



First Presbyterian Church

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

August 9, 2026; 10:00 AM | Eleventh 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

Opening Sentences

One: O give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

All: Proclaim the deeds of the Lord to all the peoples.

One: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.

All: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Glory in God's holy name;

All: seek the presence of the Lord, rejoicing with all your heart.

*** Hymn** #8 ["Eternal Father, Strong to Save"](#)

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us of all our iniquity. In humility and penitence, let us confess to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: O Lord, you grant us grace to do and think what accords with your purpose, but we spurn your gifts. We do what is right in our own eyes. We cannot exist without you, but we live as though we are a law unto ourselves and in need of no one's assistance.

Humble us, gracious Lord. Forgive us. Overcome our resistance to your ways. Break our hearts of stone. Give us hearts that beat with the warmth of your Spirit. Enable us to live in gratitude for your gifts and mindful of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance—that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Friends, believe the gospel. 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**

One: As God in Christ 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: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Three Hour Tour"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

*** Affirmation of Faith**

(from "The Study Catechism")

One: What do you understand by God's providence?

All: That God not only preserves the world, but also continually attends to it, ruling and sustaining it with wise and benevolent care. God is concerned for every creature. In particular, God provides for the world by bringing good out of evil, so that nothing evil is permitted to occur that God does not bend finally to the good.

One: What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?

All: The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ watches over me each day of my life, blessing and guiding me wherever I may be. God strengthens me when I am faithful, comforts me when

discouraged or sorrowful, raises me up if I fall, and brings me at last to eternal life. Entrusting myself wholly to God's care, I receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous against injustice, and confident that no evil afflicts me that God will not turn to my good.

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:

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Hymn #482** ["Baptized in Water"](#)

Sending Music

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.

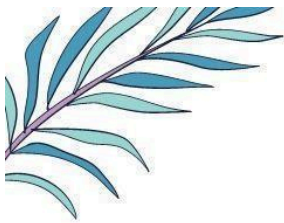
Care and Share continues to be a valuable ministry for our congregation. If you are in need of meals or know someone who is, email pegmanochi@gmail.com or message her at 609-230-4158.

Women's Bible Study Online: Thanks to the Presbyterian Women we are starting a Bible Study online where we will spend the school year studying 1Corinthians, Paul's letter written between 54-57 AD from Ephesus. Paul addresses church divisions, moral questions and much more in this rich book of the Bible. We will be using the same book used by our PW group. Lisa Hurd and Deb Nussbaum will direct the study, but any members are welcome to take turns leading. The book is \$15. We plan to meet on the third Wednesday of the month, starting on Wednesday, September 16. We will meet from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. We will end with prayer requests and prayer time. If you would like to join this study or have a friend who would like to join, please contact Deb at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com or Lisa at lhurd330@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. Wilfrid's Update: Last Call for Summer Clothing Donations plus "WE NEED SIZE 4 DIAPERS" An important part of the services we provide at The Open Door at St. Wilfrids is clean clothing in good condition. Over the years our members have been very generous in their clothing donations. Due to limited storage space this is a "Last Call" for your summer clothing donation. Do you have any summer clothing you've barely worn this year? Then give yourself some closet space and drop those items off in the alcove closest to the playground. Our neighbors in Camden will be grateful. On another note, we are completely out of Size 4 diapers and we are wiped out of Baby Wipes. Both Mamas and Babies alike will thank you for your donation of these items.

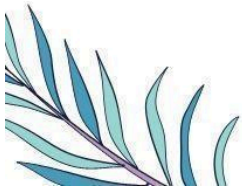


Stephen Ministry is Ready to Help!

If you or someone you know is navigating a significant life crisis or difficult transition, a Stephen Minister might be right for you. Please reach out to either Lisa Hurd or Donna George to have a confidential conversation about what a Stephen Minister can do for you.

Lisa Hurd lhurd330@gmail.com 856 220-7363

Donna George djheffel@icloud.com 856 857-7795



The nursery will be open and available every Sunday. If you would like to help with Children's Church some Sunday, please contact Lauren Sewall (lauren1@haddonfieldpres.org) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	287,912	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	52,772	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	8,535	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	4,585	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 65 in person and 15 online

Prayer List August 9, 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.
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates

the prayers (8/3-R. Wright).

- Remember **Peter Leibensperger and his family** in your prayers. Peter's grandmother Miriam died after a lengthy illness (8/2-P. Leibensperger).
- Please remember **Donna** and **Bruce** in prayer as they await a diagnosis and treatment plan (7/17-C. Carty).
- Keep **Marie** and **Steve** in your prayers as they discern the plans to repair a hip after several hip revisions (7/17-C. Carty).
- 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).

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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 Kouhought	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)	Kathi 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).