



First Presbyterian Church

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

March 29, 2026; 10:00 AM | Palm Sunday

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GATHERING

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

Prelude Meditation on Love Unknown - Matthew Corl ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Prayer

All: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn #196 “[All Glory, Laud, and Honor](#)”

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

All: O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: 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: 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: "Hosanna! Hosanna!" - Laura Farnell (Carol and Cherub Choirs)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty—Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service.**

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-13 (Common English Bible translation)

21 When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. 2 He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. 4 Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said,

5 Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."

6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

8 Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. 11 The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

12 Then Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. 13 He said to them, "It's written, My house will be called a house of prayer. But you've made it a hideout for crooks."

One: Surely our salvation is at hand.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Do You Have a Permit for This Parade?"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Philippians 2:5-11)

All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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: "Ride On, King Jesus" ~ Larry L. Fleming (Loren Greer, soloist)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #286** "[Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!](#)"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Festive Prelude on Valet will ich dir geben - Rebecca Groom te Velde ~ 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.

THE FLOWERS are in memory of Harold and Caryl Haynes given by Bob and Janet Haynes Lehman.

Have You Included the Church in Your Plans? Let Us Celebrate With You. If you've made a planned gift, sharing the news can be a blessing - to you and to the church. It lets us thank you, support your intentions, and welcome you into a community of others who have done the same. Many people say that letting the church know brings a deep sense of joy, clarity and peace. *Please consult your advisors for guidance.*

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.

Our eleven circuit Chartres style labyrinth will be available for walking meditation on Wednesday, April 1, from 10AM until 2PM and from 5PM until 7PM. The labyrinth is located in Fellowship Hall and accessed through the Office door on the west side of the church. **Neither shoes nor bare feet are allowed (to save wear and tear on the canvas) so please wear socks for walking.** Check the weekly newsletter or meet with Betsy Westermaier on Sunday for more information!

Our Pinwheel Garden is a program of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey that seeks to promote great childhoods, positive parenting and healthy child development. Founded in 1979, their efforts throughout the state are dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in all forms for all New Jersey children. Their prevention programs include public awareness campaigns, parenting education programs, workshops and professional training, home visitation services, initiatives that promote parental involvement in a child's education, and projects that support highly vulnerable families. They endeavor to help parents to nurture, develop and sustain healthy children.

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.

Social Connection will meet in the Parlor, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Monday, April 27. 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.

Coffee and Conversation about Grief will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 25, in the Bean Parlor. Whether your loss is recent or in years past, all are welcome. It's a time for talking and/or listening. If you would like more information, contact Vani Elgart at velgart@comcast.net or Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.



To help us serve you more thoughtfully, the Worship and Music Committee is conducting a Congregational Worship Survey over the next few weeks. Please scan the QR code and take a few minutes to share your perspectives so your voice can help shape our worship life.

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:	143,964	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	23,987	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	5,720	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	1,438	Budget:	9,000

Prayer List March 29, 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:
 - **Emily** - Pray for Emily's family to have the strength to continue on without her. Prayers that Emily's stepdaughter, Cierra, will have the strength to take care of Emily's daughter, Kaylee. Pray for their father, John, Emily's mother, Yvonne and her Aunt Brenda.
 - **Dana** - Thanks for another day of life. Prayers for the homeless and those suffering from drug addiction. Pray for Dana's court date. Prayers for a hood of protection and safety for Dana's son, Daniel and Dana.
 - **Quandaijah** - Pray for forgiveness for Quandaijah and that her sins will be washed away. Prayers that Quandaijah will live life free from addiction and will have financial freedom, vulnerability, and be more open minded so she can become a better mom. Quandaijah realizes she can't help her son if she can't help herself. Pray for protection for her son, Jaami, and that he heals and stays "a happy kid."
 - **Fertima** - Prayers that God will continue to keep her covered and forgive her sins. Prayers for her mental health. Pray for the judge, prosecutor and her lawyer that God will work through them. Prayers for her family, her brother, Kurrian (he just lost his 2 year old daughter) and Fertima's children, Arvay and Kadaf.

- **Sheme** - Prayers for Sheme and her family for peace and protection of mind. Sheme is living through a very difficult time as she is locked away and alone. Pray for world peace and love/unity.
- **Tiffany** - Prayers for Tiffany's attorney that he will go above and beyond and God will grant him wisdom and soften the prosecutor's heart towards her case. Pray that God will grant Tiffany favor and mercy so that she will be released soon. Prayers for Tiffany's mother, stepfather and children that they are covered, loved and protected.
- **Brandi** - Prayers for Brandi's case and her public defender that she will be sent home to her family. Pray that Brandi will be patient and will be able to hear the Lord's voice again.
- **Jamie** - Prayers for her father, James, that he will be back in Jamie's life and for her son, Nicholas, that he will do his best in school. Pray that Jamie and her husband, Dave, will live forever in love.
- **Michele** - Prayers for Michele's family and that she will remain clean and healthy when she is released. Pray for her son as he graduates and her kids.
- **Aleesa** -- Pray for peace and love with genuine encounters with others. Prayers she will let love in, will be loved and accept and believe in love, and hold onto hope and faith. Prayers she will love herself.
- **Morgan** - Prayers for healing for her sister, Ellen, and that God changes her sister Danielle's heart. Pray for Morgan's friends, Annamaria, Maryellen, Gia and Jess that God protects them, heals them, blesses them and guides them. Prayers for Morgan's daughters Willow and Ivy that God protects them and they are reunited soon and they are given a spirit of bravery and strength and peace until Morgan is with them. Pray for her attorneys, Lora, Eric and Jack, and justice in her case.
- **Jaclyn** - Pray that her innocence will come to light; leading to justice and freedom. Give Jaclyn strength and guidance. Prayers for her family and her fiancé.
- **Tracie** - Prayers for her six children, her husband, Emanuel, and that she will be receiving good news that she can go home. Pray that Tracie will have the strength to continue.
- **Ariana** - Prayers for strength and God's help that Ariana can release her anxiety and nervousness that is overcoming her now more than ever. Please restore Ariana's connection with God that it will be strengthened. Prayers that Ariana will grow and gain a truer/stronger and hopeful relationship with God.
- **LaShanda** - Prayers for her children and her father. Pray for LaShanda.
- **Veronica** - (translated from Spanish) "Lord, first and foremost, I thank You for everything You have given me. Lord, I ask You to watch over my family – especially my daughters; guide them along a good path and be with them at every moment. I pray for Diego: grant him the strength to keep moving forward. I pray for myself: do not abandon me; grant me the opportunity to return home to my children. I ask all of this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord."
- 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/leadership-policies>



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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).