

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you — to hide our faces, to hide our sin — yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you — in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops — yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us and transform us, so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

(Children and youth will go downstairs to their classrooms.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 9:2-10

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Anthem

Anthem for Transfiguration
Chancel Choir

Paul Hofreiter

Lesson from the Epistles: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Sermon "Clarity and Confusion"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 193** (v. 1-3, 5)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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

The Apostles' Creed

*We believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

Today's worship leaders are Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown
and Elder Lucy Deutsch.

Our ushers this morning are Ken Basmadjian, Jennifer Pannuzzo,
Mark Skinner, and Jamie Wilson.

Special thanks to Dylan Mangel, Craig Duke, and Lisa Duke
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: February 12 - 17

Monday

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

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday (cont'd)

7:00 pm New Women's Group,
Home of Stacy McCann

Wednesday

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Dinner and
Worship, Mulford Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

Guest Preacher: The Reverend Caroline Unzaga

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception, Sanctuary & Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 666

1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
 3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
 4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age

ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
 clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
 to our heart is born; O may we ev - er

liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
 hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
 shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
 clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - dian - ce; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

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for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11, 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

Transfiguration Sunday

- 9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren, by Margie & Tom Tompkins.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP

February 14, 6:30 pm, Mulford Hall

As we enter the season of spiritual observance and preparation known as Lent, we gather for a shared meal and casual worship service around tables in Mulford Hall. A main entrée will be provided, with a kid-friendly option available. Please bring a salad, side-dish or dessert to share. A brief time of prayer and reflection with communion will follow the meal. RSVPs appreciated, but not required. You can find a sign-up link in the weekly eblast and on our website.

WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 pm

Join in with other women in the workforce or home with kids in school for monthly fellowship and conversation. The group will meet again on Tuesday, February 13 at 7 pm at the home of Stacy McCann and will discuss the article *I Give Grace Because I Need Grace*. Just a reminder to all group members to please come with an idea or two for our new group name. Email Stacy McCann at swmccann@optonline.net to RSVP for planning purposes. Light bites and beverages will be provided.

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday, February 18

The Reverend Caroline Unzaga

Please join us next Sunday at worship when our guest preacher will be The Rev. Caroline Unzaga. Rev. Unzaga is the Manager of Spiritual Care at Morristown Medical Center, where she leads a multi-faith staff of chaplains who serve the spiritual and religious needs of patients, families and staff of the 800+ bed hospital. Caroline is an ordained Presbyterian minister and a graduate of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Princeton Theological Seminary. She is also a Certified Educator in the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). Caroline has spent most of her adult life in the northeast, serving in both the parish and hospital contexts. Caroline lives in northern NJ with her husband, two teen kids, and their energetic Springer Spaniel. We look forward to welcoming her to PCCT and hearing her message.

WEDNESDAYS@NOON: February 21

Please join us on our YouTube Channel at Noon on Wednesday, February 21, for our "Wednesdays@Noon" performance. 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.



**FAITH FORWARD: Learn about LGBTQ+ Homelessness, One Crochet Square at a Time
Sunday, February 25, 11:15 a.m., Halldorson Hall**

Kai Markley, PCCT member and senior at Kent Place School, is going for the Girl Scout Gold Award! We are thrilled to invite the congregation to a morning of education and crocheting! This project (which Pastor Tom helped advise) focuses on raising awareness about LGBTQ+ homeless individuals, specifically transgender people. Kai and their mom have been crocheting squares in the trans pride colors over the last six months and are excited to have PCCT members help connect them. The culmination of the project will be a symbolic donation of the blanket you help to create. No crochet experience necessary!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm in Griswold Parlor

Calling all knitters and crocheters - beginners, experts, and anyone in between are welcome! The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold Parlor at PCCT on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 pm. 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 or Patti Montefusco atov@aol.com if you can attend or if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 3, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

On Sunday, March 3 all are welcome to join us in Mulford Hall for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and some gluten free options! All welcome to join in this fellowship after worship and greet friends both old and new. Freewill offering will be available.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, March 10, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Deacons are hosting a blood drive on March 10 in Halldorson Hall from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or go to redcrossblood.org and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Faith Forward opportunity!

FAITH FORWARD: Prayer as a Spiritual Practice
The Reverend Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer
Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m., Halldorson Hall

“Nothing will change your life so completely, absolutely and forever like really learning how to pray.” (Matthew Kelly)

The time of Lent is approaching when Christians traditionally renew a focus on their inner life and relationship with God. One of the spiritual disciplines that help us to do this is daily prayer. On Sunday, March 17, 2024 we will have an opportunity to think more about how daily prayer fits into our lives. Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer will offer a Faith Forward presentation that morning after worship to discuss the practice of daily prayer, especially as it is presented in the book *“Celtic Prayers from Iona.”* This book was written by J. Philip Newell during the time he led the religious community of Iona Abbey in the western isles of Scotland. Everyone will receive a copy of the book to take home.



PALM SUNDAY: March 24 at 10 am

The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson, Pastor Emeritus Preaching

Rev. Halldorson served as pastor of PCCT for 30 years during a time of great community growth and change. The fourth Senior Pastor of PCCT, Rev. Halldorson is the longest-serving minister in the church's over 60-year history. He was given the title Pastor Emeritus when he retired in January 2019. Join us at Coffee and Fellowship following worship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: June 24 - 28

Save the Dates: VBS 2024 will be a week long and will include breakfast and lunch! More info to come!

LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, February 18, 3:00 pm

Catherine Gregory: Just Breathe

Flutist Catherine Gregory together with two acclaimed collaborators— percussionist Ian Rosenbaum and soprano Ariadne Greif —present a program of newly commissioned miniatures based on the inspiration of ‘breath,’ the essential life-force, all incorporating the world’s three ‘essential’ instruments— flute, percussion, and voice. The composers include Clarice Assad, Viet Chong, Timo Andres, Matthew Evan Taylor, and more. Complimentary tickets are available for members – please call the office to reserve a ticket.