



# First Presbyterian Church

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

February 1, 2026; 10:00 AM | Fourth 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**       #372    "[O for a World](#)"

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

One: We come, knowing we've lived imperfectly, knowing we need forgiveness, and we ask what we could possibly offer for such a gift. But when we come in honesty and repentance, we find a God who is ready to love, ready to forgive, and ready to renew us as children of God. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

\***Prayer of Confession**                   (based on Micah 6:1-8)

**All: Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed and made whole.

**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:** **God of wonder, awaken us! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open us to be surprised! Enliven us with the power of the Word and presence of your Spirit. Transform us for our walk with you. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading**            1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

**One:** The word of God is with us, on our lips and in our hearts.

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

**Sermon**    “Scandalous”            Rev. Marvin Lindsay

**\* Affirmation of Faith**        (from “The Confession of 1967”)

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to God. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations! Amen.**

## **GIVE THANKS**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **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.*



Offertory: "Prayer of St. Francis" -Allen Pote (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, creator of the universe...

Therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

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 the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

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

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1994  
Music Adapt. © 1995 Church Pension Fund  
Music Arr. © 1996 GIA Publications, Inc.

One: We praise you, most holy God...

and offering ourselves to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

SERVICE MUSIC  
553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

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

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(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

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984  
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One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

O Triune God, now and forever.

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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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LAND OF REST

**The Lord's Prayer** pp. 35, *Glory to God*  
**Breaking of the Bread**  
**Communion of the People**  
**Prayer**

## LEAVE TO SERVE

\*Hymn #496 ["Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"](#)

**Charge and Benediction**

**Sending Music** Praeludium in G - Nicolaus Bruhns ~ 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

**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.

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## 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 in the Sanctuary** are a loving memory of Jeff Blank given by his parents, Claire and Judy Blank.

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

**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).

**The ecumenical Martin Luther King Jr. worship service that was snowed out on January 18 has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 8 at 4:00 PM. The service will take place at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 202 Douglass Ave., Haddonfield. Everyone is invited.**

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!

**Sign ups are now available to help out with Shrove Tuesday! Use the link below to sign up!**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848AAA923ABF58-61759110-first#/>

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! Check the newsletter or Facebook for more details about the event!**



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

**Christian Heritage Class (Feb 1st, making up for Jan 25th):** The Canon--and the Apocryphal, Pseudepigraphical and Gnostic Writings: **ARRIVING AT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY. In the age before Constantine and the Council of Nicaea (325) there were many local "Christianities," and this situation (and what was to be orthodox and what was heretical) was to be settled in the presence of Emperor Constantine at his summer residence. (Constantine was interested in the Christian views of the *martyrs* more than the theologians.) A proper, authorized Bible was ordered by Constantine, and bishop Eusebius of Caesarea used his own selection for the 50 Bibles ordered for the churches of Constantinople (331). His list of 18 Gospels and Letters included some books that were disputed and later rejected. Accepted were several of the "apostolic letters" of John and Peter as well as the Apocalypse of John. The Canon of the New Testament was not finalized until about 371 A.D. by vote It included 4 Gospels, the 18 Pauline and pseudo-Pauline letters and epistles, a selection of other "apostolic letters" and the Revelation (Apocalypse) of John.**

#### 2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	76,655	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	5,963	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	720	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	231	Budget:	9,000

#### Prayer List February 1, 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.**
- **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.
- Remember **Cathy MacDonald** in your prayers, who is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer during February **(01/28-C. MacDonald)**.
- 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).