

# The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

## Homecoming Sunday



**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,  
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;  
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;  
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

### **We Gather Together**

**The Prelude**

Sinfonia to Cantata 29

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**The Greeting**

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Please use a connection card found in the pew to write your prayer concern and hand it to an usher or put it in the zoom chat and it will be included in the Joys and Concerns later in the service

Following the choir, the congregation is invited to sing hymn 507.+

**Come to the table of joy.  
Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of joy.**

As we gather around the table of joy, we light a candle.  
May the warmth of its glow remind us of the joy of God's everlasting love.  
**As we light this candle, kindle the flame of joy in us.**

Ken Lowenberg

**\*Hymn 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn To Joy

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of joy,  
You call us to the table, but we choose our own path.  
We walk away from your invitation.  
Instead of gathering together, we build barriers and rules for belonging.  
You promise the bread of life for all, but we hoard and let neighbors go hungry.  
You promise waters of justice, but we create conflict and let neighbors go thirsty.  
Bring us back. Transform us at this table so that we can grow into your joy.

*A time for silent confession*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

These are the waters of justice, overflowing with God's grace.  
Even when our hearts feel empty, God's joy overflows.  
Friends, come to the table,  
**For God has forgiven us. Amen.**

**\*The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
**Let us forgive one another.**  
The peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

*We invite you to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*The People's Response**

*O Quanta Qualia, Hymn 503+, v.2*

**Here, at your table, confirm our intention;  
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.**

**Time with Children**

Introduction of Nicole Page,  
Director of the Weekday Nursery School,  
and recognition of the staff, teachers and families.

The Rev. Keith Thompson

**Faith Sharing**

*How have you experienced joy at CCPC?*

The Rev. Fuad Khouri  
Sue Martin and C.C. Morse

**Gathering Song**

*O Quanta Qualia, Hymn 503+, v.3*

**When, at your table, each time of returning,  
vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept you as Lord.**

## We Share Community Joys and Concerns

### Joys and Concerns

Please come to the microphone to share your prayer request, or write it on the connection card found in the pew, or in the chat box on zoom.

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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, forever. Amen.**

## We Hear the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Come as Light, O God, and enlighten our darkness. Come as Truth, O Christ, and give us wisdom. Come as joy, O Spirit, and shape our lives. Come to us, Holy One, so that we may learn to follow you in all our ways. Amen.

### The Epistle

Romans 12:9-18  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks Be to God.**

Pew Bible NT, pg.162

### Sermon

Come to the Table of Joy

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

## We Respond to God's Word

### \*Hymn 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

*Monkland*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God who loves us as a parent  
searches for us when we are lost, embraces us in our hurt,  
always looking for any reason to throw a party.

We believe in the risen Christ,  
who gathers all the lost into a new community  
and tells us we are forgiven, blessed and loved.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who empowered the new community of followers  
to sit together at the table, tell stories of God's love,  
and turn the world upside down.

We belong to God and each other in love, joy, grace and peace.

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

### Music at the Offertory

O Be Joyful

Peter Aston (1938-2013)

### \*The People's Response

*Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;  
ours, a commitment we know never ends.*

*O Quanta Qualia*, Hymn 503+, v.1

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### \*Hymn 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

*The Trees of the Field*

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

Chorale Fughetta on "Monkland"

David Blackwell (b. 1961)

Everyone is invited downstairs to attend a celebration of the new church year in Chadsey Hall directly below the sanctuary and on the church lawn.

Online worshippers are invited to remain on zoom for a time of fellowship.

**Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Sr. Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Christy Schmidt, Liturgist. **The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God. For future flower dedications, please contact John Cox at [johnwcox13@gmail.com](mailto:johnwcox13@gmail.com) or donate on the church's website. Flower donations are \$75.**

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If you're visiting, making a prayer request,  
or just want to check in with us,

## Connect With Us!

Scan this code with your smartphone and fill out our form online.

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
September 17 – September 24, 2023		
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	8:45 – 9:45 9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00  10:30 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:30 11:00 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Earth Stewards Meeting — Library Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpS2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpS2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09</a> Sunday School Kickoff Party — Chadsey Hall and Outside Homecoming Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130
<b>Monday, September 18</b>	2:00 – 3:00	Health – Exercise 60+ with Will Yates — Chadsey Hall and CCPC Parking lot
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b>	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30 7:00 – 9:00	TAP Open — Office and Waiting Room Needlework Group — CCPC Library Session Meeting — Geneva and Zoom at <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4905335007?pwd=U1g5OHMzOU9XQVQ5OS8yVmc4UVFHQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4905335007?pwd=U1g5OHMzOU9XQVQ5OS8yVmc4UVFHQT09</a>
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b>	11:00 – 12:00	Bible Study — Firesides and Zoom at <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4905335007?pwd=U1g5OHMzOU9XQVQ5OS8yVmc4UVFHQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4905335007?pwd=U1g5OHMzOU9XQVQ5OS8yVmc4UVFHQT09</a>
<b>Thursday, September 21</b>	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Room 300 and Sanctuary
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	7:45 – 8:45	Men's Spirituality Group — Chadsey Hall
<b>Saturday, September 23</b>	10:00 – 11:00	Children's Playdate — WNS Playground
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00  10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00 11:30 – 12:30 4:30 – 7:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpS2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpS2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09</a> Sunday School Class — Calvin Hall and Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children's Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130 Inquirer's Session — Geneva Youth Group — Chadsey Hall

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