



# *First Presbyterian Church*

CHRIST'S JOY, JUSTICE AND COMPASSION  
IN ALL, THROUGH ALL, AND FOR ALL

January 4, 2026; 10:00 AM | The Epiphany of the Lord

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## GATHERING

**Handbell Chimes** – *The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest...Renewal...Hope*

**Prelude** “Reflection on Kingsfold” - Barbara Howell ~ Lucas Brown - organ

**Opening Sentences** (Isaiah 60, Ephesians 3, selected verses)

One: Arise; shine; your light has come!

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

One: Tell the good news throughout the earth.

**All: The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.**

\* **Hymn #151**      [“We Three Kings of Orient Are”](#)

\***Invitation to Experience God’s Grace** (Psalm 72:2)

One: God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor with justice. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins to God.

\***Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that, forgiven and renewed, we may reflect the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\***Declaration of Forgiveness** (Psalm 72:6)

One: The mercy of the Lord is like rain. It is like showers softening the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are washed, cleansed, renewed, and forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\***We Celebrate God’s Forgiveness #581** “Glory Be To the Father” (GLORIA PATRI)

\***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: As God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Time with the Children

### Celebrating the Life of the Church

#### THE WORD

##### Prayer of Illumination

**All:** Holy One, giver of light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit, speak to us your saving Word, and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

##### Scripture Reading          Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." **3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

**6** 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

**7** Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." **9** When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: The mystery of the ages, revealed to all.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** "Gifts Fit for a King" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

\* **Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed," pp. 35, *Glory to God*

#### GIVE THANKS

##### Practicing Abundant Generosity

*Please use this time to express your gratitude to God by using the offering plates or the online tools below to contribute to the needs of the Church and the world.*

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/give/now>



**Offertory:** “‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” ~Bryan L. Greer (Chancel Choir)

\* **Hymn of Dedication:** #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (DOXOLOGY)

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation to the Lord’s Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Holy God, the beginning and the end, the giver of life—Blessed are you for the birth of creation... the Word made flesh.

### Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984  
Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund  
Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. LAND OF REST

One: With this bread and cup... One God, now and forever.

### 554 Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995  
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The Lord's Prayer pp. 35, *Glory to God*  
Breaking of the Bread  
Communion of the People  
Prayer

## LEAVE TO SERVE

\*Hymn #159      "[O Sing a Song of Bethlehem](#)"

### Charge and Benediction

**Sending Music** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern - Andreas Armsdorf ~ Lucas Brown - organ

*Please use the Sending Music time and music to reflect on today's worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.*

\* *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!** It is good to have you here in person or online. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Staff contact information is below. Read full announcements in our weekly [email newsletter](#), available on the church website. Subscribe on the [Contact Us](#) tab.

**NURSERY** care is available during worship (9:30 - 11:15) for those with young children. The nursery is located in Preschool Hallway 1R, Room 103.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**TO REQUEST A RIDE TO WORSHIP**, call the church at 856-429-1960, ext. 103. Leave a message(including your phone number), and a deacon will call you back regarding your request. **Transportation requests must be received no later than the Tuesday prior to the Sunday when the ride is needed.** Questions? Call **Sophia Oswald** at 856-528-6856 or email her at [sophiadurand@gmail.com](mailto:sophiadurand@gmail.com). You can also sign up to be a driver [HERE](#). You can also click the link in the weekly newsletter under **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**.

**Care and Share** continues to be a valuable ministry for our congregation. If you are in need of meals or know someone who is, email [pegmanochi@gmail.com](mailto:pegmanochi@gmail.com) or message her at 609-230-4158.

**THE FLOWERS** are in memory of my much loved son, Michael. 10/15/1987 – 1/6/2021. Your struggle is over Mike. You are loved and missed. Xoxo Mom (Jane Metz)

Thank you to those who donated poinsettia for the Sanctuary during the Christmas season, in memory of or in honor of loved ones. A special thank you to the people who placed, watered and delivered plants. They include: Robin and Bill Wright, Michelle Piotrowski, Janet and Bob

Lehman, Barbara Sewall, Paul Nussbaum, Judy and Clair Blank, Lou Caravelli, Isabel and Warren Pross.

**Free Blood Pressure checks will continue the first Sunday of every month. Make your ❤️ smile!** Stop by the Parlor – it only takes a few minutes. Visit with friends with a cool or hot drink and a delicious bite of energy. If you are experienced with taking blood pressures and would be willing to assist on busy Sundays, please get in touch with Linda O’Neill – via the church office.

First Presbyterian Church has recently moved its financial brokerage accounts from Ameriprise to Fidelity. So the Finance Committee is providing updated information for church members who wish to donate stock. Here's what you need to know:

### **Gift Donations of Stock**

First Presbyterian Church is happy to receive gifts of stock from donors who wish to further the ministry of the church. To donate stock to the church, please provide the following details to your broker to initiate your donation:

- First Presbyterian Church’s brokerage house: Fidelity Investments
- DTC (Depository Trust Company) number for Fidelity: 0226
- Church’s account number: Z40496150
- Account name: First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield
- Additional information for reference field: Donor Name
- Please alert Kris Bean after making the gift transfer to assure you receive a receipt from the church for tax purposes

**Equal Exchange Fair Trade Products** are available before & after Sunday Service during the Fellowship Hour. PW offers an array of products: Chocolate bars, Coffee, Olive Oil, Dates and Oswald Honey Jars! At **Sindyanna of Galilee**, a nonprofit organization in Israel is led by Arab & Jewish women seeking change. They have created an exceptional line of premium quality, award-winning and Fair-Trade olive oils. This PW (Presbyterian Women) Project is not meant to be a fundraiser. The profit we do make is donated to our Presbyterian Women’s missions.

**After-worship hospitality** is enjoyed by all as a time to connect with our fellow church attendees. Volunteers make coffee and tea and provide cookies, crackers, pastries and other treats. We are looking for more people to sign up for an occasional Sunday to avoid over-burdening our generous team of volunteers. You can sign up using the link under “Volunteer Opportunities “ in the weekly newsletter and the bulletin. Questions? Contact Joan Fiorella at [jmfiorella@gmail.com](mailto:jmfiorella@gmail.com) or Pete Hurd at [phurd75@gmail.com](mailto:phurd75@gmail.com).

**Coffee and Conversation about Grief will meet Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Bean Parlor from 9:30 to 11 a.m. No sign up necessary.**

**Communion Classes:** For 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. All are welcome and invited to our table! Bring a friend. Happening every Sunday starting, January 4th through January 25th, at 10 AM in Room 104. Check out the newsletter for more information about what will be taught in the classes!



Pledge Giving:	441,243	Budget: 475,000
Non-pledge giving:	119,215	Budget: 120,000
Per Capita:	8,922	Budget: 10,000
Loose:	8,891	Budget: 11,00

**LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** 70 in person and 29 online

**Prayer List  
January 4, 2026**

To add a request to the Prayer List please contact Rev. Marvin or email [support@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:support@haddonfieldpres.org). When requesting prayers on behalf of others, obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor will have their name printed as the originator of the need. Prayers will be on the list for 30 days. After 30 days please contact Rev. Marvin or the support account for its continuance.

**Please pray for these individuals and situations throughout the week:**

- Please pray for a just and lasting peace wherever there is war, especially in **Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East, and Sudan.**
- We pray for victims and survivors of the **Bondi Beach** terrorist attack, and other acts of violence.
- **New** prayer requests from the Good Ladies visit to Camden County Jail:
  - **Tamiyah** – “God, thanks for everything you have done with me for the past two years. I ask you to please continue to open my eyes and show me your way of life. God, please guide me in the right direction. Show me the way. I need you more than anything right now because I need to heal and become a better version of myself. Continue to provide my kids love and protection and support.”
  - **Jackie** – Prayers for Jackie’s family. Pray that she will be safe when she sleeps. Heal Justin, her fiancé, and keep him safe. Prayers that Jackie will be with her family soon. Thanks for blessings and strength to get through each day.
  - **Michele** – Prayers for family and ladies that are moms and are new moms. Thanks to the “wonderful ladies” that come to the jail.
  - **Monique** -- Prayers for forgiveness of sins and guidance on the right path. Pray for patience and to remove bad decisions and grudges so she can forgive and forget. Prayers for her family and friends.
  - **Kania** – Prayers for Kania, age 30, who just had a baby, Ashanti, one month ago. Pray that Kania can change and not return to drugs, and for strength to be the best mom, daughter, cousin, etc. “It’s time for a change.”
  - **Ariana** – Prayers for Ariana’s family, especially her mom and father who are struggling with faith and substance. Pray that God will touch, guide them and heal them. Prayers for Ariana’s case that there is justice and for her health and healing of a tumor that was just discovered.
  - **Aleesa** – Prayers for her purpose in life and the reason for the air breathed. Thanks for health and happiness, for her land and farm. Pray for strength amid the struggle. “This is my first experience with the ‘Good Ladies’ which is very calming and healing, hearing other voices and opinions with God and about God. You can feel his

- presence and love.”
- **Tiffany** – Prayers for Craig, Tiffany’s child’s father, who is going through massive struggles. Her daughter needs her father in Tiffany’s absence. Pray that Craig’s financial struggles will be relieved. Prayers for better health and joy for Savannah, Tiffany’s six-year-old daughter. Prayers for restoration for the relationship between Tiffany and her eldest daughter.
  - **Hannah** -- Prayers for strength for her children and that the judge will be sympathetic and let her go back to her family on her next court date.
  - **Alicia** -- Prayers for Alexa, Ella, her mother (who is sickly), her bus driver friend, D.D, Alicia and Ken.
  - **Romona** – Prayers for her mental health and that the judge will transfer her to a mental health facility. Prayers for Dios, Maria and Nancy.
  - Pray for **Kevin Hyslop** who is recovering from a severe bout of fatigue **(12/20-K. Hyslop.)**
  - Please remember **Jane Metz** and her much beloved youngest son, **Michael** (b.10-15-87 d.01-06-2021) during the month of January.
  - Remember **Lysa Gatti** in your prayers, who is being treated for cancer **(12/17-M Lindsay).**
  - Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who was diagnosed with breast cancer **(12/17-L. Federline).**
  - Please pray for strength and hope for **Carol Carty** as she continues her therapy for cancer **(12/17-M. Lindsay).**
  - Remember **Emily Salter** in your prayers. Emily is recovering from significant back surgery **(12/15-P. Woodland).**
  - Remember **Carolann**, who has been diagnosed with cancer, in your prayers **(12/15-J. Fiorella).**
  - Let us pray for Judy Granthan’s continued recovery from a fall several weeks ago **(12/1-Q. Lerch).**
  - Pray for recovery for **Holly**, who has cancer and has been dealing with an infection. **(11/25-K. Bell)**
  - Pray for **Linda**, Janet Shoemaker’s neighbor, who is battling cancer and pneumonia **(11/14-J. Shoemaker).**
  - Please pray for **Rose Guthrie** who is undergoing radiation therapy to remove a benign brain tumor **(11/12-R. Guthrie).**
  - Pray “for **Mika Burrage**, a young member of our extended family who is fighting stage four breast cancer. We believe in the power of our prayers.” **(10/29-S. Oswald).**
  - Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing **(10/29-R. Wright).**

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The Session  
(David Stedman, Clerk)

Elders, Class of 2026	Elders, Class of 2027	Elders, Class of 2028
Vani Elgart	Bud Miller	Rebecca Earnhardt
Lee Federline	Kristin Carberry	Katie Nelson-Mueller
Lexa Liggera (youth)	Lisa Hurd	Mark Oswald
Brian McGlade	Rich Kouhoupt	Steve Pazan
Margaret O'Neil	Deb Nussbaum	Betsy Westermaier
Gene Spinelli	Peter Seibert	Barry Wilhjem
Rich Woodland	Maggie Sell	

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Thomas Andrews (youth)	Kathy Bell	Terry Carpenter (chair)
Michael Liggera	Joan Fiorella	Pete Hurd
Peg Manochi	Jim Groeling	Jack O'Malley
Liz Olson	Pat MacCluen	Cheryl Federline Peric
Sophia Oswald	Janet Shoemaker	Larry Rugen
Finnley Ritter (youth)	Judy Sikora	Jeremy Scott
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"The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church's membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, geography, or theological conviction." (*The Book of Order* F-1.0403).