



First Presbyterian Church

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

September 20, 2026; 10:00 AM | 17th 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 Children of the Heavenly Father - Roberta Bitgood ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences (Revelation 22:17)

One: The Spirit and the Church say, "Come."

All: The people of the Word say, "Come."

One: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

All: Receive the gift of the water of life.

*** Hymn** #703 ["Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"](#)

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace** (Romans 6:3, 6)

One: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong . We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you . We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others . We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed . In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (Colossians 2:12)

One: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him. 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

- Heidi and J.J. Hightower, children of Crystal and James Hightower

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

Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Kingdom Economics"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

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: “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” by, Gordon Young (Chancel Choir)

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

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #724 “[O Jesus, I Have Promised](#)”

Sending Music Coronation March - Giacomo Meyerbeer ~ 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.



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!

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: Check our Newsletter for some questions answered by Paul Urian on what St. Wilfrids is, and what they do for the community! Any questions you can reach out to Paul, umanpaul@me.com

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:	335,959	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	64,253	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	9,015	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	5,246	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 120 in person and 15 online

Prayer List September 20, 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:
 - **Octavia:** Please pray that I can change for the better and prayers for my sister, Sakeeta who is ill and in pain. My prayers that we both can fight the issues in our lives with the help of God. Thank you for sending Judy and Paul here today.
 - **Tiffany R.:** Please pray for a safe and easy transition to prison, a fast release to halfway house and a successful journey. Please pray for continued communication with my children and for loving reunification with them. Please pray for my mother, Patricia, for sound mind and good health. Thank you for all your prayers during my 4 years here. May God bless you always. To the "Good Ladies" Judy, Karen, and Beth, and "Good Laddie", Paul. I love you. Continue the good work. God Bless You!
 - **Brittany:** Please pray for me and my family and allow God to show the judge my heart and give me the strength to walk through this temporary nightmare.
 - **Nyasia:** Pray for protection and good health for me and my family. I pray for a new environment to grow and become a better person. Please pray for everyone that is at CCCF with me. Pray for strength for me to grow and leave my past behind and serve a good purpose in life. I pray that when I leave here, I find a career in life and keep it for a long time.

- **Karen:** I would like to ask if you can pray for me to go home. Please look out for my son and my dad as well.
- **Shauntae:** I pray for a court date, and that I get time served, so I can go home sooner. Thank you in Jesus' name. Amen
- **Tiffany J:** I want to thank God for being all powerful and loving, the holy spirit for being my comforter and giving peace and protecting my heart and mind. Thank you, Jesus, for being my savior and dying for my sins. Please continue to bless me, my mom, and my son, Mark, especially through his high school and teenage years. Please pray for his safety and discernment. Please continue to give me peace and patience as I run to the finish line.
- **Jaclyn:** Prayers for freedom soon and a good resolution to finally end my case. Pray for justice and that my innocence comes to light.
- **Desiree:** I was sentenced to 364 days in jail and will have served my time on 9/8/26. I also have to serve time in PA and pray that I can go home with time served.
- **Shiree:** Please pray for the Browning family
- **Rachel:** Please pray for my children and my upcoming release. That I stay strong and keep my faith. that I walk in his light more every day. That I stay on his path and keep evil from my life. That he may use me to help others and strengthen their faith as well as plant seeds in their hearts.
- **Morgan:** Prayers for courage, safety, health, salvation, happiness and success for my daughters, Willow and Ivy; my sisters Danielle and Ellen; my nieces and nephews and mother Laurie. Prayers for Officers Hilliard and Merrero, and my prosecutor Cynthia. Pray for my attorneys, Lora, Eric, James, Jack. Pray for justice in my case.
- **Nicole:** I would like prayers for my two boys, Nicholas and Tyler as well as my whole family. I am really struggling for another chance at freedom. Pray for my fear to dissolve. I want to gain strength to get my life together. I am trying really hard to stay positive.
- **Anonymous:** Praying for an easy transition between being in jail and getting my life back together afterwards including a place to live. I pray I can get the strength to stay sober.
- **Anonymous:** Please pray for me and my fellow inmates, the correction officers, and the judge. Please pray for my son, Dale, and my daughter Morgan as well as my AA friends and sponsor.
- 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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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)	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
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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).