**

The Welcoming Committee invites you to a special reception to celebrate the Reformation of our faith with bratwurst, cider donuts, and apple cider. Pastor Clemot will share photos and stories from her trip to Luther's Germany and Calvin's Switzerland. All are welcome to enjoy foods familiar to the early Reformers while hearing more about the early days of our faith tradition. If you would like to help host this event, or grill bratwurst in the morning, please contact the office or Elder Gage Johnson at [gagerjohnson676@gmail.com](mailto:gagerjohnson676@gmail.com)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Capture the Flag**  
**Sunday, November 5, 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

Join us for a classic youth group game – dress warmly to play outside (weather permitting). Game to be followed by a warm meal (indoors) and a brief devotional. Friends welcome!

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Sunday, November 12, 5:00 pm in Halldorson Hall**

Led by Pastor Tom and the Deacons, this contemplative candlelight service invites worshippers to reflect on the people, places, and experiences that have shaped their lives. During the service, the Deacons read the names of those we are remembering. If you are unable to attend, but would like a name read, please email the person's name and their relationship to you to Pastor Tom at [tbrown@pcct-nj.org](mailto:tbrown@pcct-nj.org).

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY MEETS HARVEST SUNDAY**

Mark your calendars for November 19! In embodying this year's theme, *Sharing our Bounty*, Stewardship Sunday and Harvest Sunday are on the same day. It's a day dedicated to gratitude and community support. We'll come together to share our blessings, from food donations for those in need to financial pledges that bolster our church's mission. **Whether mailed, delivered in-person, or online, let's make our pledges count.** Your dedication and commitment drive the mission and vision of PCCT forward, making a tangible difference in many lives.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL: Sunday, November 19**

Join us in celebrating Thanksgiving by bringing non-perishables to worship on November 19, for donation to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris Plains. The best items to donate include proteins (canned or dried beans, Tuna or other canned fish, peanut butter), whole grains (Cereal, oatmeal, pasta, rice), shelf-stable milk and canned fruits or vegetables. No glass containers please! Following worship, please join us in Mulford Hall to help sort food. Many hands make light work for this wonderful cause! This is a Faith Forward opportunity.

### FAMILY ROLLER SKATING

Sunday, November 19, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Kids of all ages and their parents are invited for an afternoon of skating at the Florham Park Roller Rink. Cost is \$20 per skater and includes rental (in-line or traditional) and skater's choice of hot dog or pizza, plus a fountain drink. Non-skaters are \$10 each.

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: The Great Cook-Off

Sunday, November 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Join us for some serious cooking competition! Teams will meet separately in homes to prepare dinner and dessert, then gather at the church to enjoy the meal and see which team deserves the honors for best cooked meal. Additional details and locations TBD.

### 2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 17, 4:00 pm

All are welcome to come to our special outdoor 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. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!



### HELP THE CHURCH! BECOME A TABULATOR!

Tabulators work in teams to process donations and other income in a structured way to ensure the gifts are recorded properly and money makes it to the bank in a timely fashion. Tabulating teams work immediately following the Sunday church service. The entire process takes less than an hour. Each team tabulates 6 or 7 times a year.

#### Tabulating FAQs

Will I be trained?	Of course!
Are there written procedures?	Of course!
What skills do I need?	Ability to add, work a calculator, follow written instructions.
What if I can't make it on my assigned Sunday?	Teams can switch dates with one another as needed.

Tabulating is an important, but easy way to contribute to the church. If you have additional questions or want to volunteer, please contact Financial Secretary, Ann Jadro, at 973-224-5638.

### REFUGEE ASSISTANCE MORRIS PARTNERS (RAMP)

Ramp is looking for leads on employment opportunities for two members of one of their RAMP families. One is seeking an administrative or operations position and has a strong background in contract and employment-placement administration. The other candidate has a school aide background and is seeking part-time work in or around Boonton while pursuing studies as a pharmacy technician. Please contact Kathleen Carozza at [kathleen@rampnj.org](mailto:kathleen@rampnj.org) with any leads.

### 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*

### 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.

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### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP : Tuesdays from 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.

### CHILDREN'S PEACE FESTIVAL IN CHATHAM

Everyone is invited on Saturday, November 3, to the Chatham Summit Quaker Meeting between 2-5 pm for a festive afternoon designed to engage youngsters and give them the opportunity to experience peace and peacemaking through arts and crafts, music and games. Food Trucks will be on site. There is no charge for any of the activities, but there will be an opportunity to donate to peace building organizations. Chatham Summit Quaker Meeting is located at 158 Southern Blvd., Chatham.

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

## New Officer Elections for Elders and Deacons Congregational Nomination Form

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. Here are definitions to keep in mind:

**Ruling Elder:** is a member of our governing board, called Session, which also includes the clergy staff who are Teaching Elders. A Ruling Elder is elected to a three-year term on Session and is ordained into the ministry of church governance. The Elders set church policy and serve on one of the standing ministry committees to implement programs in the areas of faith, fellowship, and service.

**Deacon:** is a member of the Board of Deacons, which provides a ministry of compassion, witness, and caring for the congregation. The Deacon Board is established by Session to carry out this special caring ministry on behalf of the church. Each Deacon is assigned a group of members to check in with on a regular basis, as well as serving on special assignments like communion preparation and funeral receptions.

I would like the Nominating Committee to consider these people for:

Elder: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Audit Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominating Committee appreciates your suggestions! Thank you. You may place this form in the offering plate, or send it to the Church Office, or email the Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee Lauren Magill at [@lauren.c.magill@gmail.com](mailto:@lauren.c.magill@gmail.com) and Andy Oosterheert at [oosterheert@mac.com](mailto:oosterheert@mac.com).



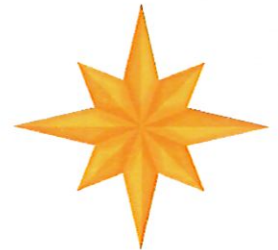
PCCT AND CC PRESENT

2023 Children's

# Christmas Pageant

Performance Date

Sunday, December 17th at 4pm



Rehearsals

Sunday, 12/3 at 11:45am-1:00pm

Sunday, 12/10 at 11:45am-1:00pm

Saturday, 12/16 at 2:00-4:30pm

All School-Age Children are welcome to participate. Please register using the QR code above. Volunteers also needed!

