



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, November 26, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

We Gather Together
Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: *let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Leader: For the Lord is a great God;

People: *a great ruler over heaven and earth!*

***Processional Hymn 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

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)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

*(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 Psalter: Psalm 95: 1-7a

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Anthem

Song in the Night
Chancel Choir

arr. Zach Busch

Lesson from the New Testament: Ephesians 1:15-23

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Sermon "May You Have Hope"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison) Creed of Hope Gerardo Oberman, adapted

*We believe in God. The God of all creeds, with all their truths.
But, above all, in the God that rises from the dead to become part of life.*

*We believe in the God who is attentive today, who looks at the world and
sees: the hatred that segregates, divides, sets people aside, hurts and kills,
the victims of violence, poverty, and injustice, as well as those without homes
or food, the dirty rivers and toxicity destroying the earth and piercing the sky
the future mortgaged and humanity's debt growing.*

We believe in God who sees all this and keeps on crying.

*But we also believe in God
who sees a mother giving birth – a life born from pain,
who sees two children playing - a seed growing,
who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning,
who sees those clamoring for justice – an illusion that doesn't die
who sees the sun rising every morning - a time of opportunities.*

*We believe in God who sees all this... and does not give up.
Because, in spite of it all, there is hope.*

***Hymn 274** (vv. 1-3) You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd PICARDY

The Prayers of the People

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

Call to Offering

Offertory The Morning Trumpet arr. Robert Wetzler
Chancel Choir

***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 320** (vv. 1-3,5) The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

***Benediction**

Postlude Rejoice the Lord is King! arr. Mark Hayes

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

Our ushers this morning are Evan Skinner, Cynthia Merwin, and John Merwin.

Thank you to our tabulators and processor Ric and Carrie Butler.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Lynn Apolinaro, and Nathan Brown
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 27 – December 2, 2023

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Zoom
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach, Zoom

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson
7:00 pm Development & Communications,
off-site

Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study, Halldorson Hall
12:00 pm Wednesdays@Noon, online

Wednesday (cont'd)

5:00 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8
5:45 pm Children's Handbells, Bell Room/A-8
7:00 pm Worship & Music, Staff Conf. Room

Thursday

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

Saturday

7:30 pm Summit Chorale Concert, Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY, December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

The Sacrament of Communion

9:15 & 11:00 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 Faith Forward: Belonging to a Connectional Church,
Halldorson Hall
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
11:45 am Children's Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship,
Christmas Party, Location TBD

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4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (F) B^b (C) F (Em) Am (Am) Dm (A7) D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

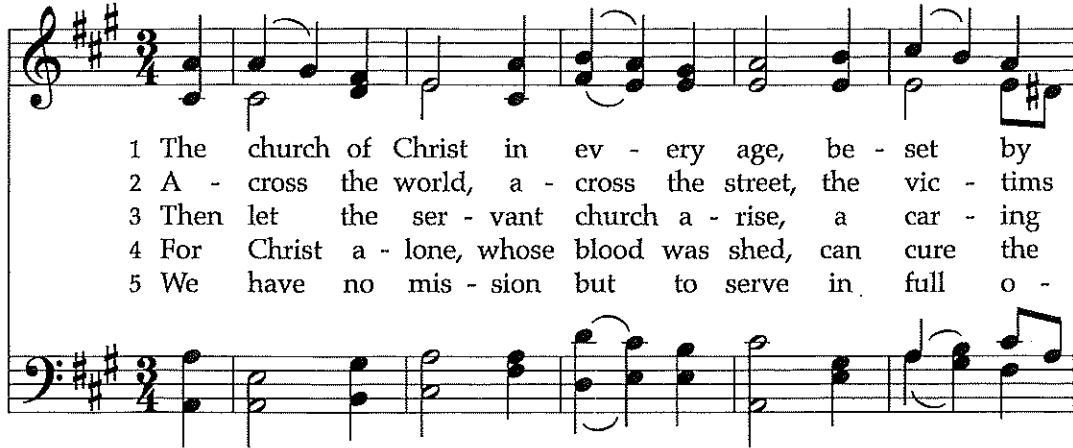
of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

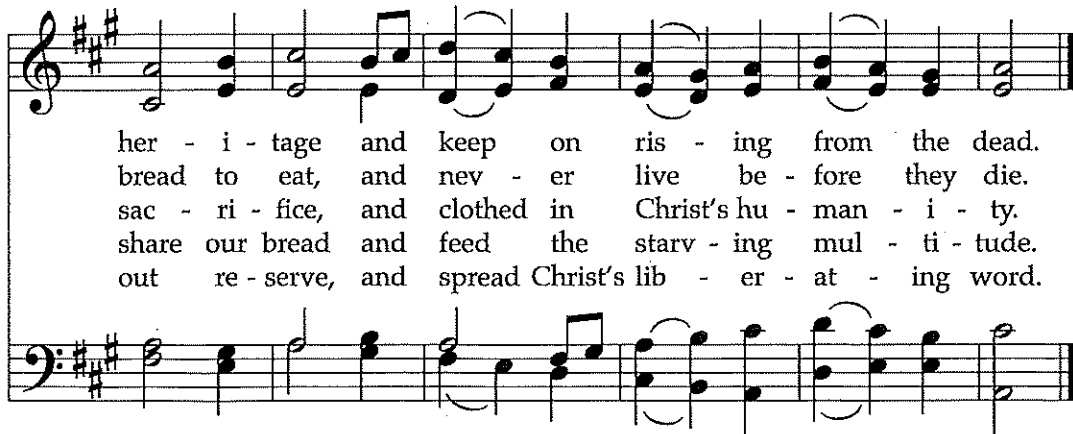
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.



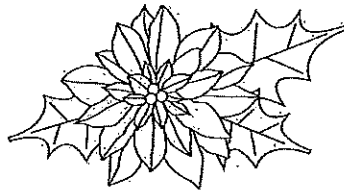
ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26, 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 & Fellowship, Mulford Hall



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of son Gregory and husband Gordon, by Marilyn Granger.

SHARING OUR BOUNTY: 2024 Stewardship Campaign

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who submitted their pledges of support for the Sharing Our Bounty 2024 Stewardship Campaign. Your contributions are crucial and much appreciated as we work toward our financial goals and keep our church community strong and welcoming. Thank you for being a part of our future.

GIVING TREES

The PCCT tradition of Christmas Giving Trees is ongoing. There are still many gifts available and more opportunities to sign up online.





SUMMIT CHORALE CONCERT

Saturday, December 2, 7:30 pm

Join the Summit Chorale for their holiday concert, "Love & Joy" on December 2nd at 7:30 PM in our sanctuary. They will be performing holiday classics, Rutter's Magnificat, and excerpts from Handel's Judas Maccabeus. Tickets available at the door (\$30).

FAITH FORWARD: BELONGING TO A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 3, 11:00 am in Halldorson Hall

Join us for a brief and informative Faith Forward presentation about how the connections we share within the Presbyterian Church (USA) inform our beliefs, structure and practice of ministry. Pastor Tom will share insights and wisdom drawn from his extensive experience serving two presbyteries, most recently as moderator of the Presbytery of the Highlands.

COOKIE WALK AND SOUP TO SOOTHE SOULS

Saturday, December 9, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Your help is needed to make this ever-popular event a success! Soup to Soothe Souls: Would you be willing to fill 4 one-quart containers with your favorite soup for our sale? Containers and labels available in the Lounge. Cookie Walk: When you are baking your Christmas cookies, please add an extra batch of 2-4 dozen for this event. This is a great family event and cannot happen without your support!

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday, December 17

Join us for this special worship service blending music performed by PCCT music groups, along with youth and adult leaders sharing Scripture and featuring festive music and many "sing-a-longs." Don't miss this family-friendly celebration of Advent and Christmas.

FAITH FORWARD: CAROLS AND COFFEE: Sunday, December 17, 11:00 am

Join us for a fun and festive holiday songfest with PCCT's own Sandy Batten! Stop in to sing a few of your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy seasonal refreshments after worship in Mulford Hall. All ages and voices are welcome as we sing well-known and much loved tunes.



CHILDREN'S CAROLS & LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI

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. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up! Special community event!

MUSICAL MEDITATION



MUSICAL MEDITATION: Tuesday, December 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come and enjoy instrumental and piano/vocal music in our beautiful, tranquil sanctuary by Director of Music Matthew Zabiegala. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or the whole time. There will be no reading, speaking, scripture reading, or the expectation to participate. Simply different styles of quiet music from classical to pop, medieval to Avant Garde, everything in between and arrangements of familiar, holiday tunes and hymns.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

3:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve worship service with children's ensembles and brass
(in-person only)

5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service with adult ensembles and brass
(livestreamed and in-person)

11:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service
(in-person only)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC FUND

Please see today's red insert to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the December 17 worship service, and also the green insert to donate to our music program to support special music during the Christmas season. You can also find both order forms online on our website. Our deadline for ordering is Friday, December 8.

CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS AND GREETERS

Please sign up on the Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters board in the Lobby if you are able to serve.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2024

The 2024 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby and you may now choose dates for next year by signing up on the board or by going to our website. Also, **Dec. 10** is the last date available for 2023 - please call the office if you would like to dedicate flowers in memory or in honor of someone on that day.

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! Thank you.
Managed by the Worship & Music Committee

BLOOD DRIVE: Saturday, December 9, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Hosted by the Chatham Emergency Squad

Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church

286 Main Street, Chatham



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary during the Christmas season, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Friday, December 8. The price is \$15.00 per plant.

Red or White Poinsettia (circle choice)

I wish to donate _____ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each, to be taken by the Deacons to a sick or homebound member of the congregation.

I wish to donate _____ poinsettia(s) at \$15.00 each, which I will pick up following worship on Sunday, December 17.

I wish to make a \$_____ donation towards the Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary.

**The bulletin will read: *The poinsettias in our chancel have been contributed...*

IN MEMORY OF . . . (or) IN HONOR OF . . . (circle one)

NAME _____
(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR _____

DONOR'S NAME _____
(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

**Return this form to the church office no later than
Friday, December 8.**

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. You can also place your order online through Breeze if you go to our website. Thank you!

HELP OUR MUSIC PROGRAM
PRESENT BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THIS CHRISTMAS

- The holiday season is upon us, and our music program is hard at work preparing wonderful music for the season.

This requires hours of rehearsal by our dedicated volunteer musicians, along with significant financial support, as there are professional musicians, instrument rentals, and sheet music to be paid for.

Any and all donations are welcome, with your name and optional dedication appearing alphabetically in a special insert included in the worship bulletin.

Simply fill out the form below and return, with your donation, to the church office by Friday, December 8. You can also make a donation online through Breeze if you go to our website. Thank you for your support!

DONOR'S NAME

DONATION AMOUNT \$_____ (will NOT be listed in Bulletin)

OPTIONAL DEDICATION:

NAME *IN MEMORY OF* . . . (or) *IN HONOR OF* . . . (circle one)

Please return this form to the church office
by Friday, December 8.

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "Music Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!



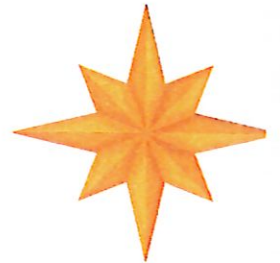
PCCT AND CC PRESENT

2023 Children's

Christmas Pageant

Performance Date

Sunday, December 17th at 4pm



SCAN ME

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!

