



First Presbyterian Church

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

April 26, 2026; 10:00 AM | Fourth 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 Improvisation on "Soft Rains of Spring Flow" - Lucas Brown

Opening Sentences (Psalm 23, Common English Bible translation)

One: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters.

All: He keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

One: Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me.

All: Your rod and your staff – they protect me.

One: You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.

All: You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

One: Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life,

All: and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

* **Hymn** #803 ["My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"](#)

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

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Gracious God, we are prone to wander from the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Like sheep gone astray, we have turned to our own ways – seeking our own comfort, pursuing our own ends, and shrinking from the suffering that faithful witness sometimes requires.

Forgive us for the times we have repaid wrong with wrong, for the times our trust has rested in ourselves rather than in your sovereign care. We have not always borne patiently what we ought, nor have we lived as those who have truly died to sin. We turn to you for the healing that only comes through the wounds of our Savior. In your mercy, restore us. Amen.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Hear the good news! Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. In Jesus Christ, we 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: "We Are The Church" by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh (Carol and Cherub Choirs)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd and Overseer of our souls – open our eyes and hearts to receive your Word this day. Quiet the noise within us, that we might hear your voice above the clamor of the world. Illumine these Scriptures by the same Spirit through whom they were given, so that what we hear may not return empty, but accomplish your purpose in us. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (English Standard Version)

19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Wounded Healer" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

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

Reception of a New Member

- Karen E. Jones

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: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Hymn #718** ["Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"](#)

Sending Music Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure (Psalm 145) - Christopher Tambling ~
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.

CHERUB CHOIR completes the choir year today. Thank you to all those who participated this year: Vivian Balsama, Penny Bradford, Amy Bratt, Abbie Cohen, Aralyn Elfström, Jack Geiger, Emily Petho, Olivia Schmidt, and Nelly Stedman.

Thanks, also to our 1st and 2nd grade **CAROL CHOIR** singers: ChiChi Andrillunas, Rylan Bratt, Evie Feld, Lici Geiger, Evelyn Kelly, Addisyn Kent, Julian Lombardo, Olivia McPherson, Rachel Petho, Rose Rao, Olivia Saidel, Taline Schmidt, Finn Scott, and Brooklyn Still.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ACCOMPANIST LIZ OLSON brought so many gifts to our Music Ministry this year. Thank you, Liz!

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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.

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.

One Small Step for a Smoother Planned Gift: You'll notice we invite you to speak with your advisor when considering a planned gift. Many people choose not to—and that's completely their choice.

Still, we recommend having a conversation with a qualified financial or legal advisor if you can. Even simple planned gifts—like adding the church in your will or updating a beneficiary form—touch your broader plans for loved ones, taxes, and long term goals. An advisor can help be sure your gifts fit your situation, align with your intentions, and work smoothly with the rest of your plans.

A short conversation can offer real peace of mind. And whatever you choose, thank you for considering a gift that blesses our church for generations to come.

REMINDER: [PER CAPITA is due](#). For 2026 Per Capita is \$40.00 per confirmed member.

SOUP SUNDAY - This Sunday is the next Soup Sunday organized by your deacons in Fellowship Hall following morning worship. They and other helpers hope you will join them for (mild) chicken chili and desserts they've prepared. No guarantee that the weather for the last Sunday in April will be hot or cold, but the chili and the fellowship will be warm. See you at the tables then.

St. Wilfrids Update: We're now accepting warm weather clothing donations! We've distributed all of your generous winter clothing donations and now have the space to accept warm weather clothing. We need donations for people of all genders, sizes, and ages. (No used underwear or socks please). Please ensure that the clothing you donate is clean and in good condition. You can place your donations in the alcove closest to the playground doors.

Our stockpile of toiletries is running low, and we urgently need your help to replenish our supply. Our clients require essential items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and soap,

which are currently unavailable from the Food Bank. By donating these items, you'll not only provide our clients with health benefits but also help them save valuable money.

We invite you to the **National Day of Prayer** breakfast Thursday, May 7 at 8:30 AM at Haddonfield United Methodist Church on Warwick Road in Haddonfield. This year's speaker is Colonel Jonathan Hurt, a Chaplain serving at Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst. Tickets are \$15. To purchase, go to : <https://haddonfieldumc.subspla.sh/cfwfbk7> or use the QR code.



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.

Great news – our Music Program fundraiser is off to an *amazing* start! Thank you to everyone in our congregation for the enthusiasm and generosity you've already shown. Your support is fueling something truly special.

Behind the scenes, we've been working hard to make sure our upcoming concert reaches as many people as possible. With the tremendous help of Kim Seibert and Margaret O'Neil, we've contacted nearly every major retirement community and music studio within 20 miles, along with many of the area's larger churches, elementary music teachers, and well-known choirs such as the GSJC, NJMC, the Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choirs, and the Mosaic Children's Choir.



The response has been fantastic – **143 tickets sold so far**, and the excitement is growing. This event is shaping up to be a vibrant gathering for our entire community.

Thank you all for helping make this happen.

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:
ewalker@haddonfieldpres.org.

Christian Heritage Class: (April 26) **Saint George** (c. 275/281 – 23 April 303 AD), born in [Lydda, Palestine](#), was a soldier in the [Roman army](#) and was later venerated as a [Christian martyr](#). His father was Gerontius, a [Christian](#) official in the Roman army. His mother, Polychronia was a local [Christian of Palestine](#). Saint George became an officer in the Roman army in the Guard of [Diocletian](#). In [hagiography](#), Saint George is one of the most venerated saints in the [Catholic](#) (Western and [Eastern Rites](#)), [Anglican](#), [Eastern Orthodox](#), and the [Oriental Orthodox](#) churches. He is immortalized in the tale of [Saint George and the Dragon](#) and is one of the [Fourteen Holy Helpers](#). His memorial is celebrated on 23 April, and he is regarded as one of the most prominent [military saints](#).

Prayer List April 26, 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:
 - **Jaelyn:** Prayers for my court date May 8th, that the judge grants this motion to dismiss my case, so I can have my freedom back as well as justice. Prayers for the safety and health of my family.
 - **Tiffany:** Please pray that God lessens the amount of time they are trying to offer me. I have court on April 27, and I ask God to touch the prosecutor's heart that she may agree to my offer that my lawyer proposed. I've been here 3 years and I'm tired. I also pray for peace. Thanks and God bless you.
 - **Morgan:** Prayers for health, revival, safety, and salvation for my sister Ellen, and friends Maryellen, Annamaria, Aleesa Melver, Jessica, and Jules. Prayers for a spirit of bravery, protection, and blessing for my two girls Willow and Ivy. Prayers for justice in my case and for protection and blessing for my attorneys Eric, Lora, James, and Jack. Prayers for discernment and fairness for my judge Charney. Prayers for a spirit of truth and a heart of flesh for my prosecutor Cynthia. Thank you!
 - **Noel:** I pray that we are not forgotten. I pray that we are all freed when the time is right. I've been here for 9 months. I pray for more understanding in our hearts and to walk on our own.

- **Tracie:** Asks for prayers for her court date on April 20.
- **Joselyn:** Asks for prayers for freedom from abuse. She goes to court April 20th, and hopes she can go home. Please pray for my freedom and protection, to stay safe from life choices.
- **Dana:** Thank you, Father, for another blessed day and all that you have done for me. And, as always, I ask that you continue to keep a head of protection over me and my son Damien and the still-suffering addicts and homeless people. Prayers for Veronica in her situation. Thank you for the Good Ladies. I pray for deliverance. Amen. Thank you.
- **Quandaijah:** Dear Church, Please pray and ask God to give me the strength, courage, and determination to prove my innocence, no matter how long. Also watch over my son Jaami, my mom Alverna, and sister Ashley. Thank you.
- We ask for prayers for **John Lindsay**, Rev. Marvin's brother, who had a procedure to treat glaucoma (**4/23-M. Lindsay**).
- 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**).
- Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who was diagnosed with breast cancer (**3/4-L. Federline**).

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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).