



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

10:00 A.M.

Prelude A Prelude on Two Hymntunes - *Resignation and Thaxted*
Thomas Keesecker

***Call to Worship**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

People: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: let us exalt God's name together!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: ...and also with you.

***Processional Hymn 275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

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)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves and have made us to be yours. You see our need before we are even aware of it. In your compassion, loving God, forgive us for our lack of faith and for the harm we do to others and to the earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Hear our prayers, O God, and open our eyes to your truth, in Jesus' holy name. 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

Yvonne Anderson
Director of Children's Ministries

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 126

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Anthem

Higher Ground
Chancel Choir

arr. Thomas Keesecker

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 10:46-52

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Sermon "Take Heart, He Is Calling You"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 74**

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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.

Moment for Stewardship

Brad and Brenda Koehler

Call to Offering

Offertory

Hymn to Joy

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 634

To God Be the Glory

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*Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel

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

Special thanks to Thomas Keesecker,
our guest musician/composer this morning.

Thank you to all of our ushers today.

Our tabulators are Kent Stevens and Cindy Murphy
and our processor this week is Sandy Batten.

Special thanks to Craig & Lisa Duke
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 28 – November 2, 2024

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos
1:30 pm Pumpkin Patch Open
7:00 pm Finance & Operations (Zoom)
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach (Zoom)

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
1:30 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study, Theos
1:30 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

Wednesday (cont'd)

5:00 pm Children's Music, Bell Room
5:45 pm Chat & Chew Halloween Party,
Mulford Hall
6:00 pm Worship & Music, Staff Conf. Rm.

Thursday

1:30 pm Pumpkin Patch Open
6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room
7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

9:00 am Community Garden Clean-Up
31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham

NEXT SUNDAY, November 3, 2024

The Sacrament of Communion All Saints' Remembrance

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

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

When God Restored Our Common Life

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(Psalm 126)



1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
 2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
 3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
 soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
 pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
 fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
 jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
 gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
 mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This paraphrase brings Psalm 126 to life in two ways: by turning the "they" of the final verses of the psalm to "we," and by adding a prayer for all who still wait for release from oppression. The shape note tune provides just the right balance of gratitude and urgency.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

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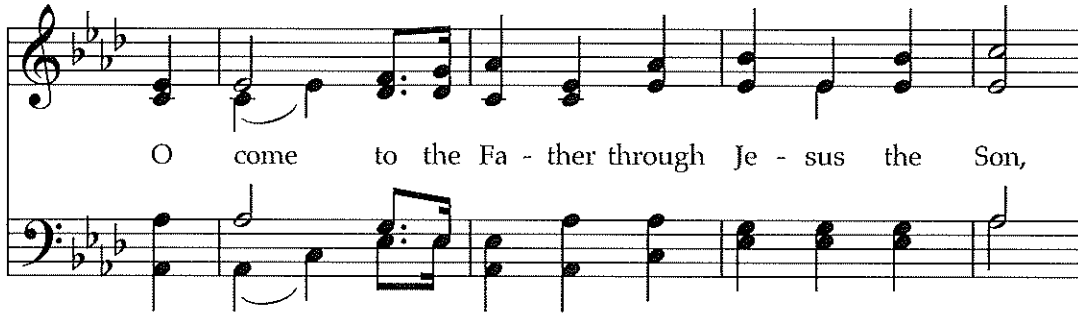
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 27, 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

- 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery, Room A-9
- 10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Pumpkin Patch Open
- 3:00 pm Thomas Keesecker Concert, Sanctuary



CHANCEL FLOWERS

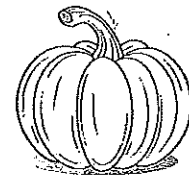
The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of the dedicated staff at PCCT, by Barbara Dunne.

THOMAS KEESECKER CONCERT: Today at 3:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

Please join us this afternoon when Thomas Keesecker will share music from his bestselling piano collections in a 75-minute concert. Keesecker, a composer and church musician as well as performer, is known around the country for his sensitive, delightful, and meditative piano arrangements of hymns. At this concert, we'll be able to sing some of them together, as well as listen to his interpretations. The hymns will be interspersed with poetry by Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry, two of the most beloved and profound poets of the 20th and 21st centuries. CDs of his music will be available for purchase after the concert. Tom retired in 2019 after serving as a church musician for over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His sacred music is published by MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress, Choristers Guild, Concordia, and GIA. He studied at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. He mixes classical technique, jazz improvisation, Celtic and folk music influences in his arrangements. His music may be listened to on Amazon Music and YouTube.

PUMPKIN PATCH: Volunteers Needed!

We still need a few more volunteers for the last few days of the patch. To sell pumpkins on the front lawn, sign up in the Upper Lobby; through our eblasts; on our website; or call the church office 973-635-2340. 100% of the proceeds go to local hunger relief efforts. Thank you for supporting the patch by selling pumpkins and by buying pumpkins!



CHILDREN'S MUSIC MEETING: Wednesday, October 30, 5:00 pm



Children's Music will be meeting again on Wednesday, October 30 from 5:00 - 5:45 pm in the Bell Room with Ms. Caitlyn. All are welcome to join. Ms. Caitlyn will be there to escort children to Chat & Chew with Ms. Yvonne for those who are participating in both programs. Please scan the QR code to fill out an information form. Exciting things ahead! Feel free to reach out at chuetz@pcct-nj.org with any questions!

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW: Wednesday, October 30, 5:45 pm Halloween Party!

Our mid-week Church school program meets again this week for a Halloween Party! Join us on Wednesday, October 30 from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm. Invite friends! Please contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

COMMUNITY GARDEN FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 - 11:00 am



Garden season is coming to a close! Please join us to clean things out and prepare the garden to rest for the winter. Thanks to the valiant efforts of our dedicated volunteers, we have kept production/donation of lettuces, arugula, Swiss Chard, eggplant, spinach, tomatoes and more going through the fall. Carrots, Brussel Sprouts and cabbage are still going strong as well. Plan to stay after for bagels/coffee/juice and a discussion about what worked and what needs tweaking for next year. Please let us know if you would like to join us so we can plan accordingly at lisa_babic@yahoo.com. Thank you!

2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Preserving the Heart of Our Worship

Our church is a sanctuary – a place of worship, fellowship, and peace. The “Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow” campaign is our commitment to maintaining these sacred spaces for all. Your pledge is vital to keeping our doors open and our church welcoming to everyone. Let’s preserve what matters - **On November 24, please mail your pledge card, bring it to worship, or pledge online.**

DINNER CHURCH: Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 pm in Mulford Hall

Save the date for our second Dinner Church, an informal, all-ages worship service with the theme of **Gratitude**. Come as you are for a casual dinner and time to center your week around the sustaining presence of God. The meal is being lovingly prepared by our children, under the direction of Ms. Yvonne Anderson. They will also have a hand in designing elements of the service, helping participants to express a shared sense of thanksgiving. Expect to be fed in body, mind, and spirit. Please sign up to attend via our website or weekly e-blasts.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NJ: Saturday, November 16, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Our next day to join us at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside is coming up. Volunteers ages 12 and up generally help sort and repackage food for distribution. Carpooling can be arranged as needed. Advance signups are required. Please contact Joslin Ruffle at joscokson@aol.com for more information.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 17, 3:30 pm in Halldorson Hall

Led by the Deacons, this contemplative candlelight service provides an opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones recently lost and long-missed during the holiday season. During the service of prayer and reflection, the Deacons read the names of those we are remembering. If you are unable to attend, but would like a name read, please email the person’s name and their relationship to you to Pastor Tom at tbrown@pcct-nj.org or fill out a card found on the back table in the narthex.

SEEKING MEMORIAL GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Did you know the Memorial Garden has been around for more than 40 years? During this time, we've had some wonderful volunteers who have shaped it into what it is today, however we are currently looking for new volunteers who would be willing to share their time and talents to continue making the garden flourish. If interested, please contact Virginia Hofler (973-443-4323) or Lauren Magill (973-610-5081).

RAMP (Refugee Assistance Morris Partners)

Urgent Need for Family Coordinator

RAMP urgently needs a person or congregation to take on the role of lead family coordinator for a family of 5 from Afghanistan who recently moved into the U.S. after living in a refugee camp in India for the past few years. In order for RAMP to take this family on, they need to find a Family Coordinator - someone who will be the main point person between RAMP and the family. This volunteer position would be based in Madison, NJ. This position could also be for someone who would be willing to be a co-Coordinator. RAMP would provide the funding for the apartment, training and additional volunteer backup for all of our educational, health, employment, and social services. The commitment we are asking for is for one year. For more information, please contact the church office: pcctoffice@pcct-nj.org.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Donate to Hurricane Helene Response

The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement. To make a donation, go to pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene