



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Pastor in the Pews

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Air from Getreue Musikmeister Georg Philipp Telemann
Doug Haislip, *trumpet*, Sandy Batten and Matthew Zabiegala, *keyboards*

***Call to Worship**

One: In the storms of life,

All: God is our Shelter.

One: In the whirlwind of activity,

All: God is our secure center.

One: In the flood of tempting images and seductive words,

All: God is a rock of stillness on which to stand.

One: In the avalanche of tears and fears,

All: God is our strong foundation.

One: In all the days of our lives,

All: Let God's praise be on our lips.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: ...and also with you.

***Processional Hymn 305** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*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)

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Message For All God's Children

Katie Young

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

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Anthem

In Heavenly Love Abiding
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

Lesson from the Gospels: Luke 6:27-38

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Reflections

Joslin Ruffle, John and Stacy McCann, Kathy Woodward

*Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God who created us, who loves us and makes us whole. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, whose death and resurrection is our salvation and our example. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God who calls us to abundant life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Carl Woodward

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, now and forever, Amen.

Minute for Mission Souper Bowl of Caring Members of the Confirmation Class

Call to Offering

Offertory

A Canon of Praise Natalie Sleeth
Margaret Zehner, Brynn Hageman and Reese Hageman, vocalists

***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**

***Hymn 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction 600**

Amen

AMEN

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Sandy Batten, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

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Today's worship leaders are Lissa MacCallum and John Merwin.

Leading Reflections are Joslin Ruffle,
John and Stacy McCann, and Kathy Woodward.

Thank you to our musicians Sandy Batten, Gage Johnson, and Doug Haislip.

Our ushers this morning are Doug Magill, Doug Haislip, Frank Medina,
Gage Johnson, and Ken Basmadjian.

Our tabulators are Carolyn Smith and Rob Meyers
and our processor is Ann Jadro.

Special thanks to Bob Eager and Lynn Apolinaro
for their technical assistance this morning.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: February 24 - 29, 2025

Monday

7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Zoom
Milestone's Group, McCann's Home
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

7:15 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Zoom

Thursday

6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

7:00 pm Bowling Green Men's Chorus
Concert, Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY, March 1, 2025

The Sacrament of Communion

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

10:15 am Church School

11:00 am Pancake Breakfast, Mulford Hall

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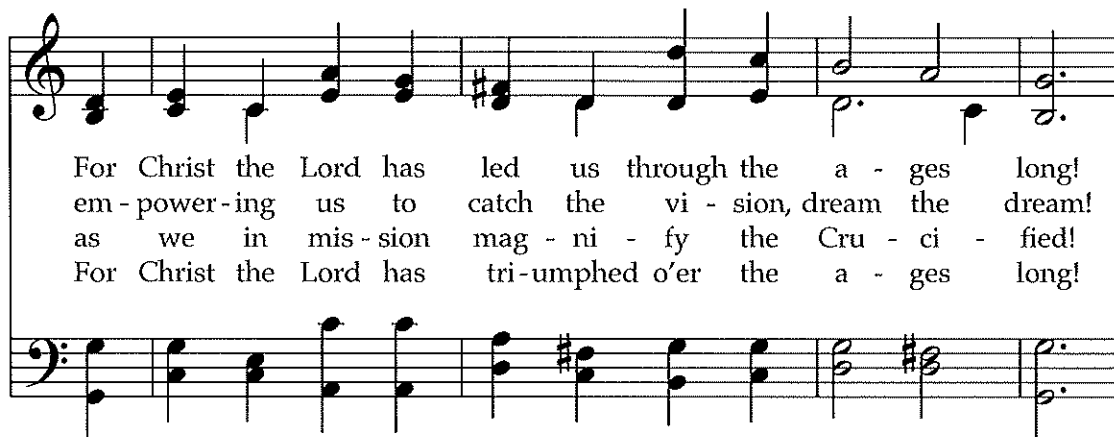
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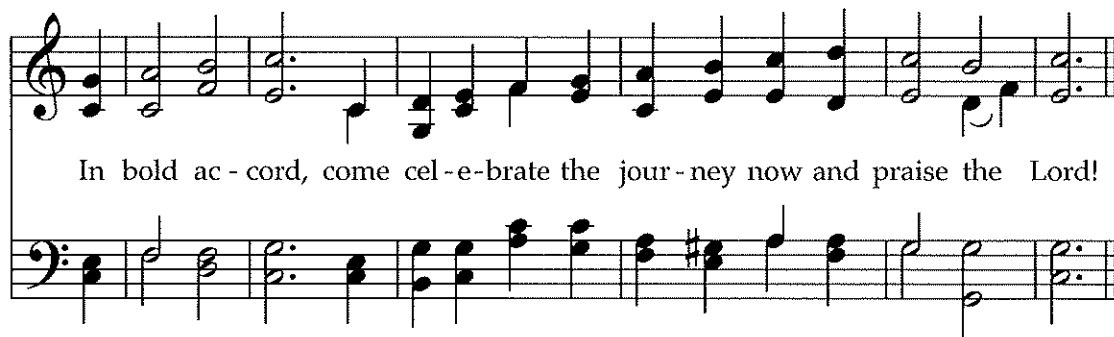
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23, 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

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
11:00 am **Souper Bowl of Caring, Narthex**
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
11:15 am Worship & Music Meeting, Staff Conf. Room



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
by Bob, Mary and Diane Moore, in memory of Bert C. Moore,
Minister-Counselor of the United States.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Rescheduled to Today

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. This morning, 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! Thank you!

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.



INVITE A FRIEND!

The more, the merrier! Spread the word and invite your friends to join us for a night of comedy and community at **Laughter Gives Back: Comedy Night with Chip Leighton** on Friday, March 21 from 7 -10 p.m. at Chatham Fish and Game. Invite your friends – because

together, we can make a big impact and reach our goal even faster! All proceeds go towards Renewal 2025, the PCCT Capital Campaign, ensuring the safety and sustainability of our building for the 40,000 members and organizations who use it annually. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code here.



BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS

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.

DINNER CHURCH

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

Join us for an informal, all-ages dinner and worship service as we usher in the season of Lent. Tonight's service will focus on the theme of drawing close to God in challenging times. We'll have music to sing and a hands-on craft project to help us express our faith in art. We'll be bringing back our traditional soup and roll supper (with salad). Pizza will be available for kids. Please RSVP using the link on our website and eblasts or on the board in the Upper Lobby.

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.*

PCCT BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday March 9, 9:00 am-2:00 pm in Halldorson Hall

Many appointments are still available. Please scan the QR code to reserve your spot today. For anyone not available on Sunday, please consider supporting the CES Blood Drive on Saturday. Details below.



CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 8, 8:30 am-2:30 pm

St. Patrick's Church - Parish Center, 85 Washington Avenue, Chatham

To schedule an appointment, visit: nybc.org/njdrive

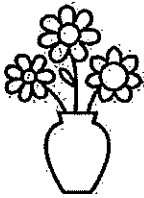
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SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXTS FROM PCCT

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.