



First Presbyterian Church

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

January 25, 2026; 10:00 AM | Third 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 "Do Not Be Afraid" by Mark Burrows (Cherub and Carol Choirs)

Call to Worship (Cherub and Carol Choirs)

Choir: Do not be afraid. **All: Do not be afraid.**

Choir: God is with you.. **All: God is with you.**

Choir: Everywhere you go, **All: Everywhere you go,**

Choir: God is there. **All: God is there.**

* **Hymn** #321 ["The Church's One Foundation"](#)

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

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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.**

Whitechapel Bells "Praise to the Lord," arranged by Michael Helman

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**

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: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #316 ["Where Charity and Love Prevail"](#)**

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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Today's worship service may be livestreamed, recorded, or photographed for church communications. If you do not wish to appear on camera, please be seated in a pew in or under the balcony. If you do not wish to be photographed, please email support@haddonfieldpres.org to opt out of photographs for church communications.

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Colonel and Mrs. Harley L. Swift by the Seibert family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of David E. (Rick) Sewall given by his wife, Barbara and family.

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.

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.

The first Justice and Advocacy Committee (JAC) meeting of the year will be held **after church, January 25th**, in the Hospitality Center. **Rich Kouhoupt is the committee moderator** and encourages you to attend to learn more about the mission and service opportunities available as it relates to Justice and Advocacy.

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.

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) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

Communion Classes: Communion classes **will begin 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!

Prayer List January 25, 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 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:
 - **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.
- Please thank God in your prayers that **Mika Burrage** is now in REMISSION from stage 4 metastatic cancer! Continue to pray for a cure for Mika (**1/14-S. Oswald**).
- 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).

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<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).