



First Presbyterian Church

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

March 22, 2026; 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday in Lent

Guest WiFi Network: FPCHGuest | Password: FPCHwifi@06

GATHERING

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

Prelude Contemplation on Wondrous Love - Rebecca Groom te Velde ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Call to Worship (Psalm 130, selected verses)

One: O people of God, hope in the Lord!

All: For with God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

One: Wait for the Lord!

All: Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

Musical Offering: "What Wondrous Love is This" (Music of Connection Choir)

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

One: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts—cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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.

Musical Offering: "What Wondrous Love is This?"

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

One: The words of eternal life, by which we have come to believe.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Dem Bones" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

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

One: Why did Christ have to suffer death?

All: Because God's justice and truth require it. Nothing else could pay for our sins except the

death of the Son of God.

One: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

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: "My Song is Love Unknown" ~John Ireland, arr. Stephen Cleobury (Chancel Choir)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Hymn #286** "[Breathe on Me, Breath of God](#)"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Fantasia super Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735 - J.S. Bach ~ 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

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.

Carry in Carry Out Trash Policy: All users must take out their trash, food waste and recyclables out of the church before leaving to ensure the church stays clean.

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.

Sharing Your Planned Gift is a Gift Itself - If you've included the church in your will or estate plans, we'd love to know. Telling us doesn't make your plans public, and it doesn't commit you to anything permanent. But it does let us honor your generosity, confirm your wishes, and ensure your future gift will be used just as you intend. Many donors say the act of sharing brings unexpected comfort and gratitude.

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 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.

Social Connection will meet in the Parlor, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Monday, March 23. Our evenings for adults of all abilities include art, Bingo, socializing and sometimes singing or exercise and games. **If you would like to donate gift cards for Bingo prizes, leave them in the church office labeled Social Connection or give them to Joyce Stout, Peg Manochi, Katie Mueller or Deb Nussbaum at church.** Thank you so much to all of you who have been great supporters of this ministry. **A special thanks to PW and the Pross family for their contributions.**

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!

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. Registration will be opening soon!

VBS Request: Organizing for Vacation Bible School is already underway. The week is July 27-July 31. If you are interested in helping with VBS two, three or five mornings that week, please email Lauren LaRosa Sewall at laurenl@haddonfieldpres.org or see Rachel Davis or Deb Nussbaum at church. We need adults to work in outdoor recreation, Bible story time, science, crafts and snack time. We also need teen helpers (6th to 12th grade) for the week. If you are available that week, please contact Eric Walker at ewalker@haddonfieldpres.org.

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	134,836	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	22,547	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	5,280	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	1,222	Budget:	9,000

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

**Prayer List
March 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:

- 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:
 - **Joana** - Pray for Joana's 3 children, Luis, John (who is in jail) and Miamar. Prayers for her relationship with Miamar and that Joana will be granted custody when she gets home. Pray for safety for Joana and her children.
 - **Krystal** - Prayers for freedom, safety and security. Pray that Krystal will be with her family soon.
 - **Emily** - Pray for her daughter, Kaylee and her significant other, John. Pray for strength for Emily and her family to get through this difficult time.
 - **Quandaijah** - Prayers for reunification with her son. Pray for God's strength to fight through this unfortunate time in her life. Prayers that the truth sets her free and her time in jail is used by God for her to touch others the way God has touched her.
 - **Laura** - Prayers for her children, Da'lyla (6 years old), Nyla (5 years old) and Major (1 year old). Pray that Laura will bear good fruits for herself, God and her children. Pray for Laura's court date that Laura will accept God's will. If she is meant to stay, she will better her mind, heart and soul. Pray this will be her last time and she will learn from her mistakes before it is too late. Pray that Laura and her daughter will not suffer seizures.
 - **Lisa** - Prayers she will land a nursing job to get on track to start to become financially stable so she can obtain housing for her and her kids. Pray she will be released soon.
 - **Dana** - "Thank you Father for allowing me another day." Prayers that Dana will be released and she will be kept safe and protected from evil.
 - **Monique** - Prayers for her children: her oldest with his college studies and transportation; her daughter furthering her education; Naz for his studies and Poppa to focus on school and make wiser decisions. "Forgive me for all my shortcomings."

- **Tracie** - Prayers for her children and that she will get home to them soon. Pray for Tracie who feels lost in a place like this. Pray for her court date that she will be allowed to go home to her children.
- **Brandi** - "Thank you soo much for praying for me. Faith is real. Prayers go up and blessings rain down. I ask for God, my Lord and Saviour, to work in my life each day. I invite him into my life and to keep his hands on me and to just continue working on my court case." Pray that she will be reunited with her two youngest children, Savanah (6 years old) and Kemistry (3 years old). Brandi wants to establish a close relationship with her children.
- **Brianna** - Prayers for her heart that aches because she is away from her child. Pray that he isn't mad at her and still wants a relationship with her.
- **Lashan** - Pray for her children. Prayers for her 5 year old who is not speaking yet. Prayers of comfort for Lashan who just lost her grandmother.
- **Tiffany** - Prayers for Tiffany when she goes to court that the prosecutor's heart would be softened and Tiffany would receive mercy. Pray for a light sentence and the three years already served would be enough or not much more. Prayers that her lawyer would be blessed and diligent.
- **Jaclyn** - Prayers for her grandmother who is hospitalized. Pray for her family and fiancé. Pray her court date brings good news.
- **Morgan** - Prayers for protection and bravery and reunification with her daughters, Ivy and Willow. Pray for her mother that she would have a sound mind. Prayers for Morgan's sisters, Danielle and Ellen and friends, Annamaria, Maryellen, Jessica and Khadija. Pray that the prosecutors and judge would have discernment so truth and justice occur for Morgan and her children.
- **Ariana** - Prayers for strength for her parents to stay sober always (temptation is in full force for them.) Pray for Ariana for her next chapter in prison that leads her one step closer to getting home. Pray for her nervousness that she will have God's guidance, strength and protection.
- 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).

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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).

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 _____

Make checks payable to
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And Mail to:

Margot Dark

127 Linden Ave

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.