



First Presbyterian Church

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

February 22, 2026; 10:00 AM | First Sunday in Lent

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GATHERING

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

Prelude "I Can Do All Things" by Mark Burrows (Cherub and Carol Choir)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)

Opening Sentences (Psalm 139:23-24)

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

All: try me and know my thoughts!

One: See if there is any wicked way in me,

All: and lead me in the way everlasting.

* **Hymn** #415 "[Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy](#)"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace** (Romans 5:8)

One: This is the proof of God's great love—that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (Isaiah 55:3)

One: Listen, so that you may live. The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.. 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: "Amazing Grace" ~arr. Sandra Eithum (Kirk Ringers)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "To Serve and Preserve" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* **Affirmation of Faith** from "The Confession of 1967"

All: **The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.**

Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God's forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to

others.

God’s love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

GIVE THANKS

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: “Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord” ~Peter Leibensperger (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: It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b 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^b 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, 1984
Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund
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One: You are holy, O God of majesty... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and

risen.

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^b 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^b C Dm B^b 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, 1964
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One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

554 Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b 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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The Lord's Prayer, pp. 35, *Glory to God*
Breaking of Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #167 ["Forty Days and Forty Nights"](#)

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Variations on Salzburg - Christa Rakich ~ 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



NEW MEMBER CLASS. In four online Sessions on March 4, 11, and 25 and April 1 at 7:00 PM learn more about First Presbyterian Church and where your gifts and calling intersect with our congregation's worship, service, and mission. Register at <https://bit.ly/4cx2vFR>, or use the QR code.

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 are in memory of Eva Carter given by Ginny Ritchie, **and** in memory of Eleanor McGrath, given by her children and grandchildren.

It's Not Just for the Wealthy - Many people assume planned giving is only for those with great wealth – but that simply isn't true. Most of us hold nearly **90% of our assets** in things we use throughout life – our homes, cars, savings, and retirement accounts. One day, all of these resources will go *somewhere*. Planned giving is a simple way to direct a portion of what we already have to bless the people and ministries we cherish. Everyone can do this – not just the wealthy – and for most of us, it becomes the **most meaningful and impactful gift we'll ever make**.

WELCOMING - If you'd enjoy greeting old friends and new visitors arriving for Sunday services, there will be a brief meeting open to all for potential ushers following worship on Sunday, March 1st. The only talent you need to possess in advance is a welcoming smile.

Friendly Reminder that Per Capita is due, and the cost is \$40 per confirmed member! Thank you!

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.

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

Pledge Giving:	102,162	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	18,082	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	2,320	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	710	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 135 in person and 15 online.

Prayer List February 22, 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.**
- Pray for **Tom Weaver** who is hospitalized with multiple illnesses (**2/17-R. Weaver**).
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates the prayers (**2/17-R. Wright**).
- Remember **Mark** in your prayers. He is in the hospital due to side effects of radiation from cancer treatment done 15 years ago (**2/12-S. Wallace**).
- 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 Granthan’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 pray for the family and friends of **Rick Sewall** who died Sunday, January 11 (1/12-M. Lindsay).

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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).