



*Bless
the Lord,*

*O my soul,
and forget
not all his
benefits.*

PSALM 103:2

light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask for your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

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

Njalo

Chancel Choir & Children's Choir

Message For All God's Children

(After the message, 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 New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

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Anthem

Come, Let Us Sing and Give Thanks arr. Stacey Nordmeyer
Chancel Choir

Lesson from the Gospels: Matthew 19:16-22

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Sermon

Stewardship of a Thriving Church:
"Bountiful Abundance"

The Rev. 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.

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

We Gather Together 336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Atr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSEK

12.11.12.11

(this tune in a higher key, 612)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986
 Music Harm. © 1990 Dale Grotenhuis

RESIGNATION
 CMD
 (alternate harmonization, 74)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. *Hope Publishing Company*)

Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 *Broadman Press* (admin. *Music Services*)

BEACH SPRING

8.7.8.7.D

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 19, 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

Harvest Festival

Stewardship 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.

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| 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 |

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents from the Hoppe family.



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY

Thank you for bringing items to be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry, which provides food to those in need in Morris County. Please bring your offering of food to the front of the Sanctuary during the opening hymns, coming forward as directed by the ushers. If possible, please also join us briefly after worship in Mulford Hall to help sort food.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

As November 19th is finally here, we wanted to remind you of its significance. It's not just another day—it's a day when our collective hopes and dreams for PCCT take flight. As we gather for Stewardship Sunday alongside Harvest Sunday, we're reminded of the beauty of giving and receiving. **If you haven't already, please bring your pledge card forward this morning, pledge online, or mail your pledge card.** And if you've already pledged, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

FAMILY ROLLER SKATING: This afternoon from 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 pay in advance, or just meet us there!



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: The Great Cook-Off

Tonight from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

It's not too late to join us for some serious cooking competition... and hopefully a great meal! Teams will prepare dinner and come together at church to enjoy their creations. Contact Pastor Tom for location information. Please bring \$10 to help cover costs.

CHATHAM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The envelopes in your pews are for any donations that you would like to make to PCCT in gratitude for all our blessings at this time of thanksgiving.

GIVING TREES

The PCCT tradition of Christmas Giving Trees has begun. Please see today's insert for more information and grab a tag or two off the trees in the lobby or check our website/weekly emails for more giving opportunities.

SUMMIT CHORALE CONCERT



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

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!



CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS AND GREETERS

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC

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 on our website.

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. 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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 20 - 25, 2023

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Budget Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Development & Communications, Zoom
7:30 pm Chatham Community Thanksgiving Service. St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday

12:00 pm Office Closes

Thursday

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

NEXT SUNDAY, November 26, 2023

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse; Theos Room
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

ANNUAL 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? Stop by the table in the Lounge for more information.
- 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!

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: Sunday, December 17, 10:00 am

The Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Ringers, Children's Choirs and guest musicians will bring their gifts, along with congregational singing. Celebrate the season with us!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, December 17, 4:00 pm

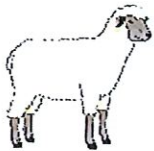
*Our third annual outdoor ecumenical service with **Live Nativity!***

*This special community event will be led by Pastor Ellen,
our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson*

*and our Director of Children's Music Elizabeth Monkemeier,
along with their counterparts from Corpus Christi.*

*We will be looking for kids of all ages
to participate in the pageant.*

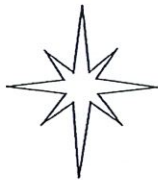
All are welcome to attend!



Rehearsals: 12/3 & 12/10 (Sundays) 11:45 am—1:00 pm; 12/16 (Saturday) 2:00—4:30 pm

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

*Amidst the pressure of the holiday season, come and enjoy instrumental
and piano/vocal musical in our beautiful, tranquil sanctuary.*



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES

3:00 pm ~ Family Christmas Eve Worship (in-person only)

5:00 pm ~ Family Candlelight Worship (livestreamed & in-person)

11:00 pm ~ Candlelight Worship (in-person only)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES



Advent Giving Trees 2023! There are nearly 200 opportunities to support local organizations that serve homeless families, refugees, and children and adults impacted by domestic violence and substance abuse. PCCT will offer virtual "tag" selection via Sign-Up Genius as well as in-person tag selection from the Christmas trees in the church lobby- gifts can be mailed directly to PCCT or dropped off in the lobby.

Following are the organizations supported by the PCCT Giving Trees:

November 2-November 19 Online giving via Sign-Up Genius:

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.

November 19- December 10 Online giving via Sign-up Genius:

Freedom House provides long term residential treatment and outpatient services for men with substance abuse illness- treatment is based on the values of faith, hope, trust, and freedom. The Family Afterward provides transitional housing for mothers and their children with a focus on recovery and family reunification.

Choose one tag (or more!) from the trees in the lobby:

RAMP is a coalition of faith-based organizations dedicated to helping families from Middle-Eastern counties transition to safe, independent, and productive lives in the Morris County area. RAMP assists refugee families with housing, employment, and other resources- education, English language instruction, transportation, and medical care.

Family Promise believes that families should not be separated during the stressful period of home insecurity. Their mission is to help these families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response providing shelter, mentoring, and education.

The **Homeless Solutions** philosophy is "A Hand Up, Not A Handout." Homeless Solutions offers shelter, social services, and supportive housing to people experiencing home insecurity and the working poor in Morris County.

Helping Hands of NJ is an organization that was founded by a Chatham resident in March, 2020 to address food insecurity due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Helping Hands is housed at PCCT where families can "shop" for baby items, non-perishable food items, toiletries and clothing. Helping Hands is currently supporting the needs of nearly 40 local families- since 2020, Helping Hands has donated nearly \$50,000 in gift cards to enable food insecure families to shop in local grocery stores.



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



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!

