



First Presbyterian Church

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

October 18, 2026; 10:00 AM | 21st 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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,” arr by Bill Ingram (Whitechapel Bells)

Opening Sentences (based on Psalm 96)

One: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

All: Let us shout out in praise!

One: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

All: Great is the Lord!

One: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*** Hymn** #307 “[God of Grace and God of Glory](#)”

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

One: We come to worship because we believe in the goodness of God. We have seen it. We come knowing that we don't always bear that goodness in our lives. We have made mistakes. And so, we confess, knowing that God is good and merciful and kind. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first together and then in silent prayer...

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of God's realm. Let us live out your kingdom values right here and right now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** (based on John 20, selected verses)

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.**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" ~arr. Kevin McChesney (Moore Bells)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Stewardship Conversation "Caring for Our Communities"

- Paul Urian, St. Wilfrid's Open Door Clinic
- Rita Brown, Refugee and Immigrant Partnerships
- Joyce Stout, Social Connection

Prayer of Illumination

All: Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Show Me the Money"

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: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ~ arr. Lucas Brown (Chancel Choir)

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

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #546 "[Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing](#)"

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Sending Music Postlude on Cwm Rhondda - Purcell James Mansfield ~ 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 memory of Grace Brostrand given by Linda and Gene O'Neill.

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.

Join us for Youth Group every Wednesday at 5:30pm, we'll have a 6pm Dinner, and it ends at 7pm, at First Presbyterian Haddonfield – we can't wait to meet you!

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:	370,248	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	69,696	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	11,575	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	5,999	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 108 in person and 13 online

Prayer List October 18, 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 **Dana Sewall Zahler**, cousin of Lauren Sewall and Lindsey Peterson, in your prayers. Dana continues to live with a stage four glioblastoma (10/12-L. Sewall).
- Please hold **Margie Groeling** in your prayers as she continues to be treated for cancer (10/08-R. Wright).
- We pray for the family and friends of **Gene Kain** who passed away from cancer on October 7 (10/08-R. Wright).
- 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).
- 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).

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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	Maggie Sell	Betsy Westermaier
Gene Spinelli		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).