



First Presbyterian Church

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

March 8, 2026; 10:00 AM | Third 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 Reflection on Erhalt uns, Herr - James Biery ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-7)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

All: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

* **Hymn** #165 ["The Glory of These Forty Days"](#)

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

One: Lent confronts us with human sin, both our individual sins and our collective guilt. It is with honesty that we can move closer to the healing that God wills for us. Therefore, let us draw near to God in honesty, first together, and then in silence.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ was raised for us. Christ is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us. Believe the promise of the gospel—in 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 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.

Whitechapel Bells: "What Wondrous Love Is This," arr. Susan Geschke

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" **3** But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" **4** So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5** The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. **6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

One: Happy are those who delight in God's word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Midterm Exam" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

*** Affirmation of Faith** from "The Heidelberg Catechism"

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall

from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer pp. 35 in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian 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: "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" ~Jeremy Strong (Chancel Choir)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #438** "[Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me](#)"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Fanfare and Celebration † - Pamela Robison ~ 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.

† **Sunday, March 8 is Women Composer Sunday**, which began in 2021 as an initiative of the

Royal College of Organists and the Society of Women Organists. The American Guild of Organists also promotes this day and sponsors an annual composition competition, of which this piece was one of the 2026 prizewinners.

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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.

FLOWERS...if you are interested in having live flowers placed in the sanctuary on Sundays please contact Diane Thorne. You can reach her at 609-707-8122 or email dthorne31@comcast.net.

Planned Giving is Easier Than You Think - Simple steps-like adding the church to your will or updating a beneficiary form-can bless our future generations after your lifetime. It's usually not costly or complicated! *Please consult your professional advisors to be sure your plans fit your situation.*

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

St. Wilfrids Update: Our clients currently need the following items: **toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap and baby wipes.** See the Thursday newsletter for more details. Thanks for your donations.

Easter Flowers: If you wish to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, **please fill out this form.** Please use a separate form for each memorial plant. They're due March 20th, or until supplies run out!

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

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:

- We pray that First Presbyterian Church will be a vibrant, engaged, financially stable church community, living into our vision of Christ's joy, justice, and compassion in all, through all, and for all.
- Please pray for a just and lasting peace wherever there is war and violence, especially in **Ukraine** and the **Middle East**.
- We pray for **liberty and justice for all**.
- Prayer requests from the Good Ladies visit to Camden County Jail:
 - **Anonymous** - Please pray for my children, their home, and my husband, Emanuel. Please pray that my family is kept together and things get back on track. Please pray for me while I'm still fighting my case in jail.
 - **Denise** - I would like to thank God for keeping me and guiding my life. Help me keep strong and keep him first. Pray for my surgery. I have a large tumor and it's very painful, but I'm trying to stay strong. But I'm so scared. So, can you please pray for me? Thank you.
 - **Brandi** - I have court on February 23, 2026. Please pray that God opens the judge's heart and eye and mind and soul to work in my favor, for I am a child of God. I'm also not just a child of God, I am a faithful, humble servant; when my father tells me to do something, I obey. Heavenly father, whatever you choose for my life, I am grateful. Amen.
 - **Morgan** - Prayers for my two daughters, Willow and Ivy, for them to have protection and a spirit of bravery. Prayers for my friends Lis, Mary Ellen, Annamaria, and Jessica. Prayers for my judge, Judge Booth, for discernment. Prayers for Cynthia Russomanno Edenfeld, Kathleen Delany, and Theresa Lopez. Prayers for mom and sisters. Thank you.
 - **Kimberly** - I wish a prayer for my family, daughter, my mom and dad, and brother, my husband who is also incarcerated, to take care of us and always bless us. But I want to also say thank you. God has made a huge impact on me. He has guided me through all my hard situations. Thank you!
 - **Denise** - Please pray for my roommate, and my daughter who has the flu, and my mom's health.
 - **Jaclyn** - Please pray for me.
 - **Dana** - Thank you, father, for allowing me another day. Thank you for these wonderful people who came out today in the rain to pray and give us hope. I need prayers for my son that you, father, keep a head of protection over, both me and my son, and that something works out for the both of us in court. In the name of Jesus, AMEN. Thank you.
 - **Veronica** - Lord, I ask you especially to watch over my children. I ask you to care for them and guide them on the right path. I also ask you to watch over my brothers, and sisters, and my father. I ask you to give me and my partner the opportunity to begin anew. I ask this in the name of your son, Jesus our Lord. Amen.
- Pray for **Allison MacDonald** who suffered a stroke on February 28 and is recovering at

- Virtua Lady of Lourdes (3/04-K. Macdonald).
- Please pray for **Grace**, the daughter of **Beth Tourtelotte**, who recently underwent surgery (3/3-J. Reisner).
 - Remember **Mike Gatti** and his family in your prayers. Mike's wife **Lysa** died Monday, March 2 (3/2).
 - We ask for prayers for **John Lindsay**, Rev. Marvin's brother, who was recently diagnosed with glaucoma (3/2-M. Lindsay).
 - Pray for **Faye Kessler**, who is recovering from a series of illnesses (3/1-L. Lindsay).
 - Please pray for **Ian** and **Vinnie Guthrie** whose brother, Robert, died in a car accident Sunday evening. Also, continued prayers are asked for **Rose Guthrie** as she builds back her emotional and physical strength following brain surgery and radiation therapy (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 was 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 **Cathy MacDonald** in your prayers, who is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer during February (01/28-C. MacDonald).

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The Session
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Elders, Class of 2026	Elders, Class of 2027	Elders, Class of 2028
Vani Elgart	Bud Miller	Rebbeca Earnhardt
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Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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Sophia Oswald	Janet Shoemaker	Larry Rugen
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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).

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please use the following form:

Please use a separate form for each memorial plant.

(Please PRINT)

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

Or in Honor of _____

_____ Tulip @ \$9.00

_____ Daffodil @ \$10.00

_____ Lilies @ \$20.00 (very limited supply)

_____ I will pick up my flowers or leave in Church _____

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Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Must be RECEIVED by **March 20 2026 or until supplies run out.** Please place your order promptly. **Grower has limited supply**

Any extra money will be donated to support youth mission trip.
Please print the form. I want to make sure I get your name correct.