



First Presbyterian Church

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

June 21, 2026; 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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GATHERING

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

Prelude What a Friend We Have in Jesus ~ Lucas Brown, piano

Opening Litany

One: Even when we encounter folks who are mean, dishonest, hateful,

All: We are called to respond with that love which is true and sincere.

One: God calls us to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,

All: For God seeks to weave us into one family, tearing down all the barriers between us.

One: No matter how weary we become from our loneliness, our struggles, our service,

All: God challenges us to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying.

One: Why should we do all things?

All: Because we are God's people, called to lives which are different, and which make a difference!

One: God our Creator, you are alive: in the singing of geese flying north, in the leaves gently stirring in the breeze, in the stars that dance at night. Jesus, Brother to the poor, you are in our midst: in the lap of a grandmother, in the cries of a newborn, in the stillness of dawn. Spirit of God, you make all our places holy: the classrooms where we fidget, the sidewalks where we meet neighbors, the grass in our backyards. God in Community, Holy in One, make us aware of your presence in every moment, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn #14 "[For the Beauty of the Earth](#)"

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: If God is in every person we meet, what does that say about the harmful words we speak, the hurt we cause to others in our lives? We are invited to bring our faults and foolishness, our brokenness and bitterness to our God, confessing such lives, so we might be made new. Join me, as we pray together saying,

*Prayer of Confession

All: You know us, Watching God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather than clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore the poor, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know why we do all these things, for we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which insinuate themselves into our lives.

You do indeed know us all too well, Steadfast Love. Yet, you continue to be patient with us

and forgiving towards us. Yet, you would embrace as we turn towards you in repentance, rather than washing your hands of us. Yet, you would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with you.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24)

One: This is the good news for us, my friends. God remembers us and forgives us, so we might live as people of love and hope.

All: **We will sing our praises to the One who has made us whole! 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.**

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **God of Grace, as we hear your Word today, open our eyes to see your truth, open our ears to listen with understanding, and open our hearts to welcome your love. Speak to us through Scripture, and help us follow where you lead. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-16

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another..

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon "Let Love be Genuine" Rev. Robert Higgs

*** Affirmation of Faith** "Summary of the Law" pp. 36 in the Glory to God 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: Lucas Brown, piano

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

One: May the gifts we offer, Loving God, feed those who are hungry, as you have fed us with your Word. May these gifts give those who thirst for hope a cup which is overflowing. May our gifts be used to welcome all those who are your children, our sisters and brothers in this life. Amen.

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #372** ["O for a World"](#)

***Charge and Benediction**

Sending Music He's Sweet I Know ~ 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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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.

This year's General Assembly is held in two parts: online committee meetings from June 22-24 and in person in Milwaukee, WI June 27 - July 2. The in-person portion begins on Saturday with a new event: Community Day. On Sunday morning everyone will attend churches in the Milwaukee area and then gather for the first plenary session in the afternoon. Plenaries continue through Wednesday with morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. On Thursday morning, the commissioners will elect the next moderators who will serve through the next GA (if approved, it will be in Puerto Rico). To learn more about the General Assembly, [click here](#). Once GA begins, you can follow the business and watch GA [here](#).

Caregiver Connection: Whether you are just beginning your journey of caring for a loved one or have been caregiving for some time, please join us for a time to connect, share and grow with others who understand. Join us virtually on July 1st, 2026 at 11am. Erin Gabriel from Camden County's Department of Health and Human Services will facilitate our discussion. Please RSVP to velgart@comcast.net and Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com. You are not alone!

Coffee and Connection: Join us on July 11th, at 9:30am in the Parlor, for a warm, welcoming space where you can share, listen and connect with others who understand. Whether your loss is recent or years past, you are not alone. RSVP or for more information, contact Deb Nussbaum, debranussbaum1987@gmail.com or Vani Elgart, velgart@comcast.net

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). **We are in need of Shepherds for VBS! To sign up you must be at least 12 years old. Scan the QR Code to sign up now!**



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. Wilfrid's Update: Most of the people we serve at St. Wilfrids cannot afford air conditioners or even the power to run them. Box fans are an excellent alternative that can make a significant difference for those we serve. They usually live in row homes or small apartments with limited

ventilation. Box fans are available for purchase at Walmart and Target for \$20 to \$25. You can drop off your fan donation at the alcove closest to the Playground door. If it's more convenient, you can have them sent to: Norman Valentine, 4223 Remington Ave, Pennsauken NJ 08110. Thanks for considering a fan donation.

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	237,632	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	44,997	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	7,975	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	4,105	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 96 in person and 30 online

Prayer List June 21, 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:
 - **Brandi** – prayers for Brandy's sentencing that she will be able to go home. Pray that she will have a place to live that she can call home. Pray that she can start off with a one bedroom apartment and then work hard to upgrade to a four bedroom apartment so she can enjoy it with her daughters.
 - **Danielle** – prayers that Danielle will remain drug-free. Pray that her mother will forgive her for the years that she disrespected and lied to her mother. Pray that her aunt will also forgive her for words that they exchanged.
 - **Joselyn** – pray that Jocelyn will have good news when she returns to court and will be able to go home. Please give her peace of mind and that she will be able to stay calm and stay away from drama and all the problems that surround her.
 - **Nyasia** – prayers for a fresh start in life and she can leave negativity alone. Please give her courage and hope. Prayers that she will find love and lose hate.
 - **Suquanha** – pray for her freedom that she will get home with her kids. Prayers for her health and her family's health and safety. Pray that she will find housing that she can afford.

- Prayers for God's help for her and her family and understanding that she has to stay strong.
- Pray for God's strength and love to get her through these days in county jail.
- Prayers for her children and her husband and Mr. Elvin. Pray for protection for her family and herself and for guidance. Pray that things work out the best for her.
- **Lashanda** – Thanksgiving to God for this day and prayers for Lashanda and her family.
- **Gabrielle** – pray for her child and for the dental work that she needs.
- **Frances** – pray for her three children, Amoni, Romello, and Myah. Pray for her mother, Olga – for safety and for her family and friends. Pray for her friend Nitza, Liz, Marikel, and her cousins Tatiana and Suzette.
- **Naomi** – Prayers for her future.
- **Alexis** – Prayers for guidance.
- **Emily** – pray for her family and child to have the strength to go on each day without her. Pray for Emily and for the judge and prosecutor to have mercy on her and bring her back to her family.
- **Natalie** – pray for forgiveness for her sins, and especially the reason that she is in jail and help her to forgive herself.
- Prayers for protection for her family, and that she will be released from jail and be able to create a future for herself and her children. Pray that she will be able to have a loving home for her family.
- **Quandayah** – prayers of Thanksgiving for protection for herself and her family. Pray for forgiveness and that God will set her on the right path and release her from jail.
- Thanks to the Lord for everything that you do for her and her family and for showing her the way. Prayers for relief from the pain and help her to look forward to becoming a new person and living without sin. Pray for her Aunt Franny, who lost her child to cancer. Pray that she will be home soon and watch over her children.
- **Brittany** – pray that Brittany will be released soon. She was supposed to have been released already. And pray for her as she returns home that you will keep her safe and on the right path.
- **Morgan** – prayers for her health, safety and salvation for her sisters, Ellen and Danielle. Prayers for her daughters Willow and Ivy and her mother Lauri and her friends Anne-Marie, Mary, Ellen, Alyssa, Jackie, Jessica and Jules. Prayers for justice and resolution in her case. Pray for the jailers, the prosecutors and for discernment by the judge.
- **Tiffany** – pray for her sentencing that the judge will show her favor and mercy. Pray that God will be with her and touch the judge's heart and tame the prosecutor's tongue. Pray for Tiffany's, mother, stepfather, and children to be covered by God's love. Pray for Gail, for her health, peace and joy during the process.
- **Gia** – pray that Gia will stay clean and find the will to live. Pray that she can finish drug court. Pray that she can deal with her grief for the death of her parents and her brother.
- Pray for the officer and for her son and that the officers heart will not be hardened.
- Pray for Octavia, Jasmine Jacqueline, Heather, Tracy, Brianna, Ediamond and Noell.
- Please pray for the **General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**, which meets in Milwaukee this month (6/17-M. Lindsay).

- Remember the family and friends of **Dick Webster** in your prayers. Dick passed away June 16 at the age of 96 (**6/16-M. Lindsay**).
- Pray for **Kevin MacDonald** and his family and friends. Kevin's wife **Allison**, who was hospitalized in May, died Monday, June 1 (**06/02-K. MacDonald**).
- Pray for **Kathleen Federline** who is recovering from surgery for breast cancer (**56/01-L. Federline**).
- We give thanks for **Mark Derets** and the Haddonfield Memorial track and field team. They won state championships in the 4x400 and 4x800 relays! (**5/31-M. Derets**).
- Please pray for **Warren Pross** and his children. Warren's wife, **Isabel**, died Friday, May 29 (**5/29-W. Pross**).
- Remember **Amy** in your prayers, who is battling cervical cancer (**5/28-K. Bell**).
- Please pray for **Joan Miller**, Joan's children, and her grandchildren. Joan's husband **Bud** died Sunday, May 24 (**5/24-M. Lindsay**).
- 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**).
- 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**).
- Pray for **Fannie**, who is being treated for uterine and stomach cancer (**5/04-T. Adkins**).
- Remember **Steve Pazan** in your prayers as he undergoes medical treatments (**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**).

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The Session
(David Stedman, Clerk)

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

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
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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).