



First Presbyterian Church

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

May 10, 2026; 10:00 AM | Sixth 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 Andante patetico - Kate Boundy ~ Lucas Brown

Opening Sentences

One: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

All: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

One: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

All: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

One: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

All: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

One: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

All: God is with us and will never let us go.

* **Hymn** #485 "[We Know That Christ Is Raised](#)"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace** (Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (Romans 8:31-32)

One: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel. 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** (John 13:34-35)

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Musical Offering: "A Gaelic Blessing" ~ arr. Mary Kay Parrish (Moore Bells)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Come Holy Spirit! As the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, bear witness to the truth in our hearts and minds, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, 16 yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Elevator Pitch" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

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

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: “Borning Cry” ~ arr. Phil Kadidlo (Chancel Choir)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Hymn #462** [“I Love to Tell the Story”](#)

Sending Music Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - David Cherwien ~ 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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Today’s worship service may be livestreamed, recorded, or photographed for church communications. If you do not wish to appear on camera, please be seated in a pew under the balcony. If you do not wish to be photographed, please email support@haddonfieldpres.org to opt out of photographs for church communications.

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.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given by Andy and Amy Reinicker and memory of James L Reinicker, as well as given in loving memory of Shirley Grundlock by her daughter Diane Thorne.

When a Gift Becomes a Story: If you've included the church in your future plans, consider how sharing that hope with those you love can become part of the gift itself. Sometimes a quiet conversation becomes a holy moment—a chance to speak of what shaped you, what sustained you, what you pray will bless generations beyond your sight. When loved ones hear your intentions, they often discover the deeper currents of your faith: the gratitude you carry, the ministry you cherish, the future you dare to imagine for this church. And yet, not every heart feels ready to share—and that is perfectly, beautifully okay. But if the moment comes, your words may become a gentle gift: a legacy not only of resources, but of love, values and hope.

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

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 17. There will be a Sunday School Party to celebrate our great year. Children's summer church will begin Sunday, June 14 and run through Sunday, August 9. The nursery will be open and available every Sunday. If you would like to help with Children's Church some Sunday or with Vacation Bible School from July 27-31, please contact Lauren Sewall (lauren@haddonfieldpres.org) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

"Thank you!" To all who supported the **Pinwheel Garden** on the front lawn. It is a strong statement for Child Abuse Prevention Month! Presbyterian Women provides the pinwheels as a visual to bring action to prevent child abuse in our communities and state – protect the children who are being harmed!

Presbyterian Women support Church World Service with Blanket Ministry. "The goal of CWS is always to ensure the most vulnerable populations are cared for and supported in times of crisis. When disaster strikes, CWS is there to ensure our neighbors have us to grab onto for stability, safety and comfort." Let's put our faith into action, serving the community, sharing hope and compassion with neighbors in need through the CWS Blanket Ministry. We can help the homeless on sidewalks, forgotten Vets in tents, families who have survived hurricanes, floods or tornados in our land – with a \$10 donation to CWS. Your blanket will be delivered to one of those in need! **Our Mother's Day Project" is to "Blanket the world in Love".**

Social Connection, our ministry for special needs adults and friends, will meet Tuesday, May 19, in the Hospitality Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. We will have crafts, bingo and games. **Our last get together before we re-start in the fall will be dinner at The Bistro on Monday, June 8, at 5 p.m**

Interested in studying the Gospel of Luke? We are putting together a group, if there is enough interest, that will meet one Thursday afternoon a month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for Gospel study and prayer. It would start over the summer. Each month we would study two chapters. Participants could take turns leading, if they wanted to do that. If you would want to do this study, please contact me by email or phone. Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com or 856.520.0108)

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.

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, 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: ewalker@haddonfieldpres.org.



2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	184,274	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	37,197	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	7,415	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	3,203	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 113 in person and 24 online

Prayer List May 10, 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:
 - Prayers for the conditions at the Camden County Jail that the long term black mold problem will be rectified so the inmates health will not be compromised.
 - **Tiffany** – Pray for Tiffany to get a reduced sentence from the judge. “May God have mercy on me and intervene at court.” Prayers for strength and purpose for Tiffany. Pray that her family will be strong and safe during her absence.
 - **Jaelyn** – Pray for Jaelyn's court date that her motion will be granted and she will finally be released. Prayers for justice and freedom for Jaelyn and that her innocence will be recognized.
 - **Laura** – Prayers for her daughters, Daylyla and Nyla, and her daughter's father, Deven, for her son John Jr. and his father, John.
 - **Shakara** – Pray for her son, family and friends. Pray that Shakara will find help, guidance and love.
 - **Morgan** – Prayers for the safety, strength and a spirit of bravery for her children, Willow and Ivy. Pray for Morgan's sisters, Danielle and Ellen, and her mother, Laurie. Thanks for protecting and working on the hearts of her friends, Jackie, Alisea, Annmaria, MaryEllen, Jules, Tiffany and Bridgett. Thanks for revealing the truth in Morgan's legal case and for the prosecutors, lawyers and judges working on her case. Prayers for love, mercy, faithfulness and kindness for Morgan.

- **Heaven** – Pray for Heaven to remain sane and to persevere and be strong enough to get through whatever time she has to serve. This is Heaven’s first time in jail, pray she can retain her good spirit.
 - **Tracie** -- Pray that she can get through this time. She has been at the jail for 10 months. Prayers for her freedom and that God can see she is worthy of more than CCJ.
 - **Brandi** – Prayers that Brandi will be granted the offer to downgrade her charges to criminal mischief and time served. Pray for God to work in Brandi’s favor and that she will be released to her family on May 18.
 - **Emily** – Pray for her family to have the strength to be without her. Pray the court has compassion in Emily’s case.
 - **Dana** – Pray for forgiveness for Dana. Prayers that Dana and her son will be released and get on with life together by walking a straight path with God’s guidance.
 - **Brianna** -- Prayers for forgiveness because she has not been the “best person in the world.” Pray that she will do better and not sin; not only for herself but for her three beautiful little girls (Mya, Makayla and Makenzie). Prayers for guidance in the right direction and peace for her girls while she is in jail and even when she is back with them.
 - **Noell** – Prayers for Noell’s release and for a job.
 - **Pray for Ramona, Aleesa and Jaclyn.** Prayers for their protection and God’s guidance.
 - Pray for **Veronica** who was recently released from jail but she was deported leaving her family here in the United States.
- Remember **Allison MacDonald** who was hospitalized this week to treat an infection (5/06-A. MacDonald).
 - Pray for **Fannie**, who is being treated for uterine and stomach cancer (5/04-T. Adkins).
 - Remember **Steve Pazan** in your prayers as he awaits test results (5/4-S. Pazan).
 - Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who was diagnosed with breast cancer (5/04-L. Federline).
 - Please pray for **Dan Eckert**, a police officer injured in a plane crash as the pilot lost control and collided into a tree. Dan is a Haddon Township graduate (5/01, B. Sewall).
 - Thank you for your prayers 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. She is showing improvement. (5/01-B. Bell).
 - 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).

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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).