



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, September 22, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Marianne Kim

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: Our God invites us to follow the path of service and sacrifice.

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

People: Our God tells us if we want to be first, we need to go to the end of the line.

Leader: May God guide our feet to walk in the ways of love.

All: Let us worship God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: ...and also with you.

***Processional Hymn 667** When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

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

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of wisdom, forgive our foolish ways.

We desire what we do not need and imperil our relationships with envy.

You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict.

*Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 581** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (GREATOR EX)

*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

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the New Testament: James 3:13-18

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Anthem

Be Still
Chancel Choir

Karen Marrolli

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 9:30-37

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Sermon "Not Afraid to Ask"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

20th Century South African creed

We believe that God is at work in our world

turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end

and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.

*One day all tears will be wiped away;
the lamb will lie down with the lion,
and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.
True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,
they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.
This is our faith. This is our hope. 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

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

***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 320** (vv. 1-3, 5) The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

***Benediction**

Postlude

Improvisation on *KINGSFOLD* arr. Matthew Zabiegala

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Today's worship leaders are Pastor Thomas A. Brown
and Elder Lissa MacCallum.

Our ushers are Story Savage, Joslin Ruffle,
John McCann, and Mike Kmiecik.

Special thanks to Nathan Brown and Lynn Apollinaro
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: September 23 - 28, 2024

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos
7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Zoom
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach, Zoom

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room
5:00 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room
6:00 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall
6:00 pm Worship & Music, Staff Conf. Rm.

Thursday

6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room
7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY, September 29, 2024

Family Promise Hosting Week Begins

Food Collection and Sorting for CUMC Food Pantry

9:15 am & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am **Worship**, Sanctuary; Nursery, Room A-9
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Faith Forward: Food Sorting, Mulford Hall

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667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt. MIT FREUDEN ZART
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt. 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

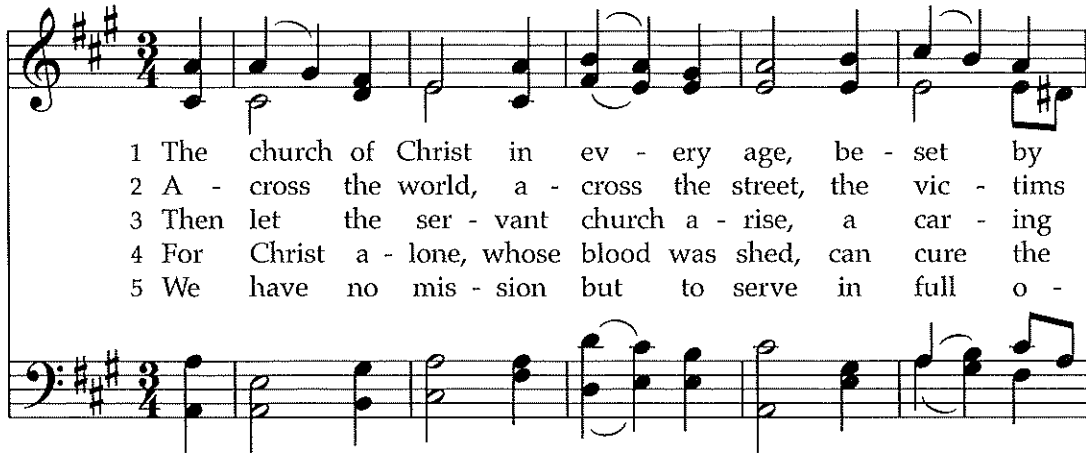
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THANKSGIVING

mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for Thanksgiving. It consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The piece ends with a double bar line.

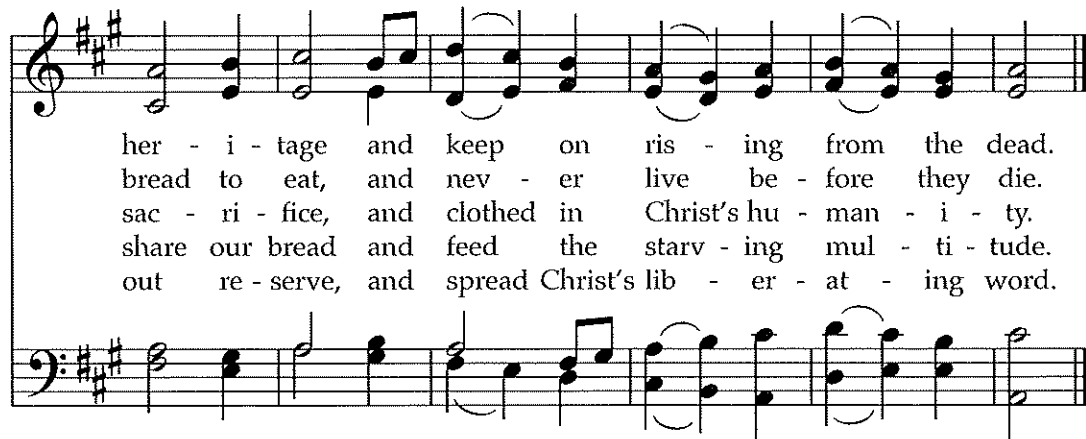
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 22, 2024

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or the 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

- 9 :15 am & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am **Worship**, Sanctuary; Nursery, Room A-9
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am **Faith Forward: PCCT Financial Update, Halldorson Hall**
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
6:00 pm Youth Mission Trip Reunion, Zehner's Home



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Ann Doyle, Margie's sister,
by Margie and Tom Tompkins.

FAITH FORWARD: PCCT Financial Update

Today at 11:00 am, Halldorson Hall

As part of its ongoing efforts at transparency and keeping the congregation informed, Session members shared a financial update to the congregation earlier this month which is to be followed by a special Faith Forward presentation this morning after worship. Topics include a report on current year finances, a preview of the 2025 Stewardship Campaign "Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow" and financial goals for 2025, and plans for addressing significant building infrastructure needs over the next 6 to 9 months. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

COUNT ME IN!



As we begin a new chapter, there are more reasons than ever to get engaged in the many ways our congregation is changing lives and supporting one other along life's journey. As seasons change in your own life, with a recent retirement or an empty nest, the conclusion of other volunteer commitments, or simply from a renewed interest, please consider making a renewed investment of your time and energy in this beloved congregation. With a broad range of volunteer spots needing to be filled, we can find something to do for just about anyone. Scan the QR Code to find the Count Me In! Interest Form online – it takes just a couple of minutes to complete.



CHILDREN'S MUSIC FIRST INTEREST MEETING!

Hello! On Wednesday September 25th from 5:00 -5:45 pm Ms. Caitlyn will be holding the first interest meeting for children's music! All who are interested are welcome to join us in the Bell Room for music games, activities, singing and more! If your child is interested in participating in music this year and cannot join us on the 25th, please don't hesitate to reach out via email at chuetz@pcct-nj.org



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 am, Theos Room

Members and friends are invited to join us for a conversational study of the Bible that will include historical and religious context as well as insights and connections to modern day issues. This fall, we'll be reading through the Gospel of Mark, believed to be the first written account of Jesus' life and ministry. We have a friendly and encouraging group led by Pastor Tom that welcomes new participants at any time. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am for about an hour and 15 minutes in the Theos Room downstairs. All are welcome!

INSTALLATION OF REV. THOMAS A. BROWN AS PASTOR OF PCCT

Join us on Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 pm for the Installation of Rev. Thomas A. Brown as Pastor of PCCT. This service of worship and celebration is led by a commission of elders and pastors from the presbytery and is open to the community and congregation. The service will feature our chancel choir and some special guests. A reception will follow the service.

CHATHAM COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT CUMC: During September

PCCT will be collecting food quarterly for the Food Pantry housed at the Chatham United Methodist Church. We will be collecting food throughout September. Please place your donations in our "Food Collection Bin" in the Upper Lobby or bring to church with you next Sunday, September 29. Bags and a list of most wanted items will be available inside the glass entranceway. After worship, please stay and sort food in Mulford Hall.

MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION: September 6 – October 23

PCCT will be collecting gently used coats and homemade or new hats/gloves/scarves to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding area. The big collection box will be in the upper lobby.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Volunteers Needed in September!

We still need volunteers for September – the more the merrier! You can sign up on our website. Big thanks to everyone who helped produce an abundant harvest this year!

PASTOR IN THE PEWS: Sunday, October 13

Be sure to join us Sunday, October 13 for the first in a quarterly series we're calling "Pastor in the Pews", when church will be led by you, the members! All aspects of the service, including the sermon, will be planned and led by members of PCCT. If you are interested in being part of a 4-5 person design team to work - with Pastor Tom's assistance - on developing the service, please contact the church office or Pastor Tom.

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$125 per child for the Fall to cover the cost of the dinners and craft supplies. We will be meeting again on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Please contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

A NEW DAY: Monday, October 7, 11:30 am in Halldorson Hall

A New Day group would like to invite all PCCT widows, and senior aged single women to join our monthly meetings for Lunch, Conversation and Friendship. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 11:30 am in Halldorson Hall. Our next meeting is Monday, October 7, 2024. For further information please contact Ann Meyers at jmandah@aol or 973-377-0855.



PUMPKIN PATCH DELIVERY AND SET-UP: Sunday, October 13

The pumpkins are coming! Sunday morning after worship we need help unloading the truck and setting up the tent. The Pumpkin Patch is a major mission fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to local hunger relief efforts. Additional details and timing will be shared in e-blasts and other announcements – stay tuned!

SPECIAL OFFERING

In the pews this morning, you will see an envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This will be collected on **World Communion Sunday, October 6**, and the money goes to supporting peace-building activities and to providing relief, shelter, and hope to families and to reaching out to those in crisis and recovering from natural disasters.