



First Presbyterian Church

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

July 19, 2026; 10:00 AM | Eighth 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

Opening Sentences (Psalm 86:11-13)

One: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

All: and I will glorify your name forever.

One: For great is your steadfast love toward me;

All: you have delivered my soul from the depths of hell.

One: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

All: give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

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

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace (John 3:5)

One: We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

*Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness (Romans 5:5)

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In 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** (Colossians 3:13)

One: Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon "No-Till Farming"

*** Affirmation of Faith** from "The Second Helvetic Confession"

All: **The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship with all good things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit. They worship but one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot**

eliminate without loss to the Church.

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Hymn #367** "[Come, Ye Thankful People, Come](#)"

Sending Music We'll Walk In The Light ~ 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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Today's worship service may be livestreamed, recorded, or photographed for church communications. 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**.

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.



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.

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 (lauren1@haddonfieldpres.org) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

VBS is only two 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:	265,447	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	49,767	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	8,495	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	4,447	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 73 in person and 28 online

Prayer List July 12, 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.
- Please hold **Marge Groeling** in your prayers. She has recently started treatment for cancer (7/12-R. Wright).
- Pray for **Linda Nussey**, who is recovering from a fall and subsequent surgery on her leg (7/12-R. Wright).
- Remember **Susan Waller** in your prayers who recently suffered a stroke (7/2-L. Lindsay).
- Pray for the people of **Venezuela** who are mourning, healing, and rebuilding after two devastating earthquakes (07/02-S. Oswald).
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates the prayers (7/1-R. Wright).
- 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).

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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	Kristin Carberry	Rebbeca 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
John Wackes	Diane Thorne	Alan Stedman
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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).