



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, August 25, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

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**Prelude**                      What a Friend We Have in Jesus                      arr. Greg Howlett

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather in this holy place, lifting our voices in praise.

*People: We come to offer ourselves; heart, soul, mind, and strength.*

Leader: We acknowledge God's presence, here and everywhere, and open ourselves to God's living Word.

*People: We come to be filled, that the Holy Spirit might flow through us into the world.*

Leader: In celebration of the presence and the goodness of God.

*People: We join our hearts in joyful praise.*

*All: Let us worship God!*

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

*People: ...and also with you.*

**\*Hymn 327**                      From All That Dwell Below the Skies                      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Confession**

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

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

*You, Lord, have been our dwelling place in all generations. You free us, you provide for us, you have even given yourself to us. Yet so often we forget that this is your story, and try to take the lead. We confess that we have turned from your way and gone our own ways. We have served other goals and other gods. We have loved you with our words but not always with our actions. Forgive us, and turn us yet again to your path. Give us courage to follow you, and to proclaim in our lives that we worship and serve only you.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn 581**                      Glory Be to the Father                      GLORIA PATRI (GREATOROX)

*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.*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: 1 Kings 8:22-30; 41-43**                      Page 312

**Anthem**                      Come Thou Fount                      arr. Joseph Martin  
    Members of the Chancel Choir

**Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 84:1-12**                      Page 543

**Sermon "Where God Dwells"**                      The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

**\*Hymn 402**                      How Lovely, Lord                      MERLE'S TUNE

**\*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)**                      Adapted from the Confession of 1967

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*



**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 26 - 31, 2024**

**Monday**

7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting, Zoom  
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

7:30 pm Mission & Outreach, Zoom

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

**Wednesday**

6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., Staff Conference Room

7:30 pm Scout Leader Meeting, Theos

**Friday**

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

**NEXT SUNDAY, September 1, 2024**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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# 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

*Unison*

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

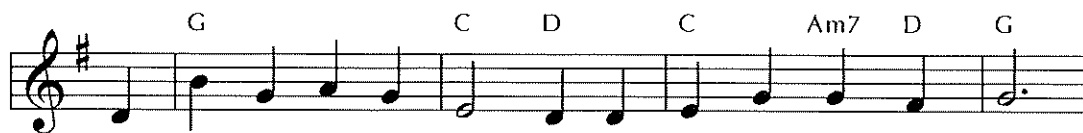
The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a unison style, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The music features a variety of note values including quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;  
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day  
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.  
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.  
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;  
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord  
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.  
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.  
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

## O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

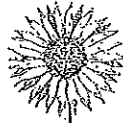
**August 25, 2024**

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.

### **TODAY AT CHURCH**

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall



### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in honor of our new granddaughter Callie Rose, born on August 16, 2024  
to Brandon and Emily Magill, by Lauren and Doug Magill.

### **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: September 8**

Save the Date for our annual kickoff to the program year. Join us for a special worship service followed by a picnic on the front lawn. Reconnect with church family and friends over a picnic lunch and experience the joy of children enjoying games, face painting, and a bouncy house. There's so much to look forward to – we can't wait to see you! Please sign up to help and bring a side in our weekly eblasts.

### **DINNER CHURCH: Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 - 7:15 pm, in Mulford Hall**

Save the date for our first Dinner Church, an informal, all-ages worship service to be held on occasional Wednesday evenings. Come as you are for a casual dinner and time to center your week around the sustaining presence of God. There is nothing you need to bring. Expect to be fed in body, mind, and spirit.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN: Thank You!**

Big thanks to everyone who helped produce an abundant harvest this year. We have planted more lettuce, arugula, spinach and carrots for the fall, along with Brussel sprouts and garlic. We still need volunteers for the end of August and September – the more the merrier! You can sign up on our website.

### **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE TO BEGIN THIS FALL**

Do you like talking with people of different faiths? Are you interested in dialogue with your neighbors? PCCT is starting a new interfaith partnership for discussion, learning, and growth with members of Congregation Beth Hatikvah, a Reconstructionist Synagogue with several ties to our church. As a first step, we are looking for anyone who might be interested in joining a small group meeting later in the fall to meet with Pastor Tom and Rabbi Allyson Zacharoff to talk about the project and get to know members of the other community. Please hold the evening of Saturday, Nov 16, as a likely first gathering and email Pastor Tom by Sept 15 if you are interested, regardless of availability for that particular date.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Finance and Operations Committee would like to hear from any of our members who have experience working with charitable organizations that make donations to organizations such as PCCT. We have received grants in the past from organizations such as The Hyde and Watson Foundation and would like to identify similar organizations with whom you have interacted. Please contact John McCann at 973-202-0740 or [mccannjohn0@gmail.com](mailto:mccannjohn0@gmail.com) to discuss!

### **MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION: September 6 – October 23**

PCCT is collecting gently used coats/hats/gloves/scarves to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding area. Donations will be accepted at PCCT from Sept. 8 through October 23. The big collection box will be in the upper lobby.

### **TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are currently working on building the teaching teams for our Church School (K-4<sup>th</sup>) and Breakfast Club (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) for the fall. Church School begins on September 15. You can reach out to Yvonne Anderson at [yanderson@pcct-nj.org](mailto:yanderson@pcct-nj.org) if you are interested.

### **USHERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in ushering, please reach out to the church office. New ushers will be placed on a team and placed on a rotating schedule. It's a great way to meet and greet congregants and to welcome newcomers.

*Note: If anyone has any extra glass vases at home, the deacons' supply is running low and they could use them for flower deliveries each week. You can drop them off at the church office. Thank you.*

We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer. Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar.

More details to come!

**Save the Dates!**

*Sunday, September 8*

Welcome Back Sunday



*Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 pm, Mulford Hall*

Dinner Church - All Welcome!

*Sunday, September 15*

Church School Kick-Off with Parent Meet & Greet

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Commissioning of Confirmands and Teachers

*Wednesday, September 18, 5:45 pm, Mulford Hall*

Children's Chat & Chew Kick-Off

*Saturday, September 21, 6:00 – 8:30 pm*

Caring for the Community Concert

*Sunday, September 29*

Faith Forward: Hands On Mission Project

*Sunday, October 13*

Pumpkins Arrive!



*Sunday, October 20, 4:00 pm*

Pastor Tom's Installation Service & Reception