



First Presbyterian Church

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

October 11, 2026; 10:00 AM | 20th 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 Andante - Josephine Boulay ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences (Psalm 10)

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all God's praise?

All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Praise the Lord!

*** Hymn** #366 ["Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"](#)

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

One: With great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead through our sin. By grace we have been saved. With that assurance, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***We Celebrate God's Forgiveness #581 "Glory Be To the Father" (GLORIA PATRI)**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** (John 20:19, 21, 26)

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

"This Little Light of Mine", Traditional African American Spiritual (Carol and Cherub Choirs)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior.

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

One: The wisdom of God for all people, the call of God to all who live.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Dress Appropriately"

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 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: "How Can I Keep From Singing" ~ arr. Ginger Littleton (Chancel Choir)

Doxology: #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #700 "[I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me](#)"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Augustine (My God and King) - Matthew Corl ~ 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.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory and celebration of Dorcas B. given by her husband, Tom Reilly, and family and in memory of Harold M. Sellon and Charles Dowd given by John and Virginia Dowd

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.

The Social Connection, our evening of fun and friendship for adults of all abilities, will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 20**, in the church Hospitality Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Our November meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 17. For more information, email Joyce Stout at billandjoyce1@aol.com or see Joyce, Peg Manochi, Katie Mueller or Deb Nussbaum at church. We always need gift cards for Bingo prizes.

Back by popular demand (and perhaps a second chance to claim the FPC Trivia champ title): **Trivia Night** sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. Please join us on Wednesday, **October 21, 2026 at 7 pm at P.J. Whelihan's 700 North Haddon Avenue** location for a fun night of socializing and friendly competition, regardless of how much (or how little) trivia you know. Please RSVP to Vani Elgart at: velgart@comcast.net by October 19, 2026. Hope to see you there!

Coffee and Connection, our grief support group, will meet again on **Saturday, November 7, in the church parlor from 9:30 to 11 a.m.** Join us for a warm and welcoming conversation where you can speak or just listen as we talk about loss. For more information, email Vani Elgart at velgart@comcast.net or Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

Prison Ministry: Check our **Newsletter** to learn more about what Prison Ministry is about and how you can be a part of it. Thank you for your donations of puzzles, they are greatly appreciated!

St. Wilfrid's Update: Christmas gifts are being accepted! Unopened/unused items for kids up to age 14. We value all contributions, especially gender-neutral options like games and crafts. Books are also an excellent choice! Check the Newsletter for Amazon and Walmart wishlists, but they can also be bought anywhere. Items can be mailed or left on Corey Crumley's front porch at 40 Warwick Road, Haddonfield NJ 08033. For questions, email Corey at crumleyc@gmail.com or Larissa Willison at spiderquake@comcast.net.

Feed Our Starving Children: Registration is now open to volunteers!
<https://tinyurl.com/372tu43n>

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	357,390	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	67,478	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	11,415	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	5,908	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 162 in person and 24 online

Prayer List October 11, 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:
 - **Alisha** - Prayers for strength and courage and peace. Pray for the judge and jury for her upcoming court case so that they will be gentle with her sentence. Pray she will accept she was wrong and make her ready to clean up her actions and live a great life going forward, free from mistakes.
 - **Karen** - Prayers for everyone at CCJ and those released home.
 - **Tiffany** - Pray for Tiffany and her family as she will be released home very soon. "It's a blessing to have the good ladies' services at the jail. Very warm and enlightening and something great to look forward to every other week here. Your ministry is an awesome blessing. I will continue to read my daily bread and my Bible daily."
 - **Denise** - Prayers for Denise's children and their safety and health and that Denise is able to stay sober and make it home. Pray that she will soon have her kids back with her.
 - **Gina** - Prayers for Gina's, kids, and their protection. Pray for Gina, as she is released on her upcoming court date and pray that it is God's will that Gina will rebuild her life for her kids and have a fresh start.
 - **Morgan** - Prayers for Willow and Ivy, Morgan's two beautiful daughters. Pray for her sisters, Danielle and Ellen and her mother Lori. Prayers for Morgan's nieces and nephews, specifically for Jude Jameson, Autumn Aramis and Gabriel. Pray for

Morgan's friends, Becky, Alyssa, Gina, and Maria, MaryEllen, Kristen Nancy, Desiree, Tiffany, and Marissa. Pray for the prosecutor, Cynthia, her judge Charney, and her lawyers, Eric and Laura, and that the truth will prevail for justice and resolution in Morgan's case.

- **Marissa** - Pray that Marissa will do well when she is transferred to rehab
- Summer - Pray for Summer's children.
- **Nikki** - Pray for Nicole and Tyler and Nick. Pray for reunification for the three of them. Pray for the children's father that he will be blessed with peace in his life. Prayers for her family that they will cease to be broken. Pray for her to continue to be lighthearted, humble, and happy.
- **Kamyaha** - Pray for her grandma and the rest of her family. Pray that Kamyaha will make it home to them soon. Pray for Desiree, Sharika, Mary, Tony, Kamaiaha, Odell and Kamyaha.
- **Marisabrel** - pray for her mom who just underwent breast cancer surgery.
- **Phillaina** - Pray for Danielle, Shaunetta, Shante, Shanel, Ann, Reginald, Zyanah, Manasiva, Hughes, Caya, Asa, Kaima. Prayers for protection, and a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, praise for restoration of her family. Pray that Jesus will be with her at her court date, and she will take the necessary steps to do God's will. Pray that she will have understanding, wisdom, and knowledge to do God's will.
- **Annette** - Prayers for forgiveness and protection for Annette's family, including her mom, Torres, Malaya, David. Prayers for her kids, Noviah, Crunich, Ahmed and Nazie. Pray for guidance and give Annette a second chance in life. "I am God's child. Also I am not perfect and still need work. Please keep me in prayer." Pray for Latasha to get home to her kids. Pray that Annette gets basic instructions before she leaves. Prayers for everyone at CCJ. Pray for her grief over her lost sister.
- **Jazminne** - Prayers.
- Remember **Bob Creamer**, husband of **Mary Beth Creamer**, in your prayers. Bob is undergoing tests and treatment for lung cancer (10/05-MB Creamer).
- Keep **Marie** and **Steve** in your prayers as Marie recovers from hip surgery (10/05-C. Carty).
- Please remember **Donna** in prayer after the recent death of her husband Bruce (10/5-C. Carty).
- Please hold **Margie Groeling** in your prayers. She has recently started treatment for cancer (9/30-R. Wright).
- Remember **Christine Torigian** and **Mike Milone** in your prayers. Christine's mother **Rose** died September 25 (9/25-M. Lindsay).
- Please pray for **Brad Strauss** and his family, Amy, Jordan and Brogan as well as his medical team. Brad suffered a stroke on September 23rd. (9/24-R.Davis)
- Prayers for **Eilene** who is searching for a new retirement community that can accommodate her needs (9/17-J. Dowd).
- Please pray for **Karen** and **John**. Karen is suffering from a serious case of shingles (9/17-J. Dowd).

- Remember the family and friends of longtime member **Nancy Bowman**, who died on September 16 (9/17-M. Lindsay).
- 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 **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).

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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)	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).