

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 9 - 14, 2023

Monday

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson

12:00 pm Chatham Interfaith Clergy Luncheon, Halldorson

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

7:00 pm Session, Halldorson

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

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Thursday

12:00 pm Reformation History Class, Online

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship

Suite Friday Night Lock-In, Youth

6:30 pm Cub Scouts, Mulford Hall

**Sunday, October 8, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

Prelude

Howell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

People: *The skies proclaim God's handiwork.*

Leader: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

People: *Let us worship the Lord our God*

All: *Alleluia! Amen!*

***Processional Hymn 386**

Come, Worship God

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 15, 2023

9:00 am New Members Meet with Elders, Halldorson

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9

10:15 am Extended Church School and Breakfast Club

11:00 am Party at the Patch, Front Lawn

Pumpkin Patch Opens

12:00 pm Reformed Faith and Bible for Beginners, Halldorson

7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones. You planted us with choice vines and kept watch over us night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOR EX)

*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, children in grades K-8 will go downstairs
to the One Room Schoolhouse in the Theos Room.)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 5:1-7

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Anthem God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending arr. Adam Waite
Chancel Choir

Lesson from the Gospels: Matthew 21:33-46

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Sermon Stewardship of a Thriving Church:
“Planting Where the Ground is Good - Stewardship of Flourishing”
The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison) from the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity F-1.0301

*The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.
The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a*

*new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised creation.
The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.
The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.*

*Hymn 74 When God Restored Our Common Life RESIGNATION

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer “debts . . . debtors” Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory Air Jonathan Battishill

***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 774** (vv. 1-4) There Is Now a New Creation
STUTTGART

*Benediction

Postlude Duo du troisième ton Jacques Boyvin

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

Thank you to our ushers and greeters this morning.

Special thanks to Dylan Mangel, Gage Johnson, and Carlene Pruitt

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. 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.

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

MUSIC NOTES

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 8, 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

- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
- 10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
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 Betty Boberg, by her family.

PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS TODAY!

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. 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 II: 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

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 continue on: 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGINNING THIS WEEK!

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Friday Night Lock-In Friday, October 13, 6:00 – 10:00 pm

Bring a friend and hang out with us on a Friday Night! We'll have the game room open, play all kinds of new and fun games, plus classics like the ever popular Manhunt! We'll have pizza, sodas, snacks and... the world's longest Ice Cream Sundae! Save the date and plan to join us. Cost is \$40 and a permission slip must be on file. We can't wait to see you for this awesome evening!

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP DAY: Saturday, Oct. 14, 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.

EXTENDED CHURCH SCHOOL: Sunday October 15

Next Sunday (Grades K-4) and Breakfast Club (Grades 5 – 8) will meet for Extended Church School. Students start in worship with their families and are dismissed to their classes before the sermon. We will have extended activities and fellowship.

PARTY AT THE PATCH!: Sunday, October 15, 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. 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!

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 19th 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

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 and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Appointments are strongly recommended. This is a Faith Forward opportunity.

PCCT FAMILY 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.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS: SHARING OUR BOUNTY 2024!

Exciting news! We've launched our Sharing Our Bounty 2024 Annual Stewardship Campaign at PCCT. This isn't just a financial endeavor—it's a heartfelt reflection on the blessings we've received and a promise to support our church's mission in the year ahead. Together, we'll continue embracing each other's joys and sorrows as a united faith community. Please consider bringing your pledge cards on November 19 or making your pledges online. Your support embodies the love and unity that makes PCCT special.

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Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;

2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;

3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;

4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!

held in your hands are the depths of the earth.

you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.

o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion

Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,

Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;

Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.

God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.

great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!

trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

When God Restored Our 74 Common Life (Psalm 126)



1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
 2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
 3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
 soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
 pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
 fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
 jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
 gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
 mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

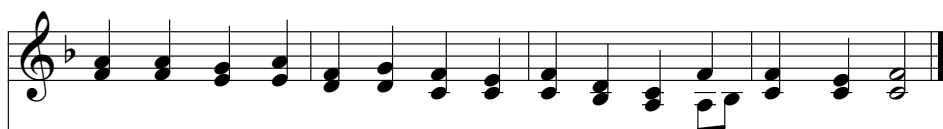
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This paraphrase brings Psalm 126 to life in two ways: by turning the "they" of the final verses of the psalm to "we," and by adding a prayer for all who still wait for release from oppression. The shape note tune provides just the right balance of gratitude and urgency.

774 There Is Now a New Creation



- 1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.