



First Presbyterian Church

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

May 3, 2026; 10:00 AM | Fifth 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 Reflection on Kingsfold - Maureen Howell ~ Lucas Brown

Opening Sentences (Psalm 31, selected verses)

One: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

One: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

One: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

* **Hymn** #509 "[All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly](#)"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace** (1 John 3:2)

One: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (Rom. 6:8,11)

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.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***We Celebrate God's Forgiveness** #581 "Glory Be To the Father" (GLORIA PATRI)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** (John 13:34-35)

One: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Musical Offering: "Come Thou Fount" ~arr. Peter Leibensperger
(Alleluia Bells with Barry Wilhjelm)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

8 and
"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

One: Happy are those who delight in God's word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God the Builder"

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: "Celtic Laud" ~ Craig Courtney (Chancel Choir)

* **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

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

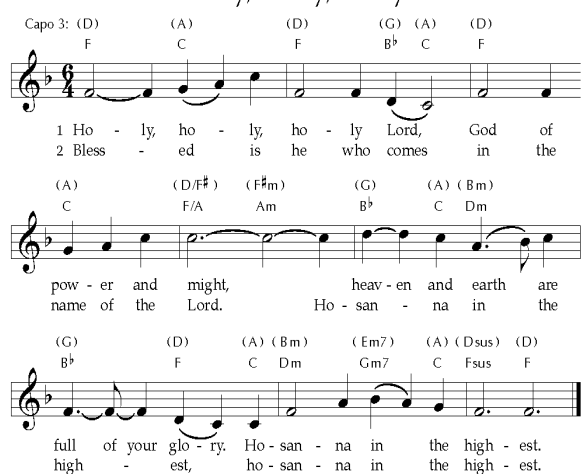
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund
Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

One: You are holy, O God of majesty... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and

risen.

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1964
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One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

554 Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995
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The Lord's Prayer, pp. 35, *Glory to God*
Breaking of Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #321 ["The Church's One Foundation"](#)

Sending Music Sortie, Op. 62 - Marcel Dupré ~ 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.

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.

Why a Planned Gift to the Endowment? Our church's endowment is a steady, faithful source of support—quietly helping fund ministry year after year. When you make a planned gift to the endowment, you're not just giving for today. You're helping ensure that worship, mission, and care for our community remain strong for generations to come.

Endowment gifts act like seeds: your gift is invested, and the annual earnings help sustain the ministries you love without touching the principal. It's a way to leave a legacy that keeps giving, long after you've made your plans.

Through your planned gift—large or modest—to the endowment you can continue your ministry here by lifting up future generations to do great ministry, even after your lifetime.

Thank you for considering a gift that helps our ministry thrive for decades to come.

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

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.

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.



2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	181,026	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	36,442	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	7,135	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	3,157	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK’S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 166 in person and 24 online

Prayer List
May 3, 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.
- Pray for **Olivia Bowerman**, age 17, who was severely injured in a car accident on April 24, along with the driver, **Aleeha (4/26-T. Adkins)**.

- We ask for prayers for **John Lindsay**, Rev. Marvin's brother, who had a procedure to treat glaucoma (4/23-M. Lindsay).
- Please pray for **Bud Miller**, who is recovering from open heart surgery (4/16-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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<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).