



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, February 16, 2025
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

A Pleasant Thought

Florence Price

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

People: whose confidence is in God.

Leader: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

People: sending out roots by the stream.

Leader: This tree does not fear when heat comes;

People: its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

Leader: So come, let us place our trust in God!

People: Let us live in blessed faith together!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: ...and also with you.

***Processional Hymn 644** Give Thanks, O Christian People
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Welcome and Announcements

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 17:5-10

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Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir

Lesson from the Gospels: Luke 6:17-26

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Sermon "Blessings and Woes"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

We believe in God, Creator of beauty, source of every breath, foundation of every movement. God leads us beside still waters, makes us lie down in green splendor and lets nature heal and restore us.

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, who loved the least, the last and the lost. Christ loves us, calls us by name and cleanses us from our sins.

We believe in the Spirit, who gathers us into a rainbow-colored community, gives us a song to sing and prepares a feast for us all. We live as God's people, filled with everlasting hope and showered with blessing.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: February 17 - 22, 2025

Monday

Church Office Closed – Presidents Day

9:30 am Next Act, Lisa Bole's Home

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room

5:30 pm Chat & Chew, Choir Room and Mulford Hall

7:30 pm Christian Education Meeting, Zoom

Thursday

6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday

5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Mulford Hall

Saturday

9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside

NEXT SUNDAY, February 23, 2025

Pastor in the Pews

9:15 am and 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9

10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club

11:00 am **Souper Bowl of Caring, Narthex**

11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

11:15 am Worship & Music Meeting, Staff Conf. Room

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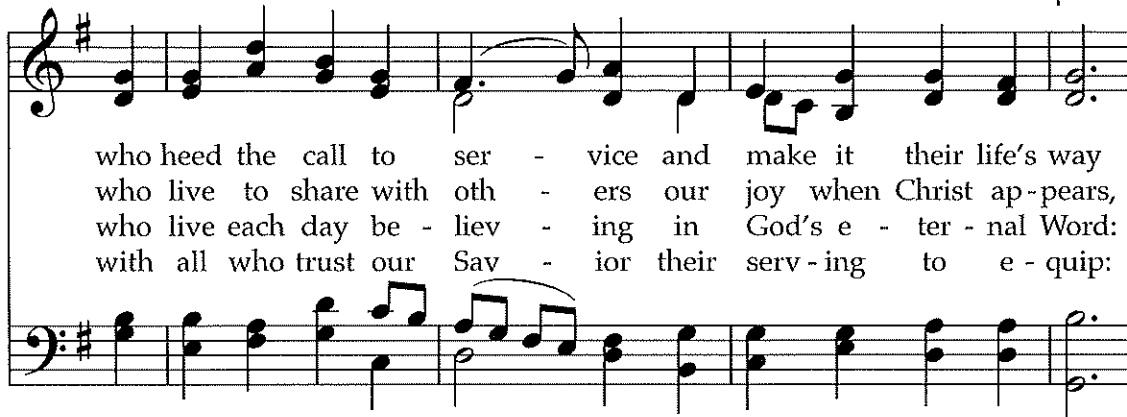
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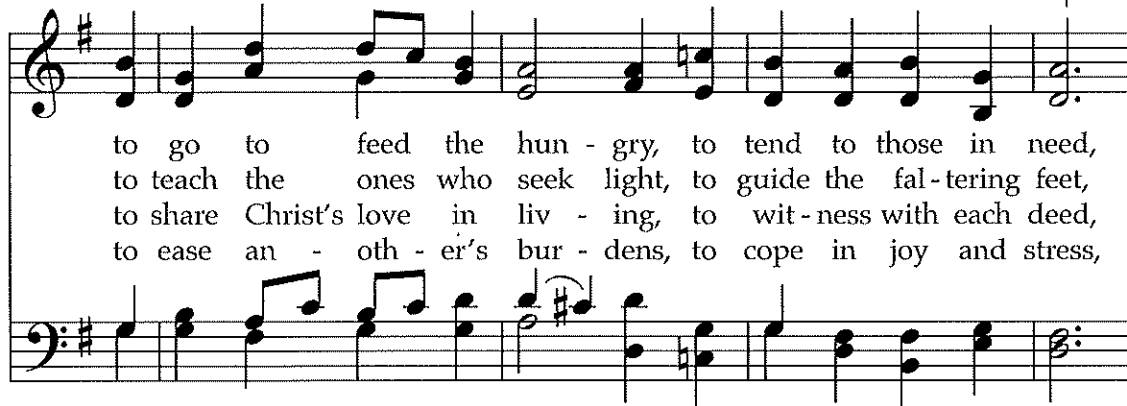
Give Thanks, O Christian People 644



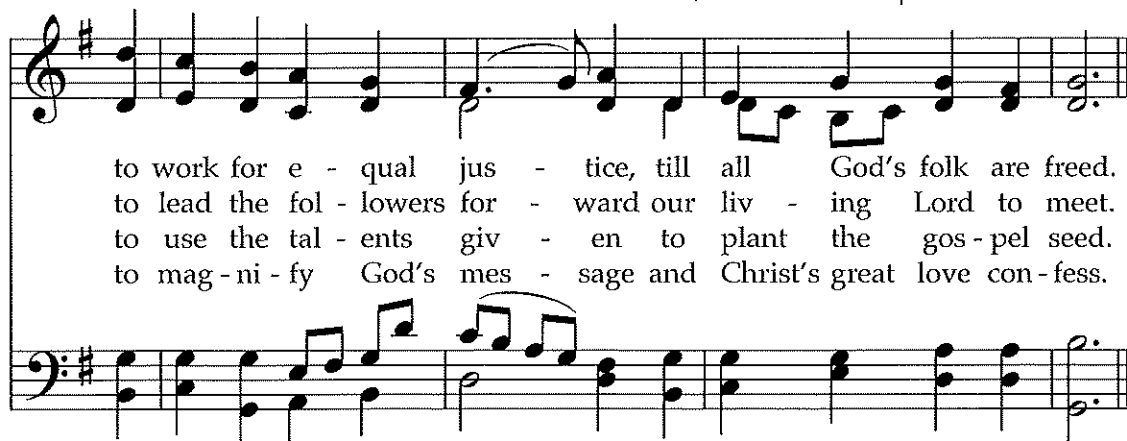
1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship



who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:



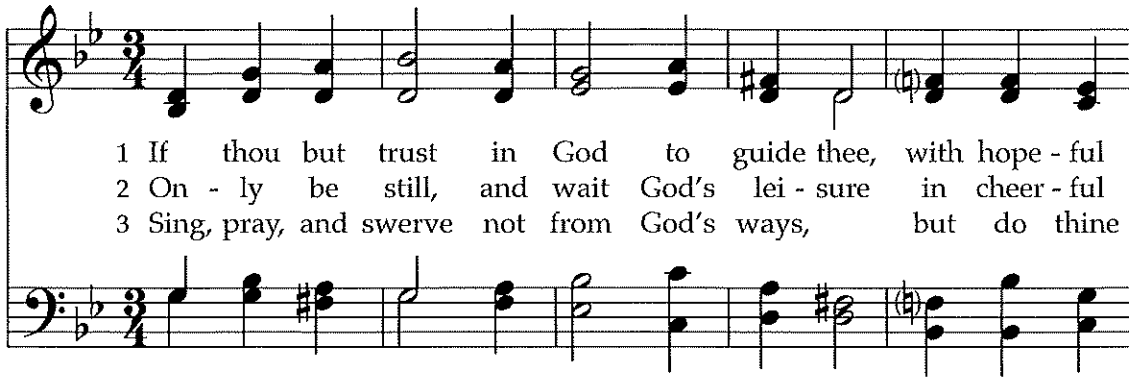
to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,



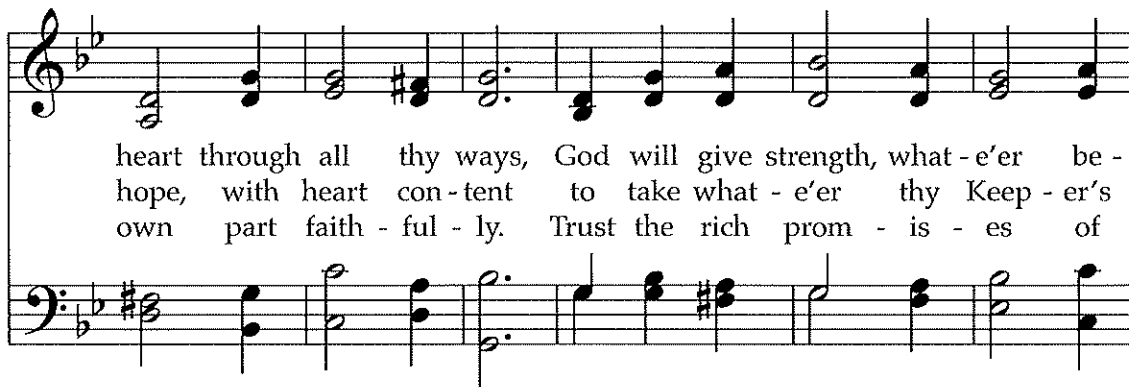
to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

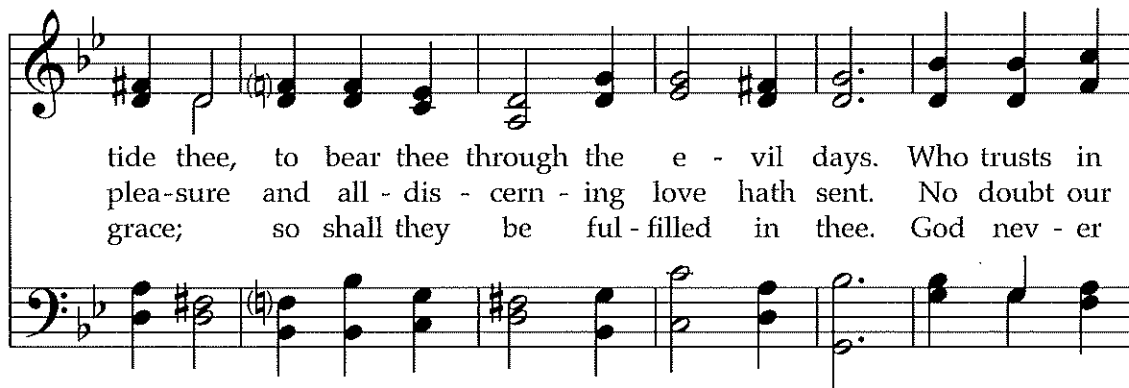
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816



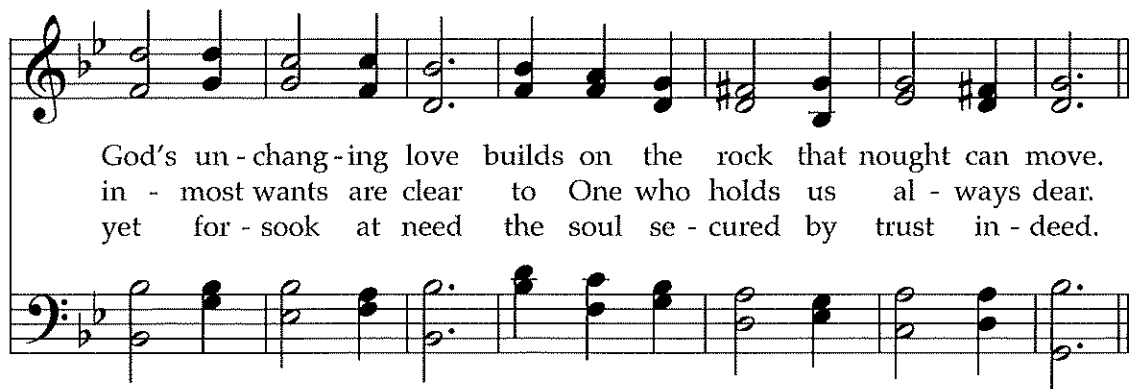
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G)

(D)

(Em)

(Bm7)

B^b

F

Gm

Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)

(G)

(Am7)

(Dsus) (D)

E^b

B^b

Cm7

Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)

(D)

(C)

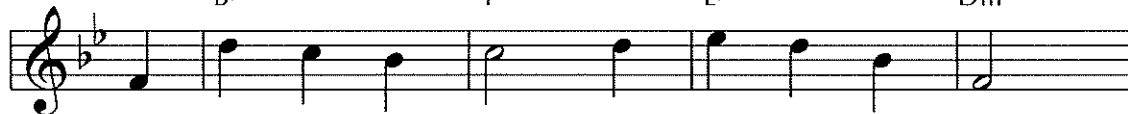
(Bm)

B^b

F

E^b

Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C)

(G)

(Am)

(D7)

(G)

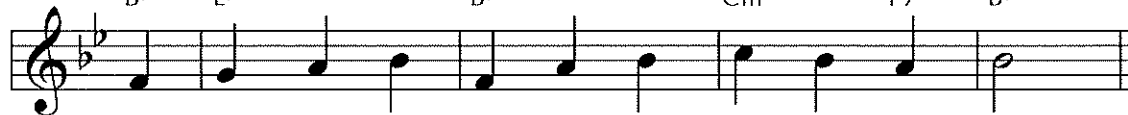
B^b

E^b

B^b

Cm

F7 B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 16, 2025

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**
11:00 am **Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall**



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Jozsef Mohacsi, Krisztina's uncle, by the Krumland Family.

PASTOR IN THE PEWS: CHURCH LED BY YOU!

Sunday, February 23

Be sure to join us next week for "Pastor in the Pews," an inspiring and uplifting service designed and led by members of PCCT. If you would be interested in helping with a similar service in the future, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Tom.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Rescheduled to Sunday, February 23

due to bad weather on Sunday, February 9

While we already know who won the game, the need remains the same. This year's Confirmation Class is sponsoring PCCT's participation in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. To date, almost \$200 million has been raised nationwide for local charities to make a difference as they collect food, raise money and volunteer with charities that provide shelter to the homeless and food to the hungry. On Sunday, February 23, the Confirmation Class will collect donations for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* following the 10 am worship service, both monetary and donations of canned soup will be gladly accepted!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are on sale now! Secure your spot and bring your friends for **Laughter Gives Back: Comedy Night with Chip Leighton** on Friday, March 21 from 7-10 p.m. at Chatham Fish & Game. Advance tickets are \$125 per person, including delicious food from Valducci's Pizza, wine and beer. Don't miss out on this fantastic night of comedy and community – all for a great cause. Get your tickets today! Learn more and register by scanning the QR code here.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We're Building a Brighter Future – Join Us!

Help us reach our goal! Your support helps us address urgent infrastructure needs like HVAC upgrades and roof repairs, ensuring PCCT's financial stability for years to come. By investing in these projects now, we'll save on future repair costs, enhance energy efficiency, and create a welcoming space for all who rely on our church. To give, please go to our website at pcct-nj.org and select the "Give Now" tab. Thank you.

IMPORTANT CHAT & CHEW NEWS!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Chat & Chew will start with a music component at a new time of 5:30 pm, led by Ms. Caitlyn Huetz, our director of Children's Music. Games and musical activities are a regular part of the program, it isn't just rehearsal for our children's choirs. Come check it out! Shortly after 6:00 pm, children will come upstairs for Chat & Chew where they will make dinner together under the supervision of parents and other volunteers. Age appropriate activities will round out the evening, which ends at 7:00 pm as usual. Children in grades K-8 are invited to participate. Please see the revised [Chat & Chew schedule](#) (available in the lounge) for a full list of dates - we are scaling back a bit to two times per month, plus dinner church on alternating months through the end of the school year. Please stay tuned for information about registration for Wednesday evenings.

WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP MILESTONES: Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm

Please join other PCCT midlife moms for our next "Milestones, embracing grace in the middle place" evening of fellowship. We'll gather on Monday, February 24 at Stacy McCann's home. We will discuss an article from the out-going surgeon general on community, "My Parting Prescription for America." It is a quick read and very thought provoking. How can PCCT help spearhead a "Quest for Community" in our local neighborhoods? Contact Stacy at swmccann@optonline.net to RSVP and for a link to the article.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS: Host Families Needed

Saturday, March 1, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

The BGSU Men's Chorus is an auditioned ensemble open to all tenor and bass students, faculty and staff at Bowling Green State University. Established in 1971, the chorus' motto and reputation as "America's Finest Singing Machine" is well deserved, emanating decades of musical excellence. The ensemble encompasses students from all majors; over half are non-music majors, representing all seven colleges at the university. **Host families are needed!** The last time the collegiate mixed chorale was here, our host families had a wonderful time and everyone enjoyed each other's company. Contact Matt Zabiegala for more information. Please consider hosting! You can scan the QR code to sign up.



FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 2, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Join us in Mulford Hall for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and some gluten free options! This is a fun fellowship event for all ages! Freewill offering will be available.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND SHARED WORSHIP: Friday, March 7

Hosted by Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit

6:30 pm Potluck* and Conversation; 7:30 pm Music Shabbat Service

We so enjoyed the visit from our friends earlier this month. Now we get to be the guests! **If attending the potluck please bring a vegetarian (non-meat) dish in keeping with their kosher policy. Enough to share "with a few people" is sufficient. Last names A-K are asked for sides; L-Z for a main dish. Please see Pastor Tom for more info.*

SAVE THESE DATES:

PCCT BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday March 9, 9:00 am-2:00 pm in Halldorson Hall
Please scan the QR code to make an appointment.



DINNER CHURCH

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

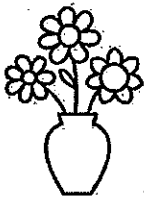
As we enter into the season of Lent, tonight's service will focus on the theme of drawing close to God in challenging times.

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXTS FROM PCCT

Sign-up today to receive occasional texts from PCCT! We'll send reminders about upcoming events to keep you in the know! In this busy world, a gentle nudge is helpful. Instructions are below:



1. Use the QR Code
2. Fill out the Form
3. When you click "Text me with news and offers" an option to enter your mobile number will appear
4. Once you've filled out the form completely, click the "sign-up" button and a "Thank you" page will appear
5. NEXT you will receive a text to the mobile phone number you submitted, asking you to confirm your interest in receiving SMS messages from PCCT. When you respond "Yes" to the text message, you are opted into SMS messaging, and sent a confirmation text message.



FLOWER MINISTRY

To place a dedication for 2025, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact Gloria in the church office at 973-635-2340.