



First Presbyterian Church

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

July 5, 2026; 10:00 AM | Sixth 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

Lucas Brown, piano

Call to Worship

 (Ps. 116:12-13, Isa. 6:3, Mal. 1:11)

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

All: The whole earth is full of God's glory!

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

All: the Lord's name is great among the nations.

* Hymn #338 ["O Beautiful for Spacious Sky"](#)

*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: O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness

 (Philippians 3:9)

One: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace 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** (Jude 2)

One: May mercy, peace, and love be in abundance with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:13-25

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Sermon "Christian Freedom"

* **Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed," pp. 35 in the *Glory to God* 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: "The Children's Prayer" by Robert J. Powell ~ Rich Kouhoupt

* **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

The Lord's Prayer, pp. 35 in the *Glory to God* hymnal

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn #494** "[Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts](#)"

Sending Music I Will Trust in the Lord† ~ 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

† First Presbyterian's Session recognizes that throughout U.S. history African American composers have not been compensated equitably for the music they have created. To remedy this in "our little way," the congregation is invited to make a donation, using the QR code or link, <https://www.essenceofharmonycs.org/sponsorship-opportunities> whenever we sing an African American Spiritual hymn or choral anthem. Or mail a donation to: Essence of Harmony Choral Society, PO Box 811, Moorestown NJ 08057. Donations go to The Essence of Harmony Choral Society to assist them in purchasing music, supporting professional musicians, and paying venue fees. The Society focuses explicitly on celebrating the works of both classical and under-recognized African American composers.



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.



Coffee and Connection
A Grief Support Gathering

Join us in 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.

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, The Bean Parlor
When: July 11th, 9:30am - 11:00am

RSVP or for more information please contact:
Deb Hussbaum debranusbaum1987@gmail.com
Vani Elgart velgart@comcast.net

What do FPC and P.J. Whelihan's have in common? **Trivia Night** sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, of course! **Please join us on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7 pm at P.J.'s 700 North Haddon Avenue** location for a fun night of socializing and friendly (hopefully!) competition, regardless of how much (or how little) trivia you know. Please RSVP to Vani Elgart at: velgart@comast.net by July 20, 2026. Hope to see you there!

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: Our church community has been incredibly generous in donating clothing, diapers, wipes, and toiletries to our neighbors in Camden through The Open Door at St. Wilfrids. We have one more request: as the temperatures rise, box fans become a crucial need for the Camden community during the hot summer months. 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 its more convenient, you can have them sent to: Norman Valentine, 4223 Remington Ave, Pennsauken NJ 08110. Thanks for considering a fan donation.

The Pastor's Book Club returns in July! We'll meet in the Hospitality Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM from July 8 to July 29. We're going to read and discuss *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*, by Drew Strait. Christian Nationalists fuse religious and national identities and are committed to a militant vision of "taking back" governmental, media, educational, and cultural institutions to enforce a narrow and partisan vision of Christian morality. Christian Nationalism has been a growing force in U.S. churches and political bodies for over a decade. Strait's book, in the words of one reviewer, "draws from an impressive range of research to offer both a summary of how the United States has arrived at its current crisis and a practical guide to what we might do about it."The author is a Professor of New Testament and Public Faith at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. You can purchase his book at the publisher here: <https://wipfandstock.com/9781666760910/strange-worship/> or at Amazon at this link: <https://a.co/d/0e8632Xp>.

Children's summer church runs 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).

VBS is only a couple of weeks away! We are still 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!



2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	251,064	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	45,947	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	8,175	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	4,345	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 50 in person and 20 online

**Prayer List
July 5, 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 her sentencing on July 10 that it goes smoothly. Pray that Brandi gets 2 years' probation and will have housing, a cell phone and a job.
 - **Gabriel** - Pray that her tooth will heal. Prayers that everything goes well in court.
 - **Tiffany** - Thanks for all God's blessings on her. Prayers that God will continue to watch over her son, her mom and friends and family and Tiffany. Pray that Tiffany's work credits will apply to her new release date. Prayers that her son's mind, heart and physical body will be protected. Prayers that Tiffany will meet a future husband who is god-fearing/loving. Please guide Tiffany to a career/job and bless her with a daughter.
 - **Brianna** - Prayers for her step-father who passed away on June 24 after being on dialysis. Pray he is no longer in pain and is home with the Lord.
 - **Ediamond** - Thanks for waking Ediamond up today and providing energy and love. Thanks for the Good Ladies.
 - **Phillaina** - Prayers for Shaunte, Danielle and her kids and grandkids (Zyanah, Manaislia, Bra'don, Chris and N'Pyeyah, Katyyah, A'Hil, Azaneigh, Ckai'Moni). Pray that Phillaina will reconnect with God.
- Remember **Susan Waller** in your prayers who recently suffered a stroke (7/2-L. Lindsay).
- Prayers for the **adult son of Marsha and John Reed. John Jr.**, who lives in Louisiana, had a stroke and is in the ICU. (7/1 D. Nussbaum)
- 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 **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 Wilhjem
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).