



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, November 12, 2023
Reception of New Members
Family Worship
10:00 A.M.

Prelude I Remember When Alexis Ffrench

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

People: For God has blessed us with so much good.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad.

People: For we have enough to share.

All: Thanks be to God! Our Bounty is great!

***Processional Hymn 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

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)

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with the bounty of your goodness, and the gift of your grace. For we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good, and the provider of every blessing. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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.*

*(Children are invited to come up and sit in the second pew on the right
for the Reception of New Members.)*

Reception of New Members

Maury Gately, Clerk of Session

*(After the new members are received, children may return to the pews to worship
with their families or go to the One Room Schoolhouse with Ms. Yvonne.)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Amos 5:18-24

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Anthem

Who At My Door is Standing
Chancel Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

Second Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Malachi 3:8-12

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Sermon

Stewardship of a Thriving Church:
"Dreams for Things that Matter"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

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

Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself. We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of

self-giving love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible. We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

***Hymn 692** Spirit, Open My Heart WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

The Prayers of the People

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

Call to Offering

Offertory Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Tom Trenney

***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 761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

***Benediction**

Postlude Sonata in D. Major, K.288 Domenico Scarlatti

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Today's worship leaders are Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot
and Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers are Ric Butler, Mike Kmiecik, Nancy Kmiecik,
Joslin Ruffle, and Carolyn Smith.

Our processor and tabulators this week are Ann Jadro and Bob Eager.

Special thanks to Craig Duke, Zach Brown, and Nathan Brown
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 13 - 18, 2023

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Presbytery, Zoom

Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study, Halldorson Hall
5:00 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8
5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall
Children's Handbells, Bell Room/A-8
7:15 pm Christian Ed. Meeting, New Parlor

Wednesday, (cont'd)

7:30 pm Cub Leader Meeting,
Theos Room
Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Belonging Women's Fellowship,
Stacy McCann's Home
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

9:00 am Community FoodBank,
Hillsborough

NEXT SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

Harvest Festival

Pledge Sunday

Family Worship

9:15 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
11:00 am Harvest Festival Food Sorting, Mulford Hall
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
3:30 pm Family Roller Skating, Florham Park Roller Rink
6:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, The Great Cook-Off
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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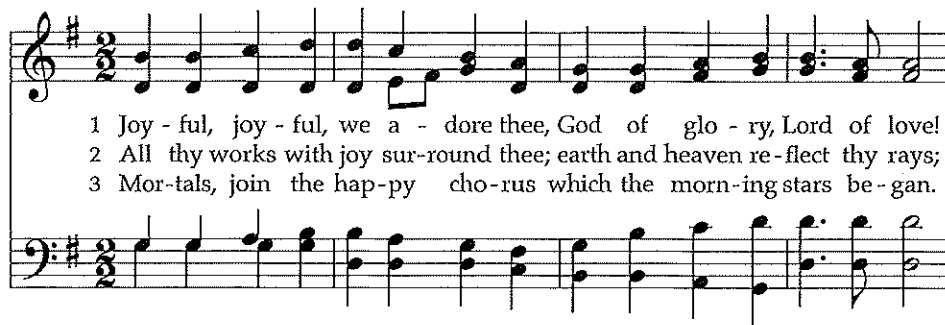
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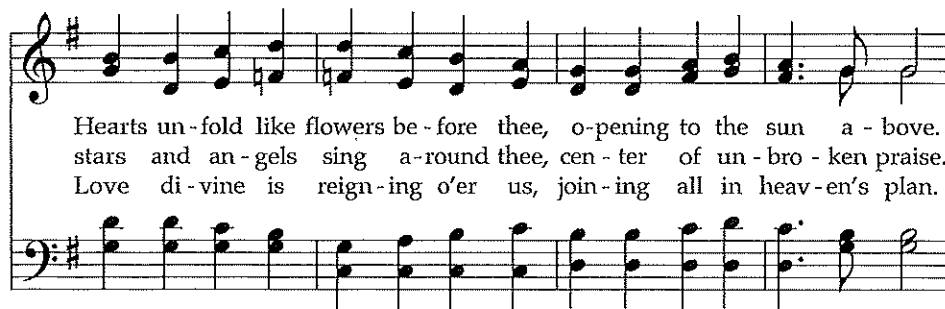
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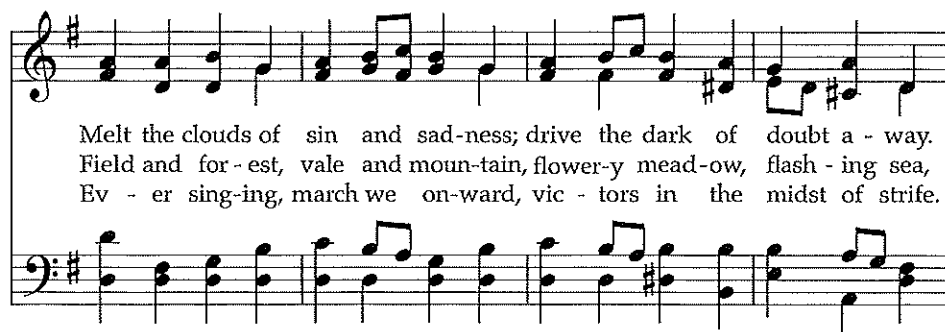
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



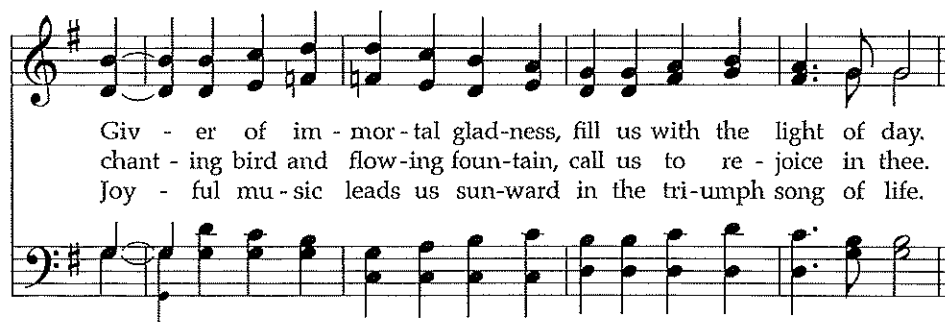
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
 8.7.8.7.D

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 Refrain F B^b F B^b C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and

sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.

deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

to Refrain

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
 Irregular

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

BEECHER
 8.7.8.7.D

(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12, 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 New Member Sunday Family Worship

Where indicated in the bulletin, families may choose to have their children remain in worship with them or join the "One Room Schoolhouse" taught by Ms. Yvonne Anderson.

- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
- 10:15 am** **One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room**
- 11:00 am** **Reception for New Members, Mulford Hall**
- 5:00 pm** **Service of Remembrance, Halldorson Hall**

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Jim Collins, Father, Grandfather and Great-Father, from the Montefusco Family.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Gayle and Jon Dierks started coming to PCCT 8 years ago with their daughter Amy and husband Kyle Kautzmann when their oldest grandson Aiden was baptized, having been members of the Succasunna Presbyterian Church for 40 years. They raised their three daughters there and were very active in that church.

Gayle and Jon met at Westminster College in Pennsylvania and were married after college. Gayle became an elementary teacher and spent the next 34 years in education as a teacher, getting her Masters to be a LDTC, Director of Special Services and finishing her career as an Elementary Principal. Jon had his own business as a Painter and Wallpaper Hanger. They were very active in their daughters' lives with Jon coaching many sports, Gayle as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and they both taught Sunday School and were Youth Group Advisors at church.

Now in retirement, they are fortunate to spend time with all three of their daughters' families and 8 grandchildren. They are also snowbirds traveling to Florida in the winter which they enjoy. Jon plays tennis most days and enjoys gardening. Gayle likes reading, working out at the YMCA, as well as cooking and baking, and they both enjoy golfing, spending time with friends, attending concerts, plays and traveling. They look forward to making PCCT their permanent church home. Following worship, you may greet Jon and Gayle during Coffee and Fellowship in Mulford Hall, hosted by the Welcoming Committee.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This evening at 5:00 pm in Halldorson Hall

Led by Pastor Tom and the Deacons, this contemplative candlelight service provides an opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones recently lost and long-missed during the holiday season. During the service of prayer and reflection, 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 or fill out a card found on the back table in the narthex.

HANDS-ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: America's Grow-a-Row

Monday, November 13, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join Pastor Tom and others for a brisk morning service project as we help harvest cabbage at the America's Grow-a-Row farm in Milford, NJ. We are looking for a few hearty souls to help this long-term mission partner. Please sign-up in advance online and indicate in the comments whether you prefer to carpool (departing at 8:30 am) or will meet us at the farm. Dress for the fields - layers are best - and plan to bring water and work gloves.

BELONGING WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, November 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16 at Stacy McCann's home. For November we will have a "Thanksgiving/Gratitude" theme and our book topic will be Anne Lamott's book *Help, Thanks, Wow* in which she writes about the three simple prayers essential to coming through tough times, difficult days and the hardships of daily life. Please email Stacy at swmccann@optonline.net if you plan to attend.



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. There is a list of items needed in today's insert. 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. If possible, please bring your donations in **reusable bags** which will also be donated.

Giving Trees will be up too! Grab a tag or two!

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

The essence of PCCT has always been its people. Over the years, our collective efforts have achieved wonders, leaving a lasting impact on countless souls. Our *Sharing Our Bounty* 2024 Annual Stewardship Campaign is another testament to that spirit. **Please make sure to mail your pledge card, bring it on November 19, or pledge online.** Remember, when each of us contributes, the effect is monumental. Your support not only ensures the upkeep of PCCT but also strengthens the bonds of our faith community.

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. Scan the QR code to sign up!



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.

GIVING TREE FOR JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN SERVICES: November 2 – 19

The Jersey Battered Women Services organization is collecting gifts from 11/2 -11/19 for their boutique. These gifts allow JBWS to create a holiday boutique so JBWS clients and their children can shop for one another during the holidays. Please check our website for the link to choose a gift. Jersey Battered Women's Services is dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence. JBWS provides protection and empowerment of the victim and rehabilitation of family members. JBWS advocates for social reform and public education about partner violence and its consequences.

CHATHAM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

Join with Chatham friends and neighbors across all faiths and traditions in a joyous celebration of the many blessings we share. The service will be held at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 85 Washington Avenue. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the Chathams and Green Village. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the CUMC Food Pantry; offering to go to the Chatham Emergency Squad.

COOKIE WALK & SOUPS TO SOOTHE SOULS

Saturday, December 9, 9:30 – 11:00 am

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

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 is an important and 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.

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*

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

There are four open weeks left for a flower dedication in 2023. Nov. 19, Dec. 16, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31 are still available if you would like to place a dedication in memory or in honor of someone. You can sign up on the board in the lobby or call the church office.



HARVEST FESTIVAL: Sunday, November 19

Please bring some items from the list below to worship:

NO PERISHABLES OR GLASS PACKAGING, PLEASE!

- Prepared Tomato Sauce (cans only)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Instant Potatoes, Rice, or Pasta
- Mixes (Hamburger Helper, etc.)
- Powdered Milk, Cereal
- Canned Meats or Dinners
- Grape Jelly and Peanut Butter
- Tuna Fish
- Muffin, Biscuit, and Pancake Mixes
- Personal Hygiene Products, Bars of Soap
- Tea, Instant Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Paper Products (e.g., Toilet Paper)
- Jell-O or Pudding
- Sugar, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard
- Salad Dressings, Cooking Oil
- Diapers and Pull-ups
- Canned Fruits, Juices, and Soups
- Canned Vegetables (Carrots, Peas, Potatoes, etc.)
- Baked Beans, Kidney Beans, etc.
- Cookies, Crackers, Snacks
- Laundry Detergent (Regular size)
- Baby Formula, Baby Food

We also need volunteers to help sort the food in Mulford Hall after worship. Many hands make light work - please lend a hand for a wonderful cause! All food will be distributed to the Interfaith Food Pantry Network in Morris Plains.



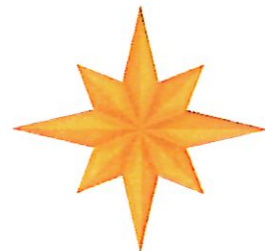
PCCT AND CC PRESENT

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!

