

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Leader: God, we pray that your Spirit would set us free from the prisons of pettiness, jealousy, and greed. Set us free to be your church.

People: *May we be freed to free others, forgiven to forgive others, and loved in order that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.*

Leader: You call us to be the church, and you send us to feed the hungry, heal the sick, befriend the lonely, and to be alleluias even when there is no music.

People: *Fill us with your Spirit, that all this and more might be possible in our midst. 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.*

Service of Confirmation for the Class of 2024

Tyler Alan Bilanin

Makenzie Mae Murchison-Smith

Brynn Elsa Hageman

Gavin Thomas Pruss

Caroline Marie Hess

Andrew Robert Zehner

Margaret Lee Koehler

Margaret Audrey Zehner

Paul Gray Kuppenheimer

Recognition of Confirmation Leaders

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 104, *selected verses*

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Anthem Come Down, O Love Divine arr. David Ashley White
Chancel Choir and Doug Haislip, *trumpet*

Lesson from New Testament: Acts 2:1-6, 12-18 Page 119

Sermon "In Other Words..." The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

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

***Affirmation of Faith** Adapted from Confirmands' Faith Statements (see insert)

The Prayers of the People

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

Call to Offering

Offertory May You Walk by Sara Hart
Matthew Zabiegala, *piano and vocalist*

***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 66** Every Time I Feel the Spirit PENTECOST

***Benediction**

Postlude Te Deum by Marc Antoine Charpentier
Doug Haislip, *trumpet*

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Today's worship leaders are Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown
and Parish Associate Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga.

Thank you to all who are ushering this morning.

Special thanks to Lynn Apolinaro, Bob Eager, and Carlene Pruitt
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: May 20 - 25

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Finance & Operations Mtg., Zoom
Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Griswold Parlor.
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg., Zoom

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Dev. & Comm. Mtg., off-site Zoom

Wednesday

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

Friday

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

NEXT SUNDAY, May 26, 2024

Memorial Day Weekend

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

Please note there will be no Nursery Care or Church School

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41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. Fine

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back. to Refrain

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Confirmation Class of 2024

The congregation is enriched by each person who chooses to join our family of faith. Please welcome our Confirmation students who are being received into membership today.

*"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
(1 Corinthians 12: 27)*

Tyler Alan Bilanin

Brynn Elsa Hageman

Caroline Marie Hess

Margaret Lee Koehler

Paul Gray Kuppenheimer

Makenzie Mae Murchison-Smith

Gavin Thomas Pruss

Andrew Robert Zehner

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*Our sincere thanks to our Confirmation leaders:
Scott Heller, Stacy McCann, Natalie Duke, Josie Pruss,
Maya Bilanin and Rev. Tom Brown.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from Confirmation students' Faith Statements)*

Leader: God is the omnipotent creator we can confide in and communicate with.

People: Believing in God is all about faith. There are no yes or no answers when it comes to God.

Leader: Knowing that God created this whole entire world is amazing, as it shows how mighty and caring God is.

People: God forgives, guides, and counts on us to continue telling his story, and lastly, he loves us.

Leader: Jesus was a very educated person about God and truly wanted everyone to know who God is and that He exists.

People: Jesus taught good things to lots of people and those good teachings spread across the world.

Leader: Jesus spread God's word and is someone I aspire to be like. He was loving and forgiving, and we need more of that in this messed-up world.

People: Through his journey on earth, Jesus taught us how to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and the importance of giving back to others in need.

Leader: God is spirit because he is always watching over us and because he is always protecting us.

People: The Holy Spirit is the part of God that's inside all of us that gets us through life.

Leader: I see the Holy Spirit as energy itself because every single part of life has energy.

People: The Holy Spirit helps us open our hearts to God and truly find our connections with Him.

Leader: The way your faith impacts your everyday life is something very personal and important; to me, it is a moral guide that positively influences our lives.

People: Faith is supposed to last through our daily lives because when times are tough faith is what gets us through.

Leader: Being a Christian will forever allow me to treat others with love and respect. There is no need for any hatred whatsoever, spreading love will only make this world more like how God envisioned it.

People: Part of having faith is being able to spread God's love to others, not knowing what kind of reaction you will receive, but hoping it will encourage others to be faithful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 19, 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

Pentecost Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

- 10:00 am** Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
- 10:15 am** Church School
- 11:00 am** Reception for Confirmands, Mulford Hall
- 4:30 pm** Senior High Youth Group, Game Night/Manhunt Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm** Middle School Youth Fellowship
End of Year Banquet, Mulford Hall
- 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 son, Edwin (Teddy) Ahsler, and parents, Philip Ahsler, Susan MacDonnell, Edwin and Nancy Holt by Deb & Rick Ahsler.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Today is Confirmation Sunday when we celebrate our Confirmation Class of 2024 being received into membership. Please join us as after worship at a special reception to welcome our newest members and honor our Confirmation leaders.

BRICK CAMPAIGN!

Leave a lasting impression on our church grounds by personalizing a brick with your name, a heartfelt message, or a tribute to someone dear to you. Honor a milestone such as a baptism, confirmation, wedding, or passing of a loved one. Celebrate a cherished friend or simply show your support. Whatever the message, your financial support will go towards increasing the Building Reserve and contribute to the beautification of our church. Your personalized brick will be added to the walkway at the rear entrance of PCCT, becoming part of our history for generations to come.

Deadline: 1st order deadline is June 15; 2nd order deadline is July 15

Cost: 4"x8" \$250.00 (replica available for \$50)

8"x8" \$450.00 (replica available for \$75)

Look for links in our eblasts and on our website or you can scan the QR code. Join us in this meaningful journey as we pave the way for a brighter future together!



COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

What a productive few weekends! So many helpers were there to transfer a massive pile of wood chips into the garden to prevent weeds. Huge thanks to the Kostrowski family, Ben & Liz Bernich, Angela and Ryan D'Costa and our neighbor, Ming, for all of their hard work. We are busy planting, weeding and staking things up. Training sessions will be held on Saturday, June 8, 9 am and on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm. We also have opportunities for summer leaders and a few helpers for each week during the summer to weed, harvest and pack up for delivery to Helping Hands. Please sign-up on our website or through our weekly Thursday eblast.

ANNUAL MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In fond memory of long-time PCCT member Marla Drury, Women's Ministries will be awarding a \$1,000 Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship (MDMS) to a high school senior or current college student, male or female, who is an active PCCT member and exemplifies the same generous, giving spirit as Marla did. Applications are available on our website or you may pick one up in the church office. The deadline for submission is June 2. Contributions towards the funding of the scholarship are also welcome; make checks payable to PCCT, with "MDMS" in the memo line. Contact Kristin Winter with any questions.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FUNDRAISER: May 1 - 19

Today is the last day to drop off donations at the church in the box in the Upper Lobby. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Mental Health Association during Mental Health Awareness Month (May).

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP: Tonight & June 2

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

Upcoming meetings:

Today - 4:30 - 6:00 pm - Game Night/ Manhunt - Youth Suite

Sunday, June 2 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm - End of Year BBQ at the Bakosi's home

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Tonight from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

All 5th – 8th graders are invited to help us celebrate another great year of youth fellowship events. Come this evening for a Backwards Dinner as well as one last chance to play some of our favorite games like Manhunt.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Knitters and crocheters - our next meeting will be on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in Griswold Parlor at church. Please email Anne Fields annekfields@gmail.com or Patti Montefusco atov@aol.com know if you can attend, and bring any completed shawls! If you're a beginner, let them know if you need yarn or needles. The meeting in June is scheduled for June 17, then we will take a break until September.

NOURISH.NJ BREAKFAST BAGS: Drop off by May 22

Bags for May are due by Wednesday, May 22 and may be dropped off at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who supports this mission each month.



PRIDE VESPERS: Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 pm

Join us in our Sanctuary for a celebration of acceptance, affirmation, and love through a meaningful message and beautiful music as we welcome all! A free will offering will be taken for EDGE, NJ, an LGBTQ+ charity.

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! The day will begin with a simple breakfast and the kids will then move on to stations including music & drama, crafts, recreation & games, and at the end of the day all of the kids will gather together for lunch. The cost for the week is \$150 per camper. Please feel free to pass along to friends that may want to attend. There are flyers in the lounge and you can sign up online on our website. Also, if you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please contact Yvonne Anderson at yanderson@pcct-nj.org.

CAMP JOHNSONBURG - Summer Camp Registering Now!

Johnsonburg is a place where all may gather and all are welcomed in God's beautiful creation...and we are registering for SUMMER CAMP! As New Jersey's only Presbyterian summer camp, we have been the highlight of summer for thousands of kids across our 63 years. They have six 1-week overnight sessions for kids in rising 1st-12th grades from June to August. Their program has tons of activities, and their camp counselors are carefully hired, screened, and trained to be great role models for campers. Compliment the faith building you are doing in church and at home with what will be your child's favorite week of the summer. Brochures are in the Lounge and for more information, visit campjburg.org/summer-camp.

CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD HOSTING BLOOD DRIVE WITH NJ BLOOD SERVICES

Saturday, June 8, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, St. Patrick Church, Parish Gymnasium,
85 Washington Ave., Chatham. To schedule an appointment visit www.nybc.org/njdrive
Sponsor Code: 61961