



First Presbyterian Church

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

April 5, 2026; 10:00 AM | Easter Sunday

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GATHERING

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

Prelude Procepción Alegre - Garry Cornell ~ Lucas Brown, organ
~ Charlie Barber, trumpet

Opening Sentences

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to all.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

* **Hymn** #234 "[Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain](#)"

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess to the Lord our moments of weakness.

*Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (1 Peter 1:25)

One: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and

guardian of our souls.

All: Alleluia! 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: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the

eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "On the Way" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* **Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed," pp. 35 in the hymnal

GIVE THANKS

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: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ~Cynthia Dobrinski (Moore Bells)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer pp. 35 in the hymnal

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #232** "[Jesus Christ Is Risen Today](#)"

"**Hallelujah**" ~George Frideric Handel (Chancel Choir and Congregation)

Sending Music The Trumpet Shall Sound - G.F. Handel ~ Lucas Brown, organ
Charlie Barber, trumpet

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.

Join Us: Plan a Gift to Build Ministry for Those Who Follow

We are the beneficiaries of generations who faithfully built this church and made today's ministry possible. Now it is our moment to thank them - by strengthening the foundation for those who will come after us. A planned gift, such as a gift in your will or a beneficiary designation, is a simple way to leave a lasting legacy of faith. These gifts cost nothing today, yet they help ensure our ministries remain strong for the next generation. We invite you to prayerfully consider including our church in your plans.

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.

There will be a memorial service in the chapel for Robert Guthrie (brother of Ian Guthrie) at 11 am on Thursday, April 9. Visitation will begin at 10 am. The service will be followed by a light reception in the Bean Parlor. If you expect to attend the reception, please RSVP to Rose Guthrie at 609-760-4324.

EVERYONE is WELCOME when **EMBRACING RACE - The Conversation** meets **here in the Bean Parlor** on **Thursday, April 9th at 7 pm**. We'll be mapping out what each of us can do toward dismantling racism. Here's a pre-registration link: <https://forms.gle/aCzeEnK7MsTQoqF36>

On Sunday, April 12 we will commission two new Stephen Ministers, Kathi Bell and Diane Thorne who will join Stephen Ministers, Larry Rugen, Deb Nussbaum, and Donna George in this caring ministry. Kathi and Diane have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving. As Stephen Ministers, they will provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. **Check our Weekly Newsletter on how you can help!**

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. Volunteers make coffee and tea and provide cookies, crackers, pastries and other treats. 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 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.

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.

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!



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. If you are interested in helping with

VBS two, three or five mornings that week, please email Lauren LaRosa Sewall at lauren1@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.



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.

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	149,889	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	25,072	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	6,315	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	1,809	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 201 in person and 16 online.

Prayer List April 5, 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. Quandajah 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, locked away and alone. Pray for world peace, 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. 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 for strength for Tracie.
- **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** - "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 strength. 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 (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. Services for Robert will be held in the chapel Thursday at 11:00 AM. (**2/25-R. Guthrie**).
- 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**).
- Pray for **Carolann**, who has been diagnosed with cancer (**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).