



First Presbyterian Church

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

February 15, 2026; 10:00 AM | The Transfiguration 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 Invocation - Rachel Laurin ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences

One: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,

All: and God said, "This is my Beloved Son."

One: As God speaks, calling light out of darkness,

All: God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,

All: for the Lord our God is holy.

* **Hymn** #156 "[Sing of God Made Manifest](#)"

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

All: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasm. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness

One: The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 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.**

Anthem: "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" ~arr. Aaron David Miller (Chapel Choir)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

- Sophie Elizabeth Novzen, daughter of Christine Paige and Ian Alexander Novzen

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 17:1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." **8** And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

One: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon "Peaks and Valleys" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer pp. 35 in the *Glory to God* hymnal

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: “Give Me Jesus” ~arr. Larry L. Fleming (Chancel Choir)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #12** [“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”](#)

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Alla Marcia - John Ireland ~ 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

✠ First Presbyterian’s Session recognizes that throughout U.S. history African American composers have not been compensated equitably for the music they have created. To remedy this in “our little way,” the congregation is invited to make a donation, using the QR code or link, <https://www.essenceofharmonycs.org/donate> whenever we sing an African American Spiritual hymn or choral anthem. Or mail a donation to: Essence of Harmony Choral Society, PO Box 811, Moorestown NJ 08057. Donations go to [The Essence of Harmony Choral Society](#) to assist them in purchasing music, supporting professional musicians, and paying venue fees. The Society focuses explicitly on celebrating the works of both classical and under-recognized African American composers.



I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Although there is no record of this spiritual in early collections, it is typically attributed to the African American spiritual tradition. “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” is simultaneously several different things: it is a song of lament, a song of personal invitation, and a statement of assurance that Jesus walks alongside those who suffer. Knowing that Jesus, who has already passed through the fiery trials and come out triumphant on the other side, walks beside us gives us courage to go on. -Bud Miller

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. 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 loving memory of Kathi's husband, Dick Bell on what would have been their 47th wedding anniversary. Flowers given by Kathi Bell.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Gene's mother, Agnes and his sister, Maureen. Flowers given by Linda and Gene O'Neill.

It Starts Earlier Than You Think - Many people assume planned giving is only for older adults—but in fact, **the average age for a first planned gift is just 53**. That means most people take this step well before retirement. Planned giving isn't about age—it's about investing in the ministry you love and blessing those who come next.

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 Social Connection will meet Monday, Feb. 16, in the Bean Parlor from 6:30 to 8 p.m. We will make placemats for Cathedral Kitchen, have some fun ice breaker games and play Bingo. Social Connection is for special needs adults and anyone else who wants to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

The Lenten Study books will be sold in the Bean Parlor Sunday, Feb. 15, both before and after the church service. The books are \$10 each. Please bring correct change or a check. You may also sign up for one of the four open groups - one on Zoom and three in-person. If you don't purchase a book this Sunday, several extra books will be for sale in the church office.

It's almost time for Shrove Tuesday!

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#/#/](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) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

Family Movie Night is happening on February 27th, with a feature of *Inside Out*! Doors will open at 5:15PM and the movie will begin at 5:45PM! Feel free to bring a friend, your coziest pajamas, and a blanket and chair! Reminder that this is not a drop off event and an adult must be present at all times. There will be pizza and baked goods for sale, but please bring your own water bottle! Please RSVP with Deb Nussbaum: debranussbaum1987@gmail.com

Individually wrapped baked goods are needed for our family movie night on Friday, Feb. 27. Nothing with nuts, please. You can deliver the baked goods to the office (and label them for movie night) before 5 p.m. on the 27th or deliver them to Deb Nussbaum or Vani Elgart.

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!

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

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| Pledge Giving: | 96,598 | Budget: | 455,000 |
| Non-pledge giving: | 17,022 | Budget: | 120,000 |
| Per Capita: | 1,560 | Budget: | 9,000 |
| Loose: | 591 | Budget: | 9,000 |

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 132 in person and 25 online

Prayer List February 15, 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.**
- Prayer requests from the Good Ladies visit to Camden County Jail:
 - **Ariana** – “I’m asking for prayers at this time for my next chapter in life...I’ll be going to prison by March of 2026. I’m expecting the worst but praying for the best. “ Pray for Ariana’s family’s financial and stability as they are struggling with Ariana not with them. Prayers for her family for God’s healing, protection and guidance that leads them from temptation.
 - **Karen** – Prayers that Karen will be released from jail and her case goes well on February 20. Prayers for her son who is also imprisoned.
 - **Brandi** – Pray for Brandi’s court appearance on February 23 that she will be granted probation or a program for rehabilitation.
 - **Veronica** – (translated from Spanish) “Lord, I ask you to protect my family and give us strength. I also ask you to give me the opportunity to return home to my children, as so much time has passed since I was able to hug them. I also ask you to watch over them and guide them on the right path.”
 - **Tiffany** – Pray for Tiffany’s relationship with her daughter that it will be healed. Pray her daughter’s heart will be softened and she will forgive Tiffany. Grant Tiffany patience as she waits for full restoration and guide her to be kind, loving and understanding. Protect Tiffany’s two younger children that they will be covered with God’s love in her absence and have protection and joy.
 - **Shiniquia** – Pray that she will do better for her children, her family and most of all for herself by always putting God first.
 - **Tracie** - Prayers for her children at home and her husband. Pray that her case will work out for the best.
 - **Jaclyn** – Prayers for her.

- **Laura** - Prayers for Olga Ruiz and her four children (ages 16, 10 and 2 year old twins) that Olga will regain custody and not be deported.
- **Becky** - Prayers for all of the women and men who have court cases in the coming weeks that the recent flooding of the courthouse will not affect their court dates. Pray for everyone in the jail who are patiently awaiting answers on sentencing, especially Veronica (who has been at CCJ since April 2025 because of postponements) and for Becky who gets sentenced on February 13.
- **Pray for Liz.**
- Please pray for **Audrey**, a young adult who is going through a very difficult time, and her mother **Betheny (2/11-T. Adkins)**.
- Let us pray for **Judy Grantham's** continued recovery from multiple recent health challenges **(2/11-M. Lindsay)**.
- We give thanks that **Carol Carty's** cancer treatments have concluded, and we pray for her recovery from eye surgery **(2/10-L. Hurd)**.
- Remember **Carolann**, who has been diagnosed with cancer, in your prayers **(2/9-J. Fiorella)**.
- Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who was diagnosed with breast cancer **(2/4-L. Federline)**.
- Remember **Lysa Gatti** in your prayers, who is being treated for cancer **(02/04-M. Lindsay)**.
- 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)!**
- Please pray for the family and friends of **Rick Sewall** who died Sunday, January 11 **(1/12-M. Lindsay)**.
- 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)**.
- Remember **Emily Salter** in your prayers. Emily is recovering from significant back surgery **(12/15-P. Woodland)**.

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The Session
(David Stedman, Clerk)

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

The Board of Deacons

| Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 | Class of 2028 |
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| 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).