



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Psalm 23
Janice Williams, piano

Franz Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom M. Schuman, adapted

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, as Jesus leads us through the wilderness.

People: Lent calls us to follow, to the place where God covenants with us.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship; to tell future generations the good news.

People: Lent calls us to justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

People: Lent calls us to take up our cross; to trust the One who bears it with us.

Leader: Lent calls us to journey; to walk with God.

People: In our worship and acts of service, who walks with us, this and every day.

HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*(1) Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*(2) Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*(3) I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

TEXT: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868, alt.
MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of our ancestors in the faith, we are a people who have known the hurt of broken promises, and have spoken words we could not keep. We are quick to condemn those who make wrong choices, but want only gentle criticism directed our way. We let our lives be guided by our past, rather than opening our eyes, our hearts, our hopes to your amazing future.

Forgive our distrust of your promises. Forgive our disbelief that you can bring hope to those places where we see only despair. Forgive our hesitancy in denying all that keeps us from committing ourselves completely to you. Forgive us, so we may take up the life you offer to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON "Setting Our Minds"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) Philippians 2:5-11

“Christ Jesus... though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION Carolyn Smith - Family Promise

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Inscription of Hope
Chancel Choir

Z. Randall Stroope

TEXT: Z. Randall Stroope, and an inscription on the cellar walls in Cologne, Germany, WWII
MUSIC: Z. Randall Stroope, quoting a Russian Folk Tune

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 450 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*(1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*(2) Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*(4) High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta (truncated version)
Deborah Simpkin King, piano

Aram Khatchaturian

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

Today's cantor is Douglas Clark.

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

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Carlene Pruitt and Kraig Williams today for their technical assistance.

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and In Honor of Edie Howell, mother and grandmother, by the MacCallum family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 28, 2021

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Please join Pastor Ellen today and every Sunday at 11 a.m. for some virtual coffee and fellowship via Zoom. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new Senior Pastor and to catch up with old friends. All are welcome. Click [HERE](#) to join Zoom.

Meeting ID: 838 6824 4407

Password: Coffee

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Passcode: 596513

LENTEN MESSAGES

Introducing Messages for Lent! Starting Ash Wednesday, and continuing each week throughout Lent, a PCCT staff member (and a few guests) will share a special message as a time to pause, reflect, and prepare for the reality of God's redeeming grace. Look for these messages weekly through email, Facebook, and Instagram. This week's message can be seen [HERE](#).

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Our Children's message is available every week on our [YouTube](#) channel and on our [website](#). Please check it out!

FAMILY PROMISE - Save the Dates: March 14 - 20

Family Promise's traditional congregation-based shelter program will remain on hold throughout 2021. A generous grant is allowing them to shelter families in a motel equipped with full kitchens, including refrigerators, stoves and microwaves. Volunteers from host congregations such as ours will be providing meals. Our first "hosting" week is March 14 - 20. To register to provide a meal, either home cooked, delivered or in the form of a gift card to a local restaurant or Shop Rite, please click [HERE](#). Together, we can help Family Promise pursue their goal of "Ending Homelessness One Family At A Time."

HEARTS FOR CAD - A FUNDRAISER FOR 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. 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 kicked off February 14 with the hopes of raising at least \$18,000 this year. As of February 25, we are more than halfway to that goal. It's not too late to contribute! 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.

Highlights from the virtual fundraising event can be seen on our [website](#).

PDA SUPPORT FOR TEXAS

We've all heard about the terrible impact of the recent Winter storms in the greater Texas area - lack of electricity, frozen water pipes, and severe shortages of food and water. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with Presbyterian leadership on the ground in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. They are working with presbyteries to assess the needs and are expecting multiple grant requests. If you wish to contribute funds, here is the link <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/winter-storms/>.

NOURISH.NJ

The need for food programs has increased by 30% since the onset of COVID-19, but we can help alleviate the need by providing Breakfast Bags to [nourish.NJ](#). Purchase items, assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The dates are **March 15 - 23** and **April 12 - 20**. Contact our PCCT member liaison Story Savage with any questions. Great way for the whole family to help someone in need. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for March or April.

LENTEN NO-PREP* BOOK STUDY

Dr. Ellen C. Clémot & Rev. Tom Brown are leading a virtual five-part book study during Lent which began last week. Join us Wednesdays, through March 24, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom. We are reading a portion of "We Make the Road by Walking" by renowned author and theologian Brian McLaren.

*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](#).

BIBLE STUDY

Remember to join us each Wednesday at 10:30 am for Bible Study. To sign up, please go [HERE](#), or you can call the church office and let us know you would like to attend.

CHOIR

Those interested in a **sneak peek at Sunday's hymns** are welcome to join the Chancel Choir at 7:25 on any Thursday evening. Going over Sunday's hymns will be first, and will not take long. Visitors are welcome to stay for as much or as little of the rest of rehearsal as they like.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87541550567?pwd=am92YVBxNS9WdGJua0JKL1hXd3E5Zz09>

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT

Today, February 28, 4-5 pm

You and your team will compete against others to come up with the most creative selfies matching specific clues. Some like "Ready for Summer" will be on your own, while others such as "Zoo creatures" will require coordination among team members. We will meet virtually on Zoom and submit photos to a shared Google Drive (or similar). Friends are welcome. Registration required for Zoom link. You may sign up [HERE](#).

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Tonight, February 28, 7-8 pm

Join us for new favorites like Quiplash and Among Us, plus new takes on old classics: reverse Charades, online Mafia and Pictionary. Friends are welcome to join us. Please [RSVP](#) to Pastor Tom to receive the Zoom link.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate and place a dedication for an Easter lily or a pink azalea to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out a form and return it to the church office **no later than Friday, March 19**. This year, all of the plants will be donated and taken by a Deacon to a member of the congregation. Please click [HERE](#) to fill out a form online or you may use the form on the last page and drop it off or mail it to the church.

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.

SUPPORT PCCT THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

If you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the charity of your choice. The products and prices are the same. Using AmazonSmile is just a simple and automatic way for you to support the Friends every time you shop.

To get started, simply go to smile.amazon.com, logon using your Amazon password, and indicate your charity to be Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. You can select PCCT to be your default charity every time you shop. Once you have selected your charity, shop as usual using the smile.amazon.com website, and place your order.

BLOOD DRIVE

Chatham Emergency Squad is hosting a Blood Drive at Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church this Saturday, March 6th, 286 Main Street, Chatham, NJ from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Appointments Recommended:

nybc.org/njdrive

Sponsor Code: 61961



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and **return it to the church office no later than Friday, March 19**. The price is \$14 for an Easter Lily and \$27 for an azalea plant. Please indicate how many and what kind of plant you would like to donate.

_____ Easter Lily(ies) [\$14 per plant]
(# of plants)

_____ Pink Azalea plant(s) [\$27 per plant]
(# of plants)

All of the plants donated this Easter will be **taken by the Deacons** to a member of the congregation.

*****THE BULLETIN WILL READ:

*The Easter flowers in our chancel have been contributed
IN MEMORY OF.....(or) IN HONOR OF.....(circle one)*

NAME(S) FOR DEDICATION

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR

by...DONOR'S NAME

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Please return by Friday, March 19. Checks should be made out to PCCT and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. Thank you!

