



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude** Fantasy in E Minor Adam Heron

**\*Call to Worship** Thom Schuman

Leader: We come to this place where God pours out love on us,

*People: we join our voices in praise, as our worries are left behind.*

Leader: We gather as God's people, those who seek to follow Jesus,

*People: so we might walk the path of service hand in hand.*

Leader: We open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit,

*People: so that grace and peace might be the fruit we bear.*

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

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

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn 582**      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**Message For All God's Children**

*(Children and youth will go downstairs to Church School.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalms:** Psalm 22:25-31      Page 501

**Anthem**      Ubi Caritas      Maurice Duruflé  
Chancel Choir

**Lesson from the Gospels:** John 15:1-8      Page 109

**Sermon "Intertwined"**      The Reverend Shelley S. Gardner

**\*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. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

arr. Thomas Keesecker

**\*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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Ride, Go Joyously Into Life

arr. Lani Smith

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Today's worship leaders are Rev. Shelley S. Gardner and  
Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Ric Butler, Mike Kmiecik,  
Joslin Ruffle, Story Savage, and Carolyn Smith.

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

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

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 29 – May 4**

**Monday**

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry,  
Griswold Parlor  
7:30 pm Listening Session, Zoom  
Mission & Outreach, Zoom

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson

**Wednesday**

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall  
First Communion Class

**Wednesday (cont'd)**

6:00 pm Worship & Music, Staff Conf. Rm.  
7:30 pm Men's Group, off-site  
Scout Leader Mtg., Theos Room

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts, Mulford Hall

**Saturday**

8:30 am Session Retreat, Halldorson Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 5, 2024**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Mental Health Awareness Sunday**

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**  
**Children's First Communion**  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
11:15 am **Faith Forward: Mental Health Awareness:**  
**Let Your Inner Light Shine, Halldorson Hall**  
3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception  
Sanctuary & Mulford Hall  
4:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, Youth Suite  
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship,  
Fast Food Frenzy, off-site

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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-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

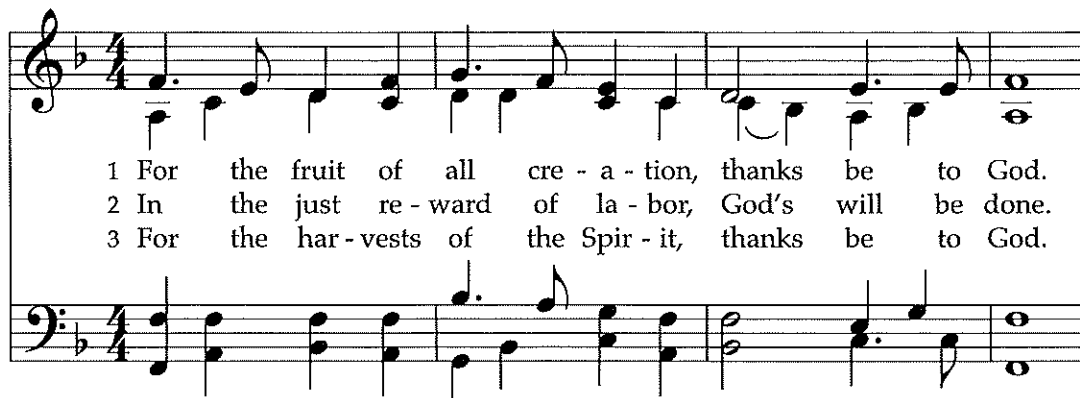
Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

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.

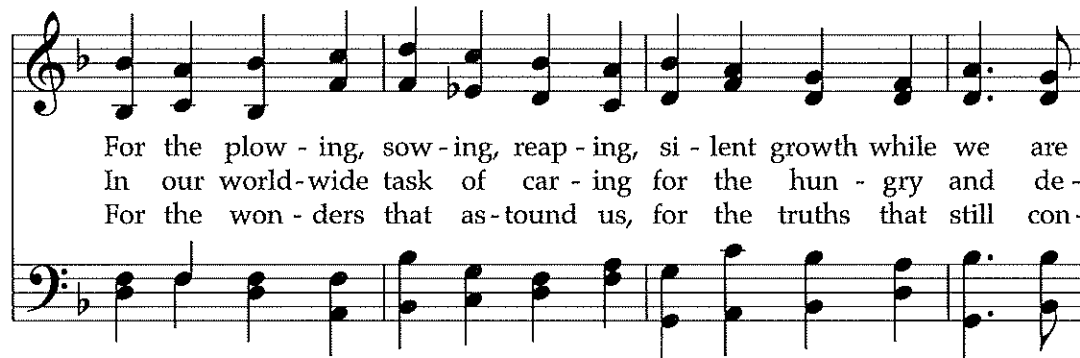
## For the Fruit of All Creation 36



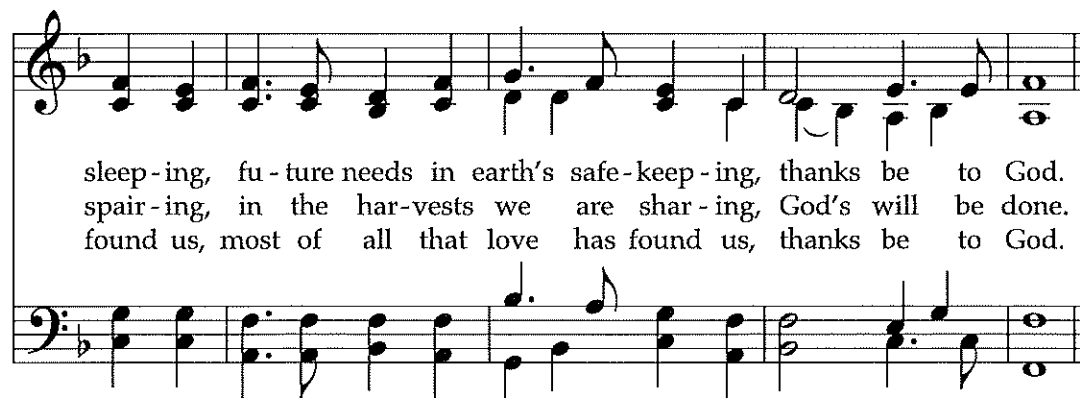
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

## 450

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 28, 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

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 10:00 am**    **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9  
**10:15 am**    Church School  
**11:00 am**    Coffee & Fellowship, Upper Lobby  
                  Silent Auction Preview, Arnold Hall  
**11:15 am**    Listening Session, Halldorson Hall  
**5:00 pm**     **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**  
                  **Dinner & Silent Auction, Mulford Hall**



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents and grandparents, by The Hoffman Family.

### WELCOME REV. SHELLEY S. GARDNER!

We are so pleased to welcome Rev. Gardner to our pulpit this morning and look forward to hearing her message. After ten years serving the congregation of First Presbyterian Church Woodbridge, Shelley is delighted to engage with the wider church through Pulpit Supply. Rev. Gardner currently serves the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey as a member of the Commission on Ministry and convener of the Administrative Team. Additionally, she serves as a Mediator for the Synod of the Northeast, working with congregations during times of anxiety, reassuring them that God is with them in the midst. Her "day job" is to serve as a Chaplain for the Jarvie Program through the Presbyterian Foundation. Named for Mr. James Jarvie, the program ministers, serves and advocates for older adults who live within a fifty-mile radius of Columbus Circle. *(cont'd)*



When not working, you can often find Shelley at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center, raising funds, training summer staff, or just hanging out in the beauty of God's creation. Shelley enjoys walking along the riverwalk near her home in Weehawken and hiking in the Adirondacks.

**PCCT LISTENING SESSIONS - TWO MORE SCHEDULED!**

**This morning at 11:15 am after worship in Halldorson Hall  
and Monday, April 29, at 7:30 pm on Zoom**

If you have not been able to attend one yet, please join us this morning for a Listening Session after worship in Halldorson Hall. There will also be one more tomorrow night, Monday, April 29, at 7:30 on Zoom. You may sign up on our website or by scanning the QR code here. Your ideas and input are important!



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER: Tonight from 5:00 - 7:30 pm**

Join us this evening for a fun and festive evening in support of a great cause. Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and will feature a North Carolina BBQ complete with all the fixings, plus Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, and grilled shrimp. Be sure to save room for homemade peach cobbler and ice cream for dessert. A silent auction will feature a number of specialty-themed baskets for family fun and dinners out with friends. You can preview the baskets after worship this morning in Arnold Hall. Adult Price is \$25; kids under 10 eat free!! Proceeds will help send 35+ youth and adults to Plymouth, NC, where they will help with home repair projects in partnership with Carolina Rebuilding Ministry. **Walk-ins are always welcome!**



**COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY: Saturday, May 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Big thanks to everyone who was able to help the past two Saturdays, we got so much accomplished! We were able to get the beds cleaned out and prepped with a bumper crop of fertilizer. We also planted snap peas, purple pole beans, radishes, arugula, spinach and a variety of lettuces. We are anticipating lots of progress and an even more substantial bounty to donate. We will meet again on Saturday, May 4, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. You can sign up using the link on our website and eblasts.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, April 29, 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 Monday 4/29 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](mailto:annekfields@gmail.com) or Patti Montefusco [atov@aol.com](mailto:atov@aol.com) if you can attend or if you have any questions.

**FAITH FORWARD: Sunday, May 5, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall**  
**Let Your Inner Light Shine!**

Please join us after worship on May 5 for a special presentation for Mental Health Awareness. **The Friendship Between Faith, Spirituality, and Mental Health** is an interactive presentation for children, teens, and adults. Topics will include: defining mental health and wellness, signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, tips on how to talk about mental health and support someone who is struggling, suicide awareness, and the importance of self-care. Resources will be provided. This will be presented by Genaya Palmer, LPC, ATR-BC, NCC and Carissa Ali, MA, NCC, LAC from the Mental Health Association.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FUNDRAISER: May 1 - 19**



To support the Mental Health Association and in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Month (May), we are having a fundraiser from May 1 - 19 to purchase sheets, pillows and toiletries to meet the needs of those experiencing houselessness (those who move to a rooming house and do not have adequate bedding and supplies). You can sign up to purchase needed items by using the links on our website or in our eblasts or by scanning the QR code here. Thank you.

**LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, May 5, 3:00 pm**  
**Brahms Sonatas with Kaplan and Kaplan**

Violinist Mark Kaplan returns to Lyrica to join his son, pianist David Kaplan for an exploration of the three Sonatas of Johannes Brahms, each a unique orchid of beauty, formal invention, and emotional depth. Please stay after the concert for a reception in Mulford Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists. Complimentary tickets are available for church members-please call the office.



### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Calling all high schoolers: Come join us for our last few meetings this spring. There will be games, fellowship, and discussion. It is a great place to get together with other youth from the church and decompress. Please contact Emily Bakosi with any questions, (Emily.Bakosi@gmail.com).

Upcoming meetings: May 5: 4:30-6 in the youth suite,  
May 19: 4:30-6 in the youth suite  
June 2: 6-8 end of year BBQ at the Bakosi's home

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Fast Food Frenzy - Sunday, May 5, 5:00 – 7:15 pm**  
Join us for a fast-food progressive dinner – you'll even get to vote on where we go. Apps, dinner, dessert – make your list now! Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. Cost is \$20 and advance signups are required. Be sure to have a signed release form on file.

### BLANKET SUNDAY: Mother's Day, May 12

Women's Ministries is again offering a unique way to honor our mothers and other important women in our lives. Through May 12, you can make a donation for blankets to be used for global disaster relief. For each \$10 donation, a blanket will be purchased for someone in need. In return for your donation, you will receive a lovely PCCT notecard with a message letting a special person know you made this donation in her honor. There will be a table in the lounge and the cards may also be picked up in the church office.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: June 24 – 28

The theme is the *Ultimate Scavenger Hunt!* This year's VBS will be a week long and will feature fun and creative activities, lessons, crafts, breakfast and lunch! There are flyers in the lounge and you can sign up online on our website.

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### CHATHAM COMMUNITY BAND CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY

The Chatham Community Band is proud to present its 40th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, May 5th, at 4:00 pm at Chatham High School. The selections will include classical, popular, Broadway, and big band tunes, as well as the premiere of "Con Spirito," a debut piece commissioned and written specifically for the occasion, to be conducted by the composer, Chris Bernotas. Pre-concert lecture begins at 3:30 pm. The concert is free, with donations appreciated. Come join us to help celebrate this milestone anniversary!