



# First Presbyterian Church

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

April 12, 2026; 10:00 AM | Second Sunday of Easter

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## GATHERING

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

**Prelude** Sonata detta del Nero - Girolamo Fantini ~ Lucas Brown, *organ*  
Charlie Barber, *trumpet*

### Opening Sentences

One: Great is the mystery of the faith–

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**

One: But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\* **Hymn** #233 ["The Day of Resurrection"](#)

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

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

### \*Prayer of Confession

**All: Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord. Help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.**

### \* Silent Prayers of Confession

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

One: The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**All: We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.**

One: Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**All: Alleluia! 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 forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Musical Offering: "Trumpet Voluntary" ~arr. Ruby Hollis (Kirk Ringers with Charlie Barber)**

**Time with the Children**

**Celebrating the Life of the Church**

## THE WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**

**All: Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-9**

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon "Delayed Gratification" Rev. Marvin Lindsay**

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

**Stephen Ministry Commissioning**

- Diane Thorne, Kathi Bell

## GIVE THANKS

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer pp. 35 in the *Glory to God* 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:** "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" - Craig Courtney (Charlie Barber, trumpet)

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

## LEAVE TO SERVE

\***Hymn #839** "[Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!](#)"

**Sending Music** Trumpet Tune in D major - David Johnson ~ 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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Today we 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!**

## 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.

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are in memory of Stanley Carter given by Ginny Ritchie.

### Thank You for Considering a Planned Gift

Thank you to all who have taken time to reflect on the invitation to include our church in your will or beneficiary plans. Your willingness to think about the future of our ministry is itself a faithful act. Planned gifts – large or modest–help ensure that the ministries we cherish today will continue to bless future generations.

**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. 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](mailto:jmfiorella@gmail.com) or Pete Hurd at [phurd75@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:velgart@comcast.net) or Deb Nussbaum at [debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto: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 [laurenl@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Christian Heritage Class (April 12) **THE UNIFIED CATHOLIC CHURCH under Constantine**  
Constantine's professed toleration for all faiths, for which he had fought his last great war against Licinius, foundered on the diversity of Christian doctrine and practices. In the name of unity he now persecuted those whose beliefs were now far closer to his own than those held by worshippers of Sol Invictus [etc.]...While those who had not yet found the Christian god should be led in that direction by moderation, those who had done so but rejected correct authority ("schismatics") or correct belief ("heretics") were to be pressured equally, and punished if they failed to relent... Punishments were far harsher than those meted out to pagans, who were as yet children and not threats to the unity of the true faith. Through Constantine's measures to strip away temples' property, and his son's (Constantius II) to shut their gates, [the pagan temples] had deteriorated badly, but relations between Christian and pagans were not bloody...The fact is surprising, for whatever, may be said against its persecutors earlier, the Christian Church even quite undisturbed was *not a good neighbor*...

## 2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	156,055	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	34,072	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	6,435	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	2,466	Budget:	9,000

**LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** 359 in person and 7 online.

**Prayer List**  
**April 12, 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:
  - **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, 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.”
- Prayers are asked for **Isabel Pross** who continues to be treated for cancer (4/8-W. Pross).
- Pray for **Carolann**, who is being treated for cancer (4/7-J. Fiorella).
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates the prayers (4/7-R. Wright).
- Pray for **Grace**, her husband, **Bob**, and her parents, **Sue** and **Tad**. Grace had a seizure Feb 28th, and has been in ICU at Penn since then (4/6-B. Bell).
- Please pray for the family and friends of **Chris Gillies**, who died Easter Sunday morning (4/6-T. Bogetti).
- 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).
- 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).

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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/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).