



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
The Reception of New Members
10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Ricercar
Lasst uns erfreuen

Orlando di Lasso
Rudolf Moser

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: By this we have known the presence of the Lord:

People: *in the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,*

Leader: in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

People: *in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.*

Leader: By this we have known the power of the Lord:

People: *in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,*

Leader: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,

People: *in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

All: *Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!*

HYMN 15 (vv. 1,4,6)

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*(1) All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(4) All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(6) O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You, God, are known for your wonderful deeds - your mercy, forgiveness, and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. Yet we are slow to comprehend and we refuse to acknowledge your gifts. We act as if we provide ourselves everything we need, when we know in our hearts that you are the author of life and salvation. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our sins, in thought, word and deed, flood our lives with your redemptive love, that in return, we would praise your name now and forever. 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.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Marisa and Kevin Towers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He^[a] commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON "With Authority"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Leads Me All the Way
Chancel Choir

David Lantz III

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 263 (vv. 1-3)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*(1) All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*(2) Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*(3) Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Coronation

Charles Callahan

Today's worship assistant is The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot.

Today's cantor is Douglas Clark.

Choral anthem produced by Douglas Clark at the Glass Bottom Studios.

Special thanks to Dylan Mangel, Carlene Pruitt, Jay Pruitt
and Kraig Williams today for their technical assistance.

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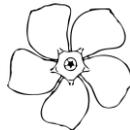
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 31, 2021

ANNUAL MEETING: Today after Worship

Please join us today after worship for the Annual Meeting, held virtually on Zoom. Your attendance is important as we vote on nominees for Elders and Deacons, and the Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor and the Associate Pastor of Congregational Life. We'll also review the 2021 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2020.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Marisa and Kevin Towers live in Chatham with their two young children, Owen and Nora. Growing up in Basking Ridge, Marisa and Kevin wanted to be closer to home after living in New York City for several years. Kevin runs a physical therapy practice in New York City and Marisa is in telecom marketing.

Thank you, Kristie and John Murphy, for serving as the Towers' sponsors.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP WITH PASTOR CLÉMOT

Our Children's Ministry Focus Group is launching a pilot program of children's worship videos with our Senior Pastor every week, starting February 7th, in time for younger family's Sunday worship together. The videos will be released on Sunday morning and remain available all week so that you can hear a brief Bible-based story with your children when most convenient for you. We are inviting other congregants and teachers to join our "Story Corps" so that over time we can expand the narrators of family worship time to include the enthusiastic voices of our broader church family.

If you are already registered for our children's ministry programs, you will receive a link to the children's message weekly in your in-box, and all congregants will have the link to the children's message on Sunday mornings sent by e-blast from the church office. Please let us know if you would like to join our Story Corps, or be registered to receive email links and messages about our Children's ministry restructuring plans by emailing: Katie Young, Chair of the Children's Ministry Focus Group, at katiebyoung@yahoo.com or Ceri Gilpin in the church office at cgilpin@pcct-nj.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is Back!

Each Wednesday, at 10:30 AM

Dear Bible deprived and Bible curious:

In response to your enthusiastic requests, we have started gathering, online, for Bible study with Pastor Ellen. Please join us on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to noon each week by Zoom for a lively and informative time of fellowship and Bible story-sharing with insights from our new Pastor. Our first study topic is "Women of Influence in the Bible" and we are studying the women you are curious about, such as Deborah, the first judge elected by the Hebrew people, Lydia, the original second career Pastor who led a house church and also managed a business in the luxury cloth trade, the women who helped finance the ministry of Jesus, and other women who made a difference despite being outcasts and strangers: Ruth, Hagar, the Woman at the Well, the Syro-Phoenician Woman. As we consider these women of the Bible, we will also explore how women today, and the families who love them, continue to lead, influence, struggle with, and support the church spiritually, physically, intellectually, and financially today. All are welcome, without regard to gender, for this kick-off session with Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot. To sign up, please go [HERE](#), or you can call the church office and let us know you would like to attend.

ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE: Through Feb. 3

Our Annual Church-Wide Sock Drive is ending soon. Please drop off new socks and place them in the box to the right of the elevator for our next Bridges Run. The deadline is this Wednesday, Feb. 3.

NOURISH.NJ BREAKFAST BAGS: Feb. 16 - 23

A wonderful new way to support Nourish guests! The need for food programs has increased by 30% since the onset of Covid-19 but we can alleviate the need by providing Breakfast Bags. Assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall from February 16 - 23 between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please visit our [website](#) to sign up and for details and directions. Contact Story Savage at story_savage_284@comcast.net with any questions.

CAD FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI

Again this year, PCCT is unable to send a Mission Team to serve with Foundation For Peace in Haiti. To continue our support of FFP, a longstanding PCCT Mission Partner, we are raising funds for CAD orphanage, where there are 26 children. Visiting the children at CAD is a highlight of our Mission Trips. Last year through the generous donations of PCCT, we raised over \$40,000, enough to fund the orphanage for 2020 including food, medical, educational, and caregiving needs. Each child also received a birthday present and cake during their birthday month. For many it was their first!

Fundraising kicks off February 14. Our goal is to raise at least \$18,000 this year. There will be an informational Zoom call with Pastor Valentin and others from FFP on Sunday, February 21 at 4:30 pm. You can join the call via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84840050317?pwd=YnJ0QUxGUWd5Tj9TT0VydzY4VFluQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 4005 0317

Passcode: FFPHaiti

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Please consider making a donation by sending a check to the church office with Haiti Fundraiser in the Memo Line or by clicking [HERE](#) and choose Haiti Fundraiser on the fund drop down menu. Feel free to reach out to Julie Nelson, jnelson36@gmail.com, with any questions.

RADIO CHURCH RETURNS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY!

Back by popular demand, we will hold an Ash Wednesday worship service in our church parking lot, broadcast over our FM radio frequency 92.5. Our broadcast extends across only 500 yards of airway, so you need to be in the PCCT parking lot to hear us. But that is where the Spirit will be on February 17, 2021, at 4pm. We are worshipping early so that families can come. So, bring your kids, and in place of ashes, everyone will receive a special Lenten flower bulb planted in a pebble jar that you can nurture at home over the 40 days of Lent and watch bloom in time for Easter. Like at Christmas Eve, everyone stays inside their cars during worship. We will give you a bulletin and you can sing along with our hymns, listen to our student musicians play, and here a very brief reflection from Rev. Clémot to guide our thinking, and inspire our hopefulness, for this Lenten season.

Please let the church office know if you can join us by registering [HERE](#). All are welcome, even without registration, but numbers help us plan our plantings. We look forward to welcoming you on PCCT Radio, Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 4pm!

LENTEN NO-PREP* BOOK STUDY

Dr. Ellen C. Clémot & Rev. Tom Brown will lead a virtual five-part book study during Lent. Join us Wednesdays, Feb 24 - March 24, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom. We will be reading a portion of "We Make the Road by Walking" by renowned author and theologian Brian McLaren, who writes: "What we all want is pretty simple, really. We want to be alive. To feel alive. Not just to exist, but to thrive, to live out loud, walk tall, breathe free..." People are seeking "aliveness" he says. This book is about how to move forward on that path.

*We invite you to come each week *unprepared*. The chapters can be read aloud in 10-12 minutes, so we will do that together each week. Scripture, discussion, and prayer will round out our hour together. You may sign up [HERE](#).

CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has rehearsals on Thursday evenings on Zoom and the Sanctuary Ringers meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, masked and socially distanced. If you think you may be called to ministry through music at PCCT as a singer, a ringer, or parents of a child musician, please reach out to Deborah at dking@pcct-nj.org

TECH TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Who needs an AV Club when we've got a Tech Team! Volunteers are needed to join the newly created Tech Team to run the new livestream equipment each Sunday. This group is responsible for managing the audio, camera angles, livestream connection, and overall production for each service. The Team's work is critical in offering high quality, easily accessible services so everyone can worship from home - in pandemic times and beyond. Groups of three volunteers per Sunday will be formed on a rotating schedule to ensure coverage. NO experience is necessary; training is available to learn how to run the equipment. If interested, contact [Rev. Tom Brown](#).

NEW PCCT DROP OFF BOX

We now have a new box located at the back of the church and mounted on the railing. If you would like to drop something off for the church office and it is after church hours, you may place it in the box and it will be picked up the next weekday.

OFFERING

Pledges and gifts may be mailed or given through our website - look for the tab that says "Give." You can also text the word "Give" to 973-524-7580 and you will receive a Text with a link to Give. Please know how grateful we are for your continued support and partnership. If you requested to receive a box of offering envelopes for 2021, you may pick them up in the Upper Lobby from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday through Friday.

SPECIAL APPEAL

We ask you to contribute your 2021 Apportionment, the \$40.00 *per member* charge in support of our Presbytery and Presbyterian church USA. You may pay online on our website or by cash or check to the church office.

FLOWER DEDICATION

Thank you to everyone who has dedicated flowers as part of our virtual worship service each Sunday. Your continued support has enabled us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by having a Deacon deliver flowers each week to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation or concern on behalf of the church. If you would like to place a dedication for 2021, you may sign up easily [HERE](#) or you can call the office at (973) 635-2340 or email [Gloria](#). The cost of the flowers is \$65.00. If you choose to pay by check, please add "flower fund" to the memo line. Flowers may also be paid for online.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank those who have fulfilled their 2020 pledge and have returned their pledge cards for 2021. Your courtesy giving statements will be mailed out no later than mid-February.

