



First Presbyterian Church

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

September 13, 2026; 10:00 AM | 16th 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 Prélambule - Louis Vierne ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is the LORD who made us. We belong to God; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

All: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

* **Hymn** #409 "[God Is Here!](#)"

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

One: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts . We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done . O Lord, have mercy upon us . Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord . And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and a new life has begun. Friends, 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

- Blessing of the backpacks

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 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Pay Up"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

*** Affirmation of Faith**

"The Apostles' Creed," pp. 35 in *Glory to God*

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

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: *Lied Ohne Worte* by Felix Mendelssohn ~ Keenan Peet

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #444 [*"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*](#)

Sending Music Toccata on Meadville - Brenda Portman ~ Lucas Brown, organ

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.



Our Music Programs start up again on September 16th! From September to May, we offer choir rehearsals and opportunities for worship participation. Our music programs are open to everyone, from children to adults, regardless of your musical background or skill level. Check our newsletter or website for specific times for each program! Use the QR code to sign up or email Peter Leibensperger (pleibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org) with any questions!

Social Connection, our group for special needs adults and friends, will meet Tuesday, September 15, in the church Hospitality Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of socializing, Bingo and crafts. We are always in need of \$5 gift cards for Bingo prizes. For more information, contact Joyce Stout (billandjoyce1@aol.com) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com) or see Katie Mueller or Peg Manochi at church.

Come hungry — for food and for fellowship! This fall, we’re launching **Dinner Church**, a new gathering for the whole congregation to share a meal and grow in faith together, all ages welcome.

Here’s how it works: we start with dinner at **6:00pm**, then move into an **intergenerational worship and spiritual growth experience at 6:30pm**, wrapping up by **7:00pm** — easy on busy weeknight schedules.



Cost: \$8 per person, or \$20 per family. First Dinner Church is on September 16th! Use the QR Code for more information and to sign up!

Coffee and Conversation about Grief will meet in the church parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 19. No registration is necessary. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Vani Elgart at velgart@comcast.net or Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.



New Member Class: Take the next step in learning more about our church! Happening for three Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, we’ll be discussing different topics about our church’s vision, history, and service. Classes start September 30th!

Thank you so much to everyone who has and continues to donate puzzles. The ladies at the Camden County Jail (CCJ) truly appreciate receiving a puzzle. Unfortunately there are very few services available at the CCJ for the inmates so the puzzles offer a welcome distraction. We give out about 20-25 puzzles every other Friday so "keep them coming." It is our privilege to go into the jail and let the ladies know they are not forgotten, their past mistakes don't define them and that God is always with them and forgives them. We are in desperate need of others who would be willing to go into the jail on a rotating schedule on Fridays. We can work around your availability. Please let **anyone** (who you think might be interested in this ministry) know of this opportunity. We (Judy Blank, Karen Andres and Paul Nussbaum) would be happy to meet with anyone to explain what this ministry entails and of course all the rewards we experience by participating. Thank you again for your donations.

St. Wilfrid's Update: Last Call for Summer Clothing Donations plus "WE NEED SIZE 4 DIAPERS" 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.

Help Us Make Sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen! Our first meeting will be on September 27th from 8:45am-9:45am, come join us!

The Mission Committee will provide enough sandwich making supplies for 100 sandwiches. Additional donations of bread(wheat or white), sliced cheese, and bologna are appreciated! Questions: contact Joyce Stout: [609 605-3653](tel:6096053653)

Soon we'll once again have a chance to step up to the funnels & pack meals for some of the most vulnerable among us. **On November 13th & 14th, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host its 11th Feed My Starving Children MobilePack.** We'll provide 100,000+ meals to feed 276 kids one meal every day for an entire year. To join our planning team or for more information contact: **Chip** at: fmschaddonfield@hotmail.com or **Linda** at: ljh23@aol.com

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	327,494	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	55,298	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	9,015	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	5,137	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 60 in person and 21 online

Prayer List September 13, 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:
 - **Lettie** - Pray for Lettie, Lettie's daughter and her family.
 - **Rachel** - Pray for my family and children. Prayers for my time to be used well and wisely and also go speedily so she can return to her children as quickly as possible. Pray for all the women who have recently left to continue on their right path and be healthy. Prayers for the ladies that are still here, pray for health and hopefully return to their families as quickly as possible.
 - **Nicole** - Pray for her family, especially for her boys. Prayers that Nicole will get a chance at life again.
 - **Hannah** - Pray for her grandma's financial situation. Prayers for her time, adjusting to prison and the new environment and going to the halfway house.
 - **Morgan** - Loving prayers for protection, peace, health, and comfort for her two daughters Willow and Ivy. Prayers for her mother, Lori, her sisters, Danielle, and Autumn and Ellen, her nieces, Jamison, and her nephew Jude. Prayers for her friends, Gia, Annamaria, Maryellen, Nicole, Becky, Jess, Jackie, Tiffany, and Christine. Pray for her prosecutor, Cynthia, her attorneys, Laura and Eric, and Judge Charney. Prayers for revelation of truth and justice for Morgan's daughters and herself.
 - **Jaclyn** - Pray for her trial on September 14. Prayers that her innocence comes to light and she gets freedom soon. Pray for Jaclyn's attorney, the prosecutor, and Judge Lee, her fiancé Justin, Ariana, Morgan, her family and Jesus R.
 - **Takia** - Thanks to God and prayers for protection for Takia's family and watching over her kids. Pray for a court date soon so she can be with her kids. Prayers for forgiveness. Pray for her mom and for her strength.
 - **Carmen** - "Where I'm supposed to be. I want to be, I just don't know how to take the first step. I believe: I'm strong. I'm beautiful. I'm educated. And I ask for forgiveness."
 - **Kamaiana** - Prayers that everything goes well in court. Pray that her grandma is OK and prayers for her partner and everyone around her.
 - **Joselyn** - "Thanks to the good ladies and to all that pray for us. We really appreciate everything you do for us." Pray for Jocelyn's sentencing and that she will be able to go home very soon. Pray for God's protection on the road she's about to be going down. Prayers that she stays on the right path and in God's light. Prayers for

guidance to make the right decisions and have better judgment. Pray that she is reunited with her family and children.

- **Tiffany** - "Thank you Lord God, Jesus and Holy Spirit. I love you so much and am thankful for all things. Thank you for the jail ministry. Thanks for never leaving my side." Prayers for peace, patience, and positivity each day at CCJ. Pray that Tiffany will stay positive and let your light shine through her to others while she's in jail. Bless her son with health and safety and happiness during the school year. Thanks for Janine and Samuel. Prayers that you will expand her heart and love for others. Prayers for clarity for her purpose and gifts and abilities and career choice. Pray that Brian will accept Jesus as his savior.
- **Nashia** - Pray for her tough times and her fight for freedom. Pray for her mother's health. Prayers for her family and friends and her relationship.
- **Ann** - Pray for Ann.
- **Shauntae** - Prayers for forgiveness for all Shauntae's sins. Pray for her release so she doesn't have to go to Salem County Jail.
- **Phillaina** - Prayers for her fiancé, Reginald, that he can get a vehicle so that he doesn't lose his job. Prayers for her kids and grandkids. Prayers that Phillaina will have a better relationship and get closer to God.
- **Taria** - Prayers for Terri and her fiancé who has brain cancer. Pray for their addiction and they will be able to move forward with their lives and finally get themselves together. Pray for Taria as she leaves the jail to go home.
- **Karen D.** - Prayers for her fellow inmates and staff. Pray for her kids, Dale and Morgan, pray for her sponsor and her husband and for Brenda and Kenney and her AA network.
- **Karen Q.** - Prayers of Thanksgiving for Karen's family and her child and for always having her back. Pray that Karen will be able to love the way that God wants her to. Pray for Karen as she goes home next month and for her part in the drug court program. Thanks for Patrick and for her cat. But most of all thanks for giving her a new life.
- **Brianna** - Thanks for Brianna's second chance. "In an odd way you (God) saved my life when my actions led me to ending up in jail. I pray that you continue to give me the strength to stay strong. I should be released next month. Please give me the ability to do right by you and to stay on this path once I am released."
- **Rosa** - "Prayers for me and my daughter who I love so much and am missing her. Pray for my court date and that I will be released."
- **Hastid** - Prayers that she continues to fight the urge to use drugs and alcohol once she is released next month. Pray she will continue to do the right thing and keep the relationship with her family.
- We pray for **Al and Nancy Ruth Wainwright**, whose home was damaged by a lightning strike on September 1 (9/2-M. Lindsay).

- Please pray for **Courtney Liggera and her family**. Courtney's father, Bruce, passed away after a long illness. (8/30-C.Liggera).
- Remember Judy Rose and the family and friends of **Alan Mkitarian**, who died August 30.
- Please pray for the family and friends of **Charlie Bergdoll**, who died Wednesday, August 27.
- Remember **Dana Sewall Zahler**, cousin of Lauren Sewall and Lindsey Peterson, in your prayers. Dana continues to live with a stage four glioblastoma (8/17-L. Sewall).
- Continued prayers are asked for **Gene** whose cancer treatments are ongoing. He appreciates the prayers (8/17-R. Wright).
- Please hold **Margie Groeling** in your prayers. She has recently started treatment for cancer (8/17-R. Wright).
- 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).

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<https://www.haddonfieldpres.org/leadership-policies>


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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).