



# First Presbyterian Church

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

March 15, 2026; 10:00 AM | Fourth 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** Attende Domine † - Jeanne Demessieux ~ Lucas Brown, organ

### Call to Worship

One: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance. God looks on the heart.

All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

All: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

\* **Hymn** #367 ["Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"](#)

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

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Confident of God's character, let us confess our sins together so that we might receive healing and peace.

### \*Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty and merciful God, We continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage, and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### \* Silent Prayers of Confession

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

One: "The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law within them; I will write on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more."

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: Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you. 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: Illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** John 9: 1-41

**9** As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **3** Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6** When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, **7** saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. **8** The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" **9** Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." **10** But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" **11** He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." **12** They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

**13** They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. **14** Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. **15** Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." **16** Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. **17** So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

**18** The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight **19** and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" **20** His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, **21** but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." **22** His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. **23** Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Open My Eyes" Rev. Sarah Craven

\*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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:** "God, You Enfold Me" ~arr. Hal Hopson (Chapel, TSM, and Chancel Choirs)

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

### LEAVE TO SERVE

\*Hymn #451 "[Open My Eyes, That I May See](#)"

**Charge and Benediction**

**Sending Music** Chaconne - Louis Couperin ~ 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.

† Attende Domine is a liturgical chant for the season of Lent, sometimes referred to as "the Lent Prose". The text, *Attende Domine, et miserere, quia peccavimus tibi*, translates to, "Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy, because we have sinned against Thee." This Choral paraphrase is by French organist and composer Jeanne Demessieux, who was a star pupil of Marcel Dupré at the Paris Conservatoire, where she won the premier prix in organ and improvisation in 1941. A brilliant performer, she wowed audiences with her deft technique and musical sensitivity. Maurice Duruflé humorously noted that "Next to Jeanne Demessieux, the rest of us play the pedals like elephants!".

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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.

**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](mailto:dthorne31@comcast.net).

### **Planned Giving Is Flexible for the Future**

Many planned gifts – like gifts in a will or beneficiary designations – are *revocable*, meaning you can change them anytime as life changes. In fact, nearly half of planned-giving donors revise their plans over their lifetime, and that’s completely normal. Most who make changes *increase* the number of gifts they leave (44%), while only a small percentage reduce them (5%).

Planned giving is a flexible way to care for your loved ones and support our church’s future. 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.

**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. If you have interest in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Gene Spinelli at [genespin@comcast.net](mailto:genespin@comcast.net).

**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!

On **Sunday, May 17 at 3:00 PM**, the Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra will perform a benefit recital in our sanctuary to help the Music Program reach its **\$15,000 fundraising goal**. Children **ages 6-12** are invited to join the **David Kim Drop-In Choir** and sing a short piece with him – participation is **free**.



Scan the **QR code** to purchase tickets, choose a patron package, register for the Drop-In Choir, and do your part to support the Music Program today!



Challenge Accepted – With God, I Am Strong!

VBS is back! **Join us July 27th-31st from 9:00 AM-12PM, for a fun week!** Get ready to turn your summer into an unforgettable adventure with Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026! We invite your kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Use the QR Code to register now!

**Christian Heritage Class: March 15. ST. HELENA AND THE QUEST FOR THE TRUE CROSS.** In the Chapel of Sacred Relics of the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme in Rome is a fragment of a board of walnut wood incised with the letters ERSVNIRAZAN, which written left to right would spell *Nazarinus re[x]* – “Nazarene (i.e., of Nazareth) King”.

#### 2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	128,854	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	21,472	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	4,520	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	1,222	Budget:	9,000

**LAST WEEK’S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** 121 in person and 14 online.

#### Prayer List March 15, 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:

- 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.
  - **Jaelyn** - 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.
- We ask for prayers for **Peggy Spellmeyer**, who underwent surgery on March 9 to repair a broken bone (**3/9-L. O'Neill**).
- Pray for **Allison MacDonald** who suffered a stroke on February 28 and is recovering at Virtua Lady of Lourdes (**3/04-K. Macdonald**).
- Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who was diagnosed with breast cancer (**3/4-L. Federline**).
- 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 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).
- 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).

#### CHURCH STAFF

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#### CHURCH OFFICERS

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).

## 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

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\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my flowers or leave in Church \_\_\_\_\_

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Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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