



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**

Reverie

William Grant Still

**\*Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 139

Leader: The Lord has searched us and known us.

People: *Before we move or think or speak, God knows our actions and our words.*

Leader: God breathed life into us,

People: *shaping us into human form to serve God's purpose and sing God's praise.*

Leader: How wonderful are the thoughts of our living God!

People: *How vast is the expanse of God's grace and love!*

Leader: Let us proclaim together;

All: *The name of the Lord be praised!*

**\*Processional Hymn 1** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

Elder Steve Tompson

**Call to Confession**

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*Holy God, you see each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our neighbors, our families, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. 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

*(K-8<sup>th</sup> graders will go downstairs to the  
One Room Schoolhouse in the Theos Room.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** 1 Samuel 3: 1-11

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**Anthem**

Be Thou My Vision  
Chancel Choir

arr. Stephen Chatman

**Lesson from the Gospels:** John 1:43-51

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**Sermon** "Holy Moments"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

**\*Litany** (responsive)

Here I Am, Send Me

Katherine Hawker

Leader: A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name... 'Samuel';  
Fishermen once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow;  
And still the Voice beckons today. . .can you hear?

People: *Here I am. Send me.*

Leader: Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush;  
Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth;  
And still the Voice beckons today. . .can you hear?

People: *Here I am. Send me.*

Leader: Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus;  
Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered;  
And still the Voice beckons today. . .can you hear?

People: *Here I am. Send me.*

Leader: The Voice beckons from humble places. . .  
in the tears of hungry children,  
in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly,  
in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred;  
and still the Voice beckons today. . .can you hear?

People: *Here I am. Send me.*

Leader: A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice;  
A struggling church hears the Voice and turns;  
and still the Voice beckons today. . .can you hear?

People: *Here I am. Send me.*

**\*Hymn 69** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky **HERE I AM**

### The Prayers of the People

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

### Call to Offering

**Offertory** How Great Thou Art **arr. Matthew Zabiegala**

**\*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 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past **ST. ANNE**

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright **arr. Hal Hopson**

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Today's worship leaders are Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown and Elder Steve Tompson.

Our ushers this morning are Linda Barnes, Rick Ahsler, Mark Schmitter, Ed Kostrowski, and Richie Wislocky.

Special thanks to Carlene Pruitt, Gage Johnson, Lynn Apolinaro, and Nathan Brown for their technical assistance today.

### **THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 15 - 20**

#### **Monday**

Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day  
7:00 pm Dev. & Comm Mtg., Staff Conf. Rm.

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall  
7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall  
Prayer Shawl Mtg., Griswold Parlor

#### **Wednesday**

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall  
7:15 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Theos  
7:30 pm Men's Group, off-site

#### **Thursday**

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

#### **Friday**

6:00 pm Fellowship Drop-In Event,  
Untied Brewing Co.,  
New Providence

#### **Saturday**

9:00 am Community Foodbank,  
Hillside

### **NEXT SUNDAY, January 21, 2024**

9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite  
10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9  
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

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ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,  
 siempre el labio mío loores te dará.  
 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,  
 Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre  
 de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,  
 ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,  
 ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado  
 e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,  
 santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,  
 en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre  
 vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.  
 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore,  
 Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여  
 이른아침우리주를 찬송합니다  
 거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여  
 성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에  
 모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네  
 천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니  
 영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광  
 모든죄인 눈어두워 보지못하네  
 거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 뉘노  
 권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여  
 천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다  
 거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여  
 성삼위일체 우리주로다

# 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
*All* G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

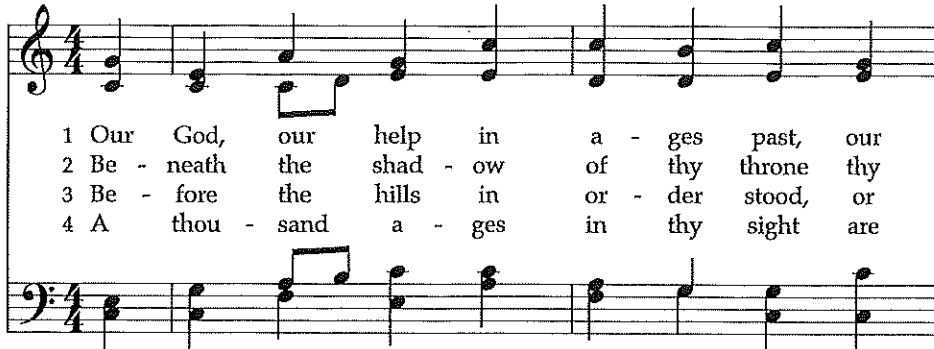
G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.


The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

## 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14, 2024

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or 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 **Faith Forward: Sustainable Lunches, Mulford Hall**  
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in gratitude for our technical team who each Sunday enables our services to be available virtually.

### **FAITH FORWARD: SUSTAINABLE LUNCHES – Today after worship in Mulford Hall**

Join us in Mulford Hall immediately following worship to help package sustainable lunches for Bridges. This low impact project is suitable for all ages, aimed at providing a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and families that will take about thirty minutes to complete. This is a Faith Forward event.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm**

Calling all knitters- beginners, experts, and anyone in between are welcome! The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold parlor at PCCT on Tuesday 1/16 at 7:00 pm for our first knitting session of 2024. Refreshments will be provided, so we can sip, stitch, chat, and learn to knit. Yarn and needles will be provided if you're a beginner or don't have a project in the works. Please email Anne Fields [annekfields@gmail.com](mailto:annekfields@gmail.com) or Patti Montefusco [atov@aol.com](mailto:atov@aol.com) if you can attend or if you have any questions.

### **NOURISH.NJ BREAKFAST BAGS: January 16 - 23**

Drop off the bags at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 pm between January 16 - 23. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby.

### **WEDNESDAYS@NOON: January 17**



Join us on our YouTube Channel at Noon on Wednesday, January 17, for our "Wednesdays@Noon" performance featuring Dr. Evan Cogswell, Director of Music & Organist at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. Dr. Cogswell will present a collection of organ works on our 3-manual Allen organ. As part of "Concerts@PCCT", these brief noon-time performances will allow you to take a few moments to revive your spirit mid-week with wonderful music. Check the Concerts@PCCT page on the website for a full list of musical offerings for this year.

### **CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW**

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$75 per child for the Winter to cover the cost of the dinners and craft supplies. Our Winter sessions will continue on: 1/17; 1/24; 2/7; 2/21; 2/28; 3/6 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.

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 pm**

Join us every first and third Wednesday night of the month at 7:30 pm for food, drinks, and conversation around current topics and theology at 54 Main Bar and Grill in Madison (54 Main Street). Please contact Jeff Crater by text at (973) 437-6615 or by email (preferred) at [jhcrater@verizon.net](mailto:jhcrater@verizon.net) to learn more.

### **FELLOWSHIP DROP-IN EVENT!**

#### **Friday, January 19, 6:00 pm at Untied Brewing Company in New Providence**

Start off the New Year spending a casual evening with PCCT friends. This will be a "drop-in" event - no RSVP required. BYOF (Bring Your Own Food. Outside alcohol not permitted.) Friends are invited! For questions, contact Rob Eisenhardt at [rob.eisenhardt@gmail.com](mailto:rob.eisenhardt@gmail.com). The brewing company is located at 140 Spring Street Unit C in New Providence.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 28, in Mulford Hall**

Please join us for our Winter Breakfast and the Annual Meeting in Mulford Hall following worship on Sunday, January 28. Your attendance is important as we vote on Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons, the Terms of Call for the Associate Pastor, and the approval of By-Laws as amended. We'll also review the 2024 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2023.

**USHER CAPTAINS & USHERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few usher team captains and more ushers for 2024. Easy instructions are provided. Please contact Gloria Newson if you are interested or have any questions.

**FLOWER MINISTRY**

**Many dates in January and February are open!**

Thank you to everyone who dedicates flowers each Sunday. Your continued support allows us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by delivering flowers to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation, celebration, or concern on behalf of the church. To place a dedication for 2024, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact **Gloria** or call the church office at 973-635-2340.

**SHARING THE BOUNTY! It's not too late to Invest in Our Future Together!**



Pledge cards are available in the Upper Lounge, in the Church Office or you may scan the QR code or go to our website to pledge online. As the New Year begins, the Stewardship Committee wants to let you know that it is not too late to pledge! This year presents PCCT with a challenging budget situation. Your continued support, and that of other congregants, is critical to sustain our future, so that our church remains a place of solace, growth and togetherness. Your role in our church family is deeply appreciated. With your financial support, we can continue to offer the programs, community service opportunities, and spiritual experiences that connect and uplift us all.

**SAVE THE DATE: ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14**

Join us for a meaningful start to the Lenten season.

### 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*

### CHATHAM INTERFAITH COUNCIL EVENTS

**Monday, January 15:** Come join the Chatham Interfaith Council in honoring the legacy of Dr. King by bringing canned goods to the Chatham United Methodist Church back parking lot, for the Community Food Pantry on Monday, January 15, 2024 from 10am-12NOON, and then join us for a brief service in our sanctuary celebrating the life and wisdom of Dr. King.

**Tuesday, January 23:** Invitation to Screen the Documentary: The Case for Love

This documentary has been endorsed and promoted by the National Council of Churches of the United States of America, and features people of various backgrounds and affiliations, who are working to build bridges between people, and exhibit faithful love in very difficult settings. The Chatham Interfaith Council is encouraging our congregations to purchase tickets to see this documentary on the one night that it is being shown in movie theaters throughout the country: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 4PM and 7PM. The closest theater that is screening this documentary is the Cinemark Theater located at 1670 US Route 22 East, Watchung NJ 07069. Contact the church office for the link to buy tickets.

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### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE



St. Elizabeth University Honors Program is finalizing its production of "It's a Wonderful Life" with performances on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The play is co-directed by Professor Mike Donahue, a NYC professional director and Frank deRogatis, student director. Admission is free (a \$20 value) and open to all. Registration is required.