



First Presbyterian Church

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

May 24, 2026; 10:00 AM | The Day of Pentecost

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GATHERING

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

Prelude “Veni creator spiritus” - arr. Lucas Brown

Opening Sentences (Acts 2:17; Romans 8:26; Psalm 104:30, 35)

One: Remember the promise of the Lord.

All: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

One: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

All: interceding with sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

All: Bless the name of the Lord!

* **Hymn** #280 “[Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us](#)”

***Invitation to Experience God’s Grace** (John 7:37-38)

One: Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (John 20:22-23)

One: Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! 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.

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Let It Go" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

*** Affirmation of Faith** from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can

separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ~African American Spiritual (Nancy Ruth Wainwright)

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #286** "[Breathe on Me, Breath of God](#)"

Sending Music Sweet Sweet Spirit - Doris Akers ~ Lucas Brown, piano

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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THE FLOWERS in the Fellowship Hall are given by the Haddonfield American Legion Post 38, in honor of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Thank you for this generous donation!

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**.

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.

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

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.

David Kim Fundraiser Recap

I am pleased to announce that the David Kim Fundraiser was an enormous success! When we began the campaign, our stated goal was to raise \$15,000 between ticket sales and the Greater South Jersey Chorus’s rental fee of \$5,000. During the course of the fundraiser, however, the Budget Task Force raised our goal to \$18,500 and decided that we would only be allowed to count 50% of the Greater South Jersey Chorus’s rent toward that total.

Because this community believes in and supports its Music Ministry so deeply, we were able to raise almost \$17,000 in tickets and donations, bringing our overall net total to **\$19,200**. It is an incredible blessing to serve as the Minister of Music for a church that understands the power Music has to grow God’s kingdom.

You are all dearly loved. Thank you so much!

Peter Leibensperger

CHURCH PICNIC - This week's weather already has felt like summer and soon Memorial Day will really get the summer activities started. Mark your calendars now for one being planned for you by the deacons on Sunday, June 7th - a barbecue with burgers, hot dogs & sausages outside by the playground following service that morning in Fellowship Hall.

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 (laurenl@haddonfieldpres.org) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

The Prison Ministry is in need of some jigsaw puzzles for the ladies at the Camden County Jail. Please place them in the Prison Ministry closet or give them to Judy Blank or Karen Andres. We thank you for your generosity!

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.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

The Presbyterian Office of Public Witness (OPW) is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Its task is to **advocate, and help the church to advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of the General Assembly.** The church has a long history of applying these biblically and theologically based insights to issues that affect the public – maintaining a public policy ministry in the nation's capital since 1946.

Amendment I of the Constitution says, "**Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion**, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

Public policy advocacy is one of the ways people of faith can love and care for one another. The Office of Public Witness monitors upcoming legislation and alerts subscribers about the contents of a bill and how it relates to the church's perspectives. By signing up for its "Alerts" you will receive an email with the information to which you may respond and that will be sent to your legislators. On behalf of the Justice and Advocacy Committee I encourage (even urge) you to sign up, stay informed, and signal your legislators your response.

You may ask, "Does my opinion really matter?" **YES. They will respond and tell you so.**

Ginny Ritchie

Justice and Advocacy Committee

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:	201,037	Budget: 455,000
Non-pledge giving:	40,722	Budget: 120,000
Per Capita:	7,735	Budget: 9,000
Loose:	3,569	Budget: 9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 131 in person and 24 online

**Prayer List
May 24, 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:
 - **Gabriel** - Prayers for Gabriel and her family.
 - Aleesa - Prayers for love and happiness and good health. Pray that she can love and be loved.
 - **Fertima** - Prayers for forgiveness. Pray the judge will show his mercy on her. Prayers for protection for her kids (Aryay and Kadafi) and her brother, Kurrian. Pray that Fertima has a closer walk with God and her mind and body will be healed.
 - **Tiffany** - Prayers for Tiffany, son, mom, family and friends. Pray for her health, safety and that she is saved. Prayers for a new healthy future including a job/career. Pray for her husband and daughters.
 - **Siahni** - Pray for Siahni's mom and grandmom and for their recovery from illness.
 - **Tracie** - Prayers for her children, her husband and herself and Mr. Elvin. Pray that Tracie will be going home soon to be with her children and everything will work out for the best.
 - **Denise** - Prayers that Denise will get the surgery she needs on her stomach and will have a successful recovery.
 - **Brianna** - Prayers for a quick release date so she can get back to her child and spend time with him.
- Thank you for your prayers for **Grace**, her husband, **Bob**, and her parents, **Sue** and **Tad**.

Grace is doing much better and has been transferred to a rehab facility to regain her strength! (5/21-B. Bell).

- Please pray for **Bud Miller**, who returned to the hospital this week (5/20-M. Lindsay).
- Remember **Nancy Ruth Wainwright** in your prayers. She is recovering at home after a short hospital stay (05/19-NR Wainwright).
- Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who is having surgery for breast cancer in early June (5/18-L. Federline).
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Rose Guthrie** who continues to get stronger after surgery and radiation for a benign brain tumor. She will have follow up tests in a few months (5/15-R. Guthrie).
- Pray for **Kathy**, a former HMHS teacher who has been battling cancer and recently suffered a stroke (05/09-D. Hagy).
- Remember **Allison MacDonald** who was hospitalized earlier this month 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).
- 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).
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates the prayers (5/1-R. Wright).
- 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).
- 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).

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CHURCH OFFICERS
The Session
(David Stedman, Clerk)

Elders, Class of 2026	Elders, Class of 2027	Elders, Class of 2028
Vani Elgart	Bud Miller	Rebecca Earnhardt
Lee Federline	Kristin Carberry	Katie Nelson-Mueller
Lexa Liggera (youth)	Lisa Hurd	Mark Oswald
Brian McGlade	Rich Kouhoupt	Steve Pazan
Margaret O'Neil	Deb Nussbaum	Betsy Westermaier
Gene Spinelli	Peter Seibert	Barry Wilhjelm
Rich Woodland	Maggie Sell	

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Thomas Andrews (youth)	Kathy Bell	Terry Carpenter (chair)
Michael Liggera	Joan Fiorella	Pete Hurd
Peg Manochi	Jim Groeling	Jack O'Malley
Liz Olson	Pat MacCluen	Cheryl Federline Peric
Sophia Oswald	Janet Shoemaker	Larry Rugen
Finnley Ritter (youth)	Judy Sikora	Jeremy Scott
John Wackes	Diane Thorne	Alan Stedman
		Sally Seddon



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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).