



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, November 17, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

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**Prelude**      Improvisation on LOBE DEN HERREN      arr. Matthew Zabiegala

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

People: *let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.*

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

People: *Shout aloud and sing for joy as we come to worship the God of all creation.*

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

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

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

**\*Processional Hymn 35** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty      LOBE DEN HERREN

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**      from *Wild Goose Worship*

## **Call to Confession**

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

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promises that the old passes away and that you make all things new, but we hear it amid our self-doubt. We confess our desire for guarantees when what you offer us is even greater: hope. When you call us to faithfulness, we set conditions. When you call us to follow, we ask "Where?" Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts in order to walk in your newness of life. Hear us now as we offer our personal confession in silence.*

**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**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Isaiah 43:18-19

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**Anthem**

I Choose Love  
Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Mark 13:1-8

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**Sermon** "Leaning into Uncertainty"

The Reverend Kathleen Edwards Chase

**\*Hymn 99**

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

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

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.*

### **Moment for Stewardship**

Sally Abbott

### **Call to Offering**

### **Offertory**

Beautiful Savior

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 838**

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Leaving Lismore & Hyfrydol

arr. Thomas Keesecker

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Today's worship leaders are Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase  
and Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers today are Ken Basmadjian, Cynthia Merwin,  
John Merwin, Evan Skinner, and Dave Whitman.

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

### **THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 18 - 23, 2024**

#### **Monday**

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry,  
Griswold Parlor  
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall  
7:30 pm Dev. & Comm. Mtg., off-site

#### **Wednesday**

9:30 am Bible Study, Theos  
5:00 pm Children's Music, Bell Room

#### **Wednesday (cont'd)**

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall  
7:15 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Zoom

#### **Thursday**

6:30 pm Milestones Group, off-site  
6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers Bell Room  
7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

#### **Saturday**

6:00 pm Friendsgiving Event,  
Abbott's Home

### **NEXT SUNDAY, November 24, 2024**

#### **Harvest Festival Sunday**

#### **Stewardship Sunday**

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 Harvest Festival Food Sorting, Mulford Hall  
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception, Sanctuary & Halldorson

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### **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP**

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## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with


health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.


This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

# My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99

## Song of Mary



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my  
 2 My God has done great things for me: yes,  
 3 From age to age to all who fear, such  
 4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
 ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -  
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its  
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
 sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1979, rev. 1987

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

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MORNING SONG

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# 838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

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TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 17, 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

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase**

- 10:00 am**    **Worship**, Sanctuary; Nursery, Room A-9
- 10:15 am**    **Extended Church School & Breakfast Club**
- 11:00 am**    **Coffee & Fellowship**, Mulford Hall
- 3:30 pm**     **Service of Remembrance**, Halldorson 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 Nancy Sellen, from PCCT Prayer Circle.

## WELCOME REV. KATHLEEN EDWARDS CHASE!

This morning, we welcome The Reverend Kathleen Edwards Chase to the pulpit. Kathleen joins us today having recently completed a year-long residency as the Oncology Chaplain at Morristown Medical Center under the leadership of Rev. Caroline Unzaga. Prior to that, she served as Senior Pastor for two congregations over 25 years, including Woodstock Reformed Church in NY and The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, NJ. A certified Grief Counselor and End-of-Life Doula, Kathleen finds fulfillment in supporting others through life's transitions. She enjoys yoga, adventurous travels, long hikes, and has discovered a love for pickleball. Her greatest joy comes from spending time with her college-age children, Emmy and Caden.

### **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**This afternoon at 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 fill out a card found on the back table in the narthex and leave it in the basket.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, November 18, 7:00 pm**

Calling all knitters and crocheters – beginners, experts, and anyone in between are welcome! The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold Parlor on Monday, November 18 at 7 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 contact the church office for details.

### **WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP "MILESTONES"**

**Thursday, November 21, 6:30 pm at Osteria Trevi**

Please join other PCCT midlife moms for our next "Milestones, embracing grace in the middle place" evening of fellowship. We'll gather on Thursday, November 21, at Osteria Trevi in Madison at 6:30 pm to enjoy dinner together. For more information about the group, please reach out to Stacy McCann at [swmccann@optonline.net](mailto:swmccann@optonline.net)

### **FRIENDSGIVING: Saturday, November 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**at the home of Sally and Tom Abbott**

Save the date for our Friendsgiving event! Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, please bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share. No dinner, just great finger food and drinks. You can sign up on the board in the upper lobby or through our weekly eblasts.



### **HARVEST FESTIVAL & STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: November 24**

Join us in celebrating Thanksgiving by bringing non-perishables to worship on November 24, for donation to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris Plains. There is a list of items needed in today's insert. Following worship, please join us in Mulford Hall to help sort food. Many hands make light work for this wonderful cause! This is a Faith Forward opportunity. If possible, please bring your donations in **reusable bags** which will also be donated. *Giving Trees will be up too! Grab a tag or two!*

### **2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Help Us Reach Our \$700,000 Goal**

We're aiming high with a \$700,000 goal for 2024 – a 6% increase that reflects our bold vision for the future. The "Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow" campaign needs your support to reach this goal. Every pledge, no matter the size, plays a crucial role in our success. Let's achieve great things together – **Please mail your pledge card, bring it on November 24, or fill out a pledge card online.**

### **LYRICA: Sunday, November 24, 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

#### **Piano Quartets Featuring Orion Weiss**

Internationally renowned pianist Orion Weiss joins star string players for piano quartets with Deborah Buck on violin, Paul Laraia on viola, and Ani Kalayjian on cello. Please stay after the concert for a reception in Halldorson Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists. Complimentary tickets are available for church members - please call the office to reserve a ticket.



### **NOMINATING**

The Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for Elders and Deacons from our church members. We encourage you to nominate yourself if you are a member of the church and have an interest in serving. We elect Deacons and Elders each year for a three-year term. We also seek nominations for representatives to the Nominating Committee (members at-large) and Audit Committee members for next year. The form is available as an insert today.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 pm**

Join with Chatham friends and neighbors across all faiths and traditions in a joyous celebration of the many blessings we share. The service will be held here at PCCT. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the Chathams and Green Village. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the CUMC Food Pantry; offering to go to the Chatham Emergency Squad. The Chatham Emergency Squad is an all-volunteer squad that serves both Chatham Township and Chatham Borough. The Squad is almost 90% funded by donations from the community. With 100+ members, more than any time in their history, the CES serves the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No member is compensated for their service as an EMT or an officer. The squad is always looking for new volunteers and invites anyone who is interested to contact us at: [membership@chathamemergencysquad.org](mailto:membership@chathamemergencysquad.org)

**COOKIE WALK & SOUPS TO SOOTHE SOULS**

**Saturday, December 14, 9:30 – 11:00 am**

Your help is needed to make this ever-popular event a success! Cookie Walk: When you are baking your Christmas cookies, please add an extra batch of 2-4 dozen for this event. Soup to Soothe Souls: Would you be willing to fill 4 one-quart containers with your favorite soup for our sale? This is a great family event and cannot happen without your support!

**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).

**GIVING TREE FOR JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN SERVICES**

**November 14 – December 2**



The Jersey Battered Women Services organization is collecting gifts from 11/14 -12/2 for their boutique. These gifts allow JBWS to create a holiday boutique so JBWS clients and their children can shop for one another during the holidays. The link to choose a gift is on our website or sign up through our weekly eblast. Jersey Battered Women's Services is dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence. JBWS provides protection and empowerment of the victim and rehabilitation of family members. JBWS advocates for social reform and public education about partner violence and its consequences.



## **HARVEST FESTIVAL: Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Please bring some items (in reusable grocery bags, if possible)  
from the list below to worship:**

**NO PERISHABLES OR GLASS PACKAGING, PLEASE!**

Prepared Tomato Sauce (cans only)  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Instant Potatoes, Rice, or Pasta  
Mixes (Hamburger Helper, etc.)  
Powdered Milk, Cereal  
Canned Meats, Tuna Fish, or Dinners  
Grape Jelly and Peanut Butter  
Muffin, Biscuit, and Pancake Mixes  
Personal Hygiene Products, Bars of Soap  
Tea, Instant Coffee, Hot Chocolate  
Paper Products (e.g., Toilet Paper)  
Jell-O or Pudding  
Sugar, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard  
Salad Dressings, Cooking Oil  
Diapers and Pull-ups  
Canned Fruits, Juices, and Soups  
Canned Vegetables (Carrots, Peas, Potatoes, etc.)  
Baked Beans, Kidney Beans, etc.  
Cookies, Crackers, Snacks  
Laundry Detergent (Regular size)  
Baby Formula, Baby Food

*We also need volunteers to help sort the food in Mulford Hall after worship. Many hands make light work - please lend a hand for a wonderful cause! All food will be distributed to the Interfaith Food Pantry Network in Morris Plains. Reusable bags will be donated as well. Thank you!*

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

## New Officer Elections for Elders and Deacons Congregational Nomination Form

The Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for Elders and Deacons from our church members. We encourage you to nominate yourself if you are a member of the church and have an interest in serving. We elect Deacons and Elders each year for a three-year term. We also seek nominations for representatives to the Nominating Committee (members at-large) and Audit Committee members for next year. Here are definitions to keep in mind:

**Ruling Elder:** is a member of our governing board, called Session, which also includes the clergy staff who are Teaching Elders. A Ruling Elder is elected to a three-year term on Session and is ordained into the ministry of church governance. The Elders set church policy and serve on one of the standing ministry committees to implement programs in the areas of faith, fellowship, and service.

**Deacon:** is a member of the Board of Deacons, which provides a ministry of compassion, witness, and caring for the congregation. The Deacon Board is established by Session to carry out this special caring ministry on behalf of the church. Each Deacon is assigned a group of members to check in with on a regular basis, as well as serving on special assignments like communion preparation and funeral receptions.

I would like the Nominating Committee to consider these people for:

Elder: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Audit Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominating Committee appreciates your suggestions! Thank you. You may place this form in the offering plate, or send it to the Church Office, or email the Chair of the Nominating Committee Kathy Hoffman at [corky9395@gmail.com](mailto:corky9395@gmail.com).

# A Service of Remembrance

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 • 3:30 pm

As part of this afternoon's service, we will be offering prayers in remembrance of friends and family members. If you have loved ones you would like to remember in prayer, we invite you to list their name(s) below. Please place your completed card in the basket on the center table prior to the service.

## Prayers of Remembrance

Person(s) you are remembering: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print clearly and provide any needed pronunciation helps)*

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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