



First Presbyterian Church

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

January 11, 2026; 10:00 AM | The Baptism 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 Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 685 - J.S. Bach ~ Lucas Brown - organ

Prayer of the Day

All: Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn #475 [“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”](#)

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness says, Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness

One: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: “You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are 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.

Musical Offering: "Allegretto Grazioso" Concertpiece No. 2 ~Felix Mendelssohn
(Sam Milone and Barry Wilhjelm, clarinets; Rebecca Lentine, piano)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

One: The Word of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "An Unexpected Gift" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

*** Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed"

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 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.

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: "Fairest Lord Jesus" ~ Derek Hakes (Chancel Choir)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #482 "[Baptized in Water](#)"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Allegretto in C - Adolph Hesse ~ 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. 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 or message her at 609-230-4158.

FLOWERS...if you are interested in having live flowers placed in the sanctuary on Sundays please contact Diane Thorne. You can reach her at 609-707-8122 or email dthorne31@comcast.net.

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

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 or Pete Hurd at phurd75@gmail.com.

Social Connections will hold its first gathering of 2026 on **Monday, January 19th. We will meet from 6:30 to 8. p.m.** for crafts, social time, Bingo and a few songs. We want to hear everyone's hopes for the New Year. We will meet in the Parlor.

Join us for a fun-filled **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, happening on February 17th, from 5pm-7pm in Fellowship Hall.** Indulge in delicious, fluffy pancakes with all the classic toppings! Don't miss out on the excitement – there will be a raffle with amazing prizes up for grabs! **We are currently requesting donations of themed baskets or items that we can auction off at the event!**

Bring your friends, family, and appetites for an evening of great food, good company, and a chance to win fun prizes. Kids are welcome to come in their pjs. See you



there! Children ages 5-12 is \$10, anyone 12-100 is \$20 and children under 5 and people over 100 are FREE! Scan the QR code to the right to register for this fun event!!

This fundraiser benefits our children and youth ministries.

Youth Group News: Midwinter Advance has been canceled. The Presbytery is already planning a day event for February with more details to come. Church staff is currently looking into a possible Church retreat in the winter of 2027 in light of MWA not happening this year. Full refunds will be given to those who registered. Thank you for your patience!

Communion Classes: Unfortunately, Communion classes will be postponed and **will return March 1st-22nd, and First Communion will be on April 5th (Easter)**. We thank you for your time and patience as we work through this and hope to see you March 1st! Please email dcamposferreira@haddonfieldpres.org if you would still like to sign up for Communion Classes!

Christian Heritage Class (01/11): THE 1700th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA.

The 1st Council of Nicaea--which met for two months in the summer of 325- adopted the **Nicene Creed** which is a foundational church document that is still recognized by nearly all Christian denominations after nearly two millennia. The place where this council took place has vanished, but we have clues from the historian Eusebius of Caesaria Maritima who mentions the two places the council met: "one place of worship" to begin with and then "the innermost hall of [Constantine's] palace." The Council is celebrated as the key point in the emergence of Christianity from a persecuted, clandestine movement to a faith operating freely with Roman imperial sanction, and soon after the religion of a majority (34,000,000) of Roman citizens.

The Council, hosted by the Emperor Constantine, is recognized as the first truly ecumenical council of the emerging church, where an effort was made to gather bishops (318 of about 1200) from across the early Christian world to reach agreement on important theological and administrative matters. The Emperor Constantine himself was very much a part of the effort.

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 70 in person and 28 online

Prayer List January 11, 2026

To add a request to the Prayer List please contact Rev. Marvin or email 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, Venezuela, and Sudan.**
- Pray that our church successfully implements our strategic plan (<https://bit.ly/3NaEXfl>).
- **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.
- Prayers for **Linda Carpenter’s Aunt Jean** who's in hospital recovering from surgery for a broken femur sustained in a fall on Christmas Eve (1/05-T. Carpenter).
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates the prayers (1/05-R. Wright).
- Pray for **Linda**, Janet Shoemaker’s neighbor, who is living with cancer (01/05-J. Shoemaker).
- Please remember **Jane Metz** who is mourning the loss of her brother **Dan** and her much beloved youngest son, **Michael** (b.10-15-87 d.01-06-2021) during the month of January (1/05-J. Metz).
- Pray for **Kevin Hyslop** who is recovering from a severe bout of fatigue (12/20-K. Hyslop.)
- 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)
- 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).

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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 Kouhopt	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
John Wackes	Diane Thorne	Alan Stedman
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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).