



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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

January 18, 2026; 10:00 AM | Second Sunday After Epiphany

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## GATHERING

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

**Prelude** Invocation - Rachel Laurin ~ Lucas Brown - organ

### Call to Worship

One: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

**All: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.**

One: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

**All: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.**

One: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

**All: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!**

\* **Hymn** #625 [“O Lord My God”](#)

### \*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to redeem and reconcile, to take away the sin of the world. We are invited to tell the truth about the places in need of healing and wholeness. Let us join in the communal act of repentance.

\***Prayer of Confession** (based on Psalm 40)

**All: Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\***Declaration of Forgiveness** (based on Psalm 40)

One: God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

**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 God, reveal yourself to us once again as we hear your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, inspire us to follow where you lead, and to answer your call. Amen**

**Scripture Reading** 1 Cor. 1:1-9

**1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, **2** to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – **6** just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – **7** so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**One: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "It's Not About You" 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.**

## Service of Ordination and Installation

### Statement on Ordination

### Constitutional Questions to the Elders and Deacons

### Questions to the Congregation

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept the persons as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please say, "We do."

**All: We do.**

One: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, please say, "We do."

**All: We do.**

### Prayer

### Laying on of Hands

### Declaration of Ordination and/or Installation

### Welcome

### Charge

## 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: "Let Us Pray for Peace" ~Thomas Keesecker (Chancel Choir)**

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

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

## LEAVE TO SERVE

**\*Hymn #310 ["I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"](#)**

## Charge and Benediction

**Sending Music** Jubilation - Jason D. Payne ~ 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jmfiorella@gmail.com) or Pete Hurd at [phurd75@gmail.com](mailto:phurd75@gmail.com).

**Adopt-a-Classroom Volunteer Opportunity at UrbanPromise:** As part of our ongoing partnership with UrbanPromise, FPCH has the opportunity to support a second grade class through their Adopt-a-Classroom program. There are meaningful ways members of our congregation can walk alongside students at UrbanPromise through tutoring, participating in classroom projects and community building activities. If you have interest in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Gene Spinelli at [genespin@comcast.net](mailto:genespin@comcast.net).

**FPCH MLK Day:** Join us on January 19th, at 9am in Fellowship Hall, for our annual day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The event is free and open to the public, any questions, email [cnyount@gmail.com](mailto:cnyount@gmail.com).

**The Annual Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Event,** sponsored by Haddonfield Council of Churches, is happening on **January 18th, at 4pm** at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 202 Douglass Ave, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Refreshments will be served after service.

**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.

Last Sunday, over a dozen volunteers prepared and packed 130 bologna and cheese sandwiches and baked dozens of fresh brownies **for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.** Thanks to all that participated in this impactful event ! Our next sandwich making event will be on Sunday February 8th. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

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.

**We have four Lenten Book Study Groups with openings. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18, and groups will start that week or the following week and meet five to six weeks.** There are three in-person

groups with spots available and one Zoom meeting group. Sign-up sheets and copies of the book will be in the Bean Parlor after church some Sundays before Lent begins.

The book is called *Meeting Jesus on the Road*. **Check the newsletter for a description of the book!** Groups with openings include Paul Urian's group that will meet in his home from 7:30 to 9 p.m., from Feb. 19 to March 26; Deb Nussbaum's group that will meet in the Parlor Thursday's at 2 p.m. for five weeks beginning Feb. 19; Becky Bryan and Maggie Sell's Zoom group which will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning Feb. 24 and David Stedman and Nancy Ruth Wainwright's group that will meet in the Parlor on Mondays at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 23. For more information, contact Lenten leaders or email Deb Nussbaum at [debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

**Coffee and Conversation about grief** will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Saturday, Feb. 21**, in the Bean Parlor. No registration is required. Grief can be the loss of a loved one recently or years ago or may also be illness, loss of a job or a major life change. This is just a way to listen and support one another. Questions? See Vani Elgart ([velgart@comcast.net](mailto:velgart@comcast.net)) or Deb Nussbaum ([debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com)).

**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](mailto:dcamposferreira@haddonfieldpres.org) if you would still like to sign up for Communion Classes!

**LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** 123 in person and 26 online

### **Prayer List January 18, 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 and violence, especially in **Iran, Ukraine, Russia, the Middle East, Venezuela, and Sudan**.
- Pray that our church successfully implements our strategic plan (<https://bit.ly/3NaEXfl>).
- We pray for **liberty and justice for all** on this **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday**.
- **New** prayer requests from the Good Ladies visit to Camden County Jail:
  - **Amira** - I pray that I go home and continue to do the right things for the right reasons. I will stay clean, and go back to school, and get a job. I pray that God blesses me with another house, and that I will be in a good relationship with my kids and my boo. I pray that I will be a part of my grandkids' life. Amen.
  - **Alicia** - Please pray for my children, Alexis and Ella, my mother, Michelle, who cares for my girls. Also, her fiancé Ken, my cousin Jackie, and her daughter Camryn.
  - **Lisa** - Pray for my mother and father's health and my children.

- **Elena** - I had a death in my family two days ago. I'm struggling with it. I have court on Thursday, January 15, and I find out where and when I go to rehab. Please pray that I get out of here soon. This place is killing my spirit and mental state. Please keep me and my daughter in your prayers. I'm ready to get my life together and stay off drugs, and off the streets. I'm ready to be a mom again. Pray for me to have the strength and patience I need to get through the rest of my time. Thank you!
- **Morgan** - I pray for my family, my sisters Ellen and Danielle, my mother Laurie, my Aunt Lisa, my nephew Jude and Gabe, my nieces Jameson, Arconcie, and Autumn Rose. Prayers for strength and courage, and safety for my two little girls, Willow and Ivy. Prayers for my friends Mary Ellen, Annamarie, Lily, and Jess. Prayers for my lawyers, judge, and prosecutor, Cynthia for truth and discernment. Prayers for justice for my case. Thank you!
- **Jackie** - Prayers for my family.
- **Ariana** - I pray for peace of mind and health to improve for a few family members. At this time, I ask for prayers, guidance. God give me strength and help me accept the things I can't change. I ask for protection, the ability to heal the broken parts of my soul and heal my family from the same, and things they don't speak about. Thank you. Amen.
- **Shiniquia** - Please pray for me to lead me on the most righteous path and keep Jesus first in everything I do.
- **Mary** - Dear God, please let me overcome my doubts and concerns and sit next to me in court on Monday.
- **Tracie** - Please pray for my children and my husband. Please pray for me while I am at CCCF. I feel so lost and not knowing the outcome of all this. Please pray that I will go home soon. Thank you.
- **Elizabeth** - I want and need to be back with my family. I miss my life with my children. "Freedom."
- **Brandi** - Please pray for my release on a charge that happened over a year ago. I'm facing a second-degree charge where no damage or bodily harm was done to anyone.
- **Dana** - First, allow me to thank you, Heavenly Father, for another day in your blessed world. I just pray that you continue to place a head of protection over me and my son, and family, and the still suffering addict and homeless people. In the name of Jesus, thank you. God bless the Good Ladies as well.
- **Veronica** - Lord, I pray for my family, that they may be well. I pray for myself, that you give me patience to keep going. I ask that you not abandon me and that you give me the opportunity to return soon to my children. I ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Rose Guthrie** who rang the bell Friday after completing radiation therapy to remove a benign brain tumor (1/16-M. Lindsay)!
- Let us pray for **Judy Grantham's** continued recovery from multiple recent health challenges (1/12-M. Lindsay).
- Please pray for the family and friends of **Rick Sewall** who died Sunday, January 11 (1/12-M. Lindsay).
- We give thanks that **Carol Carty's** cancer treatments have concluded, and we pray for her recovery from eye surgery (1/11-L. Hurd).
- 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).
  - 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).
  - 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).
  - Pray for recovery for **Holly**, who has cancer and has been dealing with an infection. (11/25-K. Bell)
  - 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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For a list of elders who serve on the Session (the church's governing board) and members of the Board of Deacons (who care for members of the congregation), go to:

<https://www.haddonfieldpres.org/governance>



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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).