



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Elegy

William Grant Still

***Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

People: God is our light and our salvation! Who shall we fear?

Leader: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

People: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Leader: Because God knows our condition. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

People: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the tent of God's love.

***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

*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)

*Forgive us, O Lord,
for everything that spoils our home life;
for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with,
for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others,
for the selfishness that makes life harder for others.*

*Forgive us, O Lord,
for everything that spoils our witness for you;
that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips;
for the difference between our creed and our conduct,
our profession and our practice;
for any example that makes it easier for people
to criticize your church or for another to sin.*

*Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins.
Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away.
And so strengthen us by your Spirit
that in the days to come we may live more nearly as we ought.*

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.*

***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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the New Testament: Philippians 3:17-4:1

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Anthem

If Ye Love Me
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

Lesson from the Gospels: Luke 13:31-35

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Sermon "God Moves Past all Obstacles"

The Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase

***Hymn 213** (vv. 1-4)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

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

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, inclusion, and grace.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

Minute for Mission

Community Garden

Lisa and Craig Duke

Call to Offering

Offertory On My Heart Imprint Your Image/Bless Now, O God the Journey

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**

***Hymn 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

Near the Cross

arr. Greg Howlett

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

Our ushers this morning are Martin Barbato, Linda Barnes,
Jeff Baun, Mark Schmitter, and Bob Wislocky.

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

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

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Griswold Parlor

Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

7:30 pm Dev. & Comm. Mtg., off-site

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

Friday

7:00 pm Capital Campaign Fundraiser
Chatham Fish & Game Club

Saturday

11:00 am Memorial Service for Ruth Steck and
Reception, Sanctuary & Mulford Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Scout Sunday

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

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

10:15 am Church School

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

Faith Forward: Crafting the Most Important

Documents of Your Life, Part II, Halldorson Hall

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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.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 2025

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

Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
10:15 am Church School
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Faith Forward: Crafting the Most Important Documents of Your Life, Part I, Halldorson Hall
3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception, Sanctuary & Mulford Hall
4:45 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship Bowling, Hanover Lanes



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James M. Meyers, by Ann Meyers and Robert Meyers.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: GOD ON THE MOVE

Jesus didn't stay in one place for long. His earthly ministry was one of moving from one place and encounter to the next. He also moved through every part of the human experience, encountering everything from temptation, to joy, to suffering and even death. During the six Sundays of Lent, Pastor Tom Brown and Pastoral Assistant Kathleen Edwards Chase will help us reclaim the movement of Jesus' ministry from temptation to condemnation, through a series of sermons on his teaching and miracles that will prepare us for the stories of his death and resurrection. The comforting truth of Lent is that as we delve deeper into our own self-examination, we find that we are not alone. God is still on the move in our lives, walking with us every step as we travel the road to Easter.

FAITH FORWARD: Sundays, Today & March 23, 11:00 am in Halldorson Hall

Crafting the Most Important Documents of Your Life

A Two Part Series for everyone over 18

Did you know that if your child is over 18 and has not given you legal written permission to access his/her medical records, you may not be notified if there is an illness or accident? Having legal papers in order is not just for the elderly. It's a crucial responsibility every adult should take seriously in order to ensure their wishes are honored in a crisis. Adult Education invites you - and your family - to join us!

Part I (March 16)

Learn the importance of Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, Advance Directives, Wills, and all other documents that should and must be prepared and organized **before** a crisis. Examples of what to do – and what not to do – will be discussed. Facilitated by (retired) geriatric care manager, Lucy Deutsch.

Part II (March 23)

Learn about issues that arise as we age: how to protect a healthy spouse when the other becomes ill, the benefits and disadvantages of transferring assets, and issues resulting from outdated or improperly executed wills, living wills, and proxies. Facilitated by elder law attorney Robert A. Bernstein, Esq.

LYRICA CONCERT: This afternoon at 3:00 pm

Art Song and Opera with Ashley Marie Robillard

Rising star soprano Ashley Marie Robillard leads a program of art song and opera with pianist David Kaplan and cellist Ani Kalayjian. Please stay after the concert for a reception in Mulford Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Bowling Night

Tonight from 4:45-6:45 pm at Hanover Lanes

All 5th - 8th graders are invited to a fun evening of bowling, pizza, and games. *Please contact Pastor Tom if you would like to attend but have not yet signed up.*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our special offering during the season of Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes found in the pews.



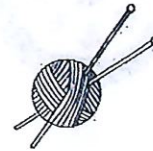
ONE WEEK AWAY!

Only one week left! This is your last chance to grab advance-priced tickets for **Laughter Gives Back: Comedy Night with Chip Leighton** on Friday, March 21 from 7-10 pm at Chatham Fish and Game. Don't miss out on this fantastic evening of laughter, food, and fun – all for a great cause. All proceeds go towards Renewal 2025, the PCCT Capital Campaign, ensuring the safety and sustainability of our building, which serves both our congregation and the wider community. To learn more and register for the event, scan the QR code here. **Volunteers needed!** Please sign up to help at the event on the link in our weekly eblasts.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, March 17, 7:00 pm

The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold Parlor on Monday, March 17 at 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided, so we can sip, stitch, chat, crochet, and learn to knit. Yarn and needles will be provided if you're a beginner or don't have a project in the works.



WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP MILESTONES: Thursday, March 27 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 Thursday, March 27 at Carlene Pruitt's home and will discuss "When God Winks: How the Power of Coincidence Guides Your Life" by Squire Rushnell. Contact Stacy McCann at swmccann@optonline.net to RSVP or for more information.

SPRING CHAT & CHEW REGISTRATION

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship, music with Ms. Caitlyn and dinner. Our Spring sessions continue on: March 26; April 9, 30; May 14, 28; June 4. For these sessions we ask that you consider giving a donation to help us cover some of the costs. You can register on our website. Thank you.

FAITH FORWARD: THE QUESTION OF SALVATION

Sunday April 6, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

As the church all over the world prepares to celebrate Easter, the Sunday on which we recognize the resurrection of Jesus, the question of salvation comes to the forefront. What does it mean to be saved, and how do we understand our Christian heritage in light of valued ecumenical partnerships? This morning, we will discuss a Reformed perspective on Salvation, examining our historical creeds, theological texts and relevant passages from scripture. Join us for an informative and engaging discussion.

2025 EARTH CARE CERTIFICATION



PCCT has once again been certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation - 13th year in a row! To become certified, our church took the "Earth Care Pledge" and completed activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Thanks to all our members who have helped us attain this certification and special thanks to Steve Carroll who spearheads this every year.

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.