

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for November 19, 2023

**Worship for Thanksgiving Sunday
November 19, 2023**

Prelude

Pavane

Elmore

Meditation

"Praise is not only a human requirement and human need, it is also a human delight. We have a resilient hunger to move beyond self, to return our energy and worth to the One from whom it has been granted. In our return to that One, we find our deepest joy."

Walter Brueggemann

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord.... Enter God's gates with thanksgiving."

Psalm 100:1, 4

"Life is a gift for which we are grateful. We gather in community to celebrate the glories and mysteries of this great gift."

Marjorie Montgomery

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews. We hope you will join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100:4-5

Maggie Reid

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise;
give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

**For Good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness
endures from age to age.**

*Hymn #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Maggie Reid

**Mighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or
deserve. You feed, heal, teach and save us. We confess that we always want
more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and
are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive
our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us take such
pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you.**

Silent Prayer

*Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession-
confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from
knowing life as God's beloved child.*

Collect

Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

***Passing the Peace**

***Gloria #583**

*Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

Children's Conversation

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture:

Matthew 6:25-34

Maggie Reid

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

***Hymn #385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

A Few Words about Thanksgiving

Rev. Hayes

Offering

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

***Doxology**

We Give Thee But Thine Own v.1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***Dedication**

Announcements

Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about 6 inches from your mouth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hayes

Our Father 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

***Benediction**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert

Thank you to today's assistants:

Linda Imboden and Lynda Wheat – Ushers

Maggie Reid – Liturgist

The Rev. Stuart Hayes – Bridge Pastor

Bette Kahler – Director of Music

This morning's flowers were given by Lynda Wheat.

Thank you.

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Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

*If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship
meaningful and our fellowship inviting.*

Please reach out to Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

Announcements

Interfaith Thanksgiving with Congregation Beth Sholom - Chevra Shas will be today, Sunday, November 19th, at 4:00 p.m. hosted by Congregation Beth Sholom - Chevra Shas.

"Photograph Sunday!" Get ready to say "Cheese!"

Committee photographs and updated photos for the Pebble Hill Photo Board will be taken today, after the church service in the forum room. Please go directly there after the service. Committees will be photographed first, so hurry over. Nancy Stewart and Carole Taylor will be there to photograph.

The Food Pantry delivery will be made tomorrow, November 20th.

Financial donations are always welcome.

Please help us make this a happy Thanksgiving for our many friends who are food insecure.

Thank you for your support.

The Deacons



Pebble Hill is joining a local organization comprised of several diverse Christian Congregations working with CNY RISE, a Turkish Muslim organization and our Jewish friends at CBS Chevra Chas to create an understanding of each other's religious beliefs and traditions as well as build a vibrant, diverse community among its members. The group's name is Learning Together With Our Neighbors or LTWON. See Crosscurrents for more information and an opportunity to join in an upcoming event.



Samaritan Center - Our upcoming serving date is Saturday December 9th, 12:30 - 3:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the mission bulletin board.

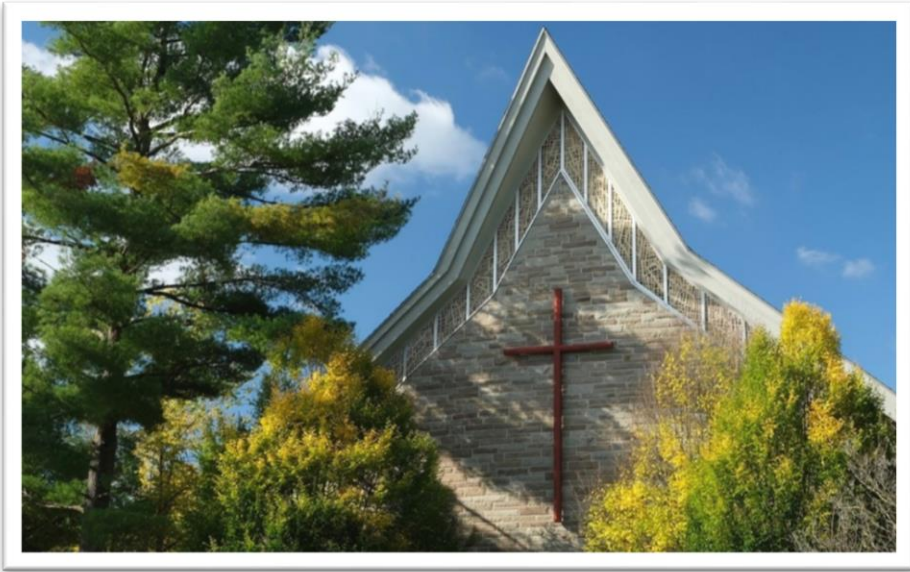


Please keep in your prayers this week:

- We hold in our prayers the people of Addison, NY (Donna Sognefest's hometown) as they struggle to deal with a trusted civil employee's embezzlement.
- We hold in our prayers the people of Israel and the people of Gaza in this time of extreme violence.
- We pray for the Ukrainian and Russian people who continue to endure conflict and violence.
- We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers, who provide for those who work our central New York farms.
- We pray for the Elders and Deacons.
- We pray for the PNC.

The Week at Pebble Hill 11/19-11/25

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	2:00 pm	Vision and Strategy Meeting – Forum
	4:00 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Congregation Beth Sholom - Chevra Shas
	4:00 pm	Schola Cantorum Concert – Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Masters Touch Chorale Rehearsal – Forum
Monday	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
Tuesday	3:30 pm	On Point Español – CED RM#2
Wednesday		
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day – Church office closed
Friday		
Saturday		



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