



## Holy Spirit - The Glue?

- Ava
- Alexis
- Brogan
- Bryce
- Chase
- Colin
- MJ
- Patrick



Artwork by Patrick

# First Presbyterian Church

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

March 1, 2026; 10:00 AM | Confirmation  
Sunday

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## GATHERING

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

**Prelude** "The Glory of These Forty Days" ~ J.S. Bach (Alleluia Bells with Barry Wilhjelm, clarinet)

**Lighting the Peace Candle** Colin Scott

### Call to Worship - Words of Praise

The Confirmation Class

Brogan: Who was with God at the beginning of Creation?

Alexis: Who talked to Moses through the Burning Bush?

Chase: Who was with God as He parted the Red Sea?

Patrick: Who helped burn the Ten Commandments into granite?

**All: The Holy Spirit!**

MJ: Who helped Mary conceive Jesus?

Ava: Who was with Jesus to give Him strength in the wilderness?

Colin: Who helped inspire the authors of the Bible?

Bryce: Who solidifies our relationship with God & Jesus?

**All: The Holy Spirit!**

\* **Hymn** #282 "[Come Down, O Love Divine](#)"

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

Chase: The Holy Spirit guides us and loves us. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, please join me in confessing our sins.

### \*Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, although you have sent both your Son teach us and the Holy Spirit to guide us, we have chosen not to follow you. We have gone against your teachings and your ways of love and chosen our own path. Our sins against Your Way have been both actions we have taken and actions we have failed to take. With these actions we have not loved you the way you love us, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Please forgive our sins, O God, and return us to your path as taught by Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** MJ Andrews

MJ: Your sins are not stronger than God's Grace. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven, restored and made whole. Please remember, in many cases, the largest burden to lay down is the forgiveness of yourself. God has forgiven you- find it in your heart to forgive yourself.

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

**\*We Celebrate God's Forgiveness #581 "Glory Be To the Father" (GLORIA PATRI)**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ** MJ Andrews

MJ: As God has forgiven us, let us now joyfully share the peace given to us by Jesus and His sacrifice. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

MJ: Please show each other signs of that peace.

**Music Offering: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" ~ arr. Arnold Sherman (Moore Bells)**

**Time with the Children**

Alexis Chamberlin & Colin Scott

**Celebrating the Life of the Church**

Clair Blank, Eric Walker & Lee Federline

## THE WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**

Patrick Oberholzer

**All: Gracious God, open our minds and hearts to your Word. Let it fill our souls until we are overflowing with your infinite wisdom so that we may receive your grace and feel your power. Amen.**

*Scripture Passages were chosen to reflect two of the five traits of Jesus that were most admired by the Class.*

**Old Testament Lesson** Exodus 3:2-6

Colin Scott

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burnt up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Colin: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Lesson** Roman 8: 14, 26-31

Patrick Oberholzer

Verse 14: For all who are led by the Spirit of God, are children of God.

Verses 26-31: Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the

heart, knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the Saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that He might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Patrick: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MEDITATIONS** Bryce Davis, Brogan Strauss, Alexis Chamberlin & Patrick Oberholzer

\* **Affirmation of Faith** Ava Lawrence

*This Affirmation of Faith has been created by Ava taking excerpts from the Confirmands' Statements of Faith and those lines have been credited*

Ava: Please let us stand and affirm what we believe:

**All: As a believer in Jesus Christ, I affirm that the Bible is a book with many teachings that help us learn about the Trinity, Jesus, and the history of the World (Brogan).**

**I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God written by human authors (MJ).**

**I believe in the Holy Trinity, that God is a sole divine entity who eternally comprises three bodies: the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (Bryce).**

**I believe in God, the loving creator whose influence we feel through the beauty of the world, and whose presence accompanies us in the darkest and loneliest of times (Patrick).**

**I believe Jesus is God in human form and is his only Son, sent down from heaven to save us from our sins (Chase & Patrick).**

**I believe the Holy Spirit educates Christians about God's teachings and guides the Christian religion (Chase).**

**I believe sin is human and if you sin, it will be forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice- whether forgiveness is asked for or not (Colin).**

**I believe that the Two Sacraments, Communion and Baptism help me feel closer to God and follow his plan (Alexis).**

**I believe that through prayer we can communicate and feel more connected with God. I strive to speak with God throughout my everyday life, not only in times of need or stress, but also in moments of joy and happiness (Ava & Alexis).**

**The church is a community rooted in love, support, and shared faith, and I value being part of a church that believes in a God who is loving and merciful (Ava).**

**Being a Presbyterian is important because it helps guide my beliefs, connect with other people in my faith, and grow closer to God in my everyday life (MJ).**

**I believe that the reformation of the church is still happening and will always be happening (Colin).**

**GIVE THANKS**

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bryce Davis & Ava Lawrence

### Practicing Abundant Generosity

Alexis Chamberlin

*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:** "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" ~ Harold W. Friedell (Chancel Choir)

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication** Brogan Strauss

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Chase Davis, Bryce Davis & Patrick Oberholzer

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Class

### LEAVE TO SERVE

\*Hymn #69 "[I, the Lord of Sea and Sky](#)"

### Charge and Benediction

Colin Scott

**Sending Music** Postlude - Isadore Freed ~ 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](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** are in loving memory of **Tony Messina**, a dear husband to his wife, Jill and a wonderful father, grandfather, and friend. From all of us who continue to hold him in our hearts. **The flowers** are also in honor of the **Confirmants and their leaders**, given by Heather Chamberlin and Diane Thorne.

**Every Gift Matters** - It's a common misconception that planned gifts have to be large—but they don't. In reality, planned gifts come in all sizes, and every single one helps strengthen our church's ministry for the future. Most planned gifts are simple provisions—small percentages or modest amounts—that together make a powerful difference. What matters most is the heart behind the gift, not its size.

**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.

**REMINDER: PER CAPITA** is due. For 2026 Per Capita is \$40.00 per confirmed member.

**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).

**Living with the Heart of a Pilgrim PW Retreat: Christine Marie Eberle** will be drawing on the lessons she learned in her 300-mile pilgrimage in 2022 – following the steps of Saint Ignatius of Loyola through northern Spain – to help us understand our own lives as pilgrimages home to God. Happening on March 7th, from 9AM-12PM, there will be tea, coffee, muffins and good fellowship. Email Joan Miller, [mjmtetime@qualtx.com](mailto:mjmtetime@qualtx.com) to RSVP. Retreat fee is \$20.00.

**You're invited to join EMBRACING RACE - The Conversation on March 12th at 7pm** in-person at Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Road, featuring Pastor Tim Merrill, author of *The Song Sparrow*. If attending via Zoom, PLEASE pre-register here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ykAuWyF0RkqI1PMk\\_IWERw](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ykAuWyF0RkqI1PMk_IWERw)  
In-person, please pre-register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2fup925b>

**Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.**, the Congregational Life Committee will have an expert from Camden County Senior Services in the Bean Parlor to present a program on how to prevent falls and what to do if you experience a fall. If you want to register or learn more contact Joyce Stout ([billandjoyce1@aol.com](mailto:billandjoyce1@aol.com)), Janet Shoemaker ([shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com](mailto:shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com)) or Deb Nussbaum ([debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com)). **Check the newsletter for the schedule!** We hope to see you there.

**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 (March 1st): THE LENTEN LABYRINTH "ALL THE WAY TO GOD IS GOD" said Catherine of Siena.** Although it had a pagan **origin**, Christians denied the opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem welcomed the labyrinth as a symbol. Its single path to the center was a perfect illustration of the single path to salvation.

## 2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	107,845	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	18,552	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	3,280	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	779	Budget:	9,000

**LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** 122 in person and 21 online.

## Prayer List March 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.**
- 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.
  - **Jaelyn** – 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 **Ian and Vinnie Guthrie** whose brother Robert died in a car accident Sunday evening (**2/25-R. Guthrie**).
- Remember **Isabel Pross** in your prayers, as she continues her treatments for cancer (**2/25-W. Pross**).
- 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 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).

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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).