



**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*Holy God you have given us everything; we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ you have given us your Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; even this precious gift we have not received. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power to become what you created us to be: your beloved children, full of grace and truth.*

**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 Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

*(K-4<sup>th</sup> graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;  
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Gospels:** John 1:10-18

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**Anthem**

Rise Up, Shepherd!  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hahn

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Deuteronomy 34:1-8

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**Sermon** "Held Up at the Border"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

From a *Brief Statement of Faith*

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.*

## The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

Presentation to Rev. Clémot

Call to Offering

Offertory

Reflection

Mark Hayes

\*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

### The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

All who put their trust in Jesus are invited and encouraged to partake in Communion. Ushers will serve worshippers in the pews, first the bread, then the cup. Gluten-free elements are available in the center dish on each tray. The ministers will invite you to take the bread and cup all together after all have been served.

Prayer after Communion

\*Recessional Hymn 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us.

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\*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on Joy to the World

arr. Paul Fey

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*This morning's plate offering (gifts received in cash) is designated for the work of our Board of Deacons, which coordinates important ministries of congregational care and compassion. Please remember them in your giving today and on the first Sunday in the months to come.*

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

Thank you to our ushers this morning.

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

Special thanks to our technical team for their assistance today.

### **THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 8 - 13**

#### **Monday**

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

7:00 pm Deacons, off-site

7:00 pm Budget Meeting, Halldorson Hall

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

#### **Wednesday**

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

7:30 pm Boy Scout Leader Mtg., Theos

#### **Thursday**

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### **NEXT SUNDAY, January 14, 2024**

**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

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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 (alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

# 341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your  
 2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous-

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your  
 ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con-

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be  
 fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be  
 sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will

As this paraphrase shows, Psalm 67 combines many themes: a communal prayer for blessing, a prayer for all people to acknowledge God, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In Jewish practice it was recited at the end of every Sabbath, a reminder of God's universal sovereignty.

TEXT: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.  
 MUSIC: Gustav Hofst, 1918; harm. composite

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shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions  
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing



sing; in ev - ery land let prais-es and songs of glad - ness ring.  
send, and all the earth will wor-ship to its re-mot - est end.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2024

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 Extended Church School and Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Farewell Fellowship for Rev. Clémot, Mulford Hall



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Ellen, with gratitude from PCCT.

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Today in the Sanctuary after Worship**

All church members are asked to remain in the pews after worship to attend a special congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the terms of dissolution for Rev. Clemot and accept her resignation from her call as our Sr. Pastor. Only members may attend and vote at the meeting. After the meeting concludes, all are invited, visitors and members alike, to attend a farewell gathering in her honor in Mulford Hall. For those who are not attending the meeting, please join Rev. Clemot in Mulford Hall for the Farewell Fellowship immediately after worship.

### **FAREWELL FELLOWSHIP**

All visitors and friends of the church please join us in Mulford Hall after worship, and all members please meet us there after the congregational meeting, to celebrate the ministry of our Sr. Pastor Rev. Dr. Ellen Clemot who bids us farewell today. Coffee and treats will be served and ample time to sit with friends and share in fellowship together.

### **FAITH FORWARD: SUSTAINABLE LUNCHESES - Sunday, January 14, 11 am 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. Please see the website for a sign-up link to provide food items. This is a Faith Forward event.



## 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, and the Terms of Call for the Associate Pastor of Congregational Life. We'll also review the 2024 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2023.

## **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.

## **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*

## **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.