

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.



**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

Rockingham

Peter Pindar Stearns (1931-2016)

The Greeting

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

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

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

Ruling Elder Susan Dentzer

***Hymn 41, vs.1-4**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
We invite you to bring your crackers up to the picnic table.

Lyons

***Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

God of grace,
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 grace.

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 grace 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**

**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.**

O Quanta Qualia, Hymn 503+, vs. 2

Time with Children

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Moment for Ministry

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Gathering Song

**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.**

O Quanta Qualia, Hymn 503+, vs.3

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 Love, 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 Old Testament

Exodus 16:2-15
The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God.

Pew Bible OT, pg. 12

Sermon

The Table of Grace

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 652

A Grateful Heart

Rockingham

*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

The Hunger Offering will be received today.

Music at the Offertory

Amazing Grace

Keith McCutcheon

*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+, vs.1

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Winchester New

*Charge and Benediction

Leaders in worship include The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Sr. Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Susan Dentzer, 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 or donate on the church's website. Flower donations are \$75.**

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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 24 – October 1, 2023		
Sunday, September 24	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 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 360, Calvin Hall (350A) & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children's Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130 Inquirer's Class — Geneva Hall Youth Group — Chadsey Hall
Monday, September 25	2:00 – 3:00	Health – Exercise 60+ with Will Yates — Chadsey Hall and CCPC Parking lot
Tuesday, September 26	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30	TAP Open — Office and Waiting Room Needlework Group — CCPC Library
Wednesday, September 27	2:00 – 4:00	Wednesday Circle Meeting — Geneva Hall
Thursday, September 28	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Room 300 & Sanctuary
Friday, September 29	7:45 – 8:45	Men's Spirituality Group — Chadsey Hall
Saturday, September 30	4:30 – 7:30	Men's Steak Cookout — Parking Lot and Church Lawn
Sunday, October 1	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:15 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00 4:30 – 6:30	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Open Forum – Affordable Housing — Geneva Hall Children's Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130 WNS Fall Family BBQ — CCPC Front Lawn & Playground