First Presbyterian Church

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

October 25, 2026; 10:00 AM | 22nd 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 Cantilène - Rachel Laurin ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Prayer
All: O God, all holy desires, good counsels, and just works are gifts of your grace. Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that, free from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in trust and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** Hymn** #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace** (Hebrews 4:14-16)
One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession**
All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** 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, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
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.

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ~ arr. Kevin McChesney (Kirk Ringers)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Stewardship Conversation "Caring for Our Church Family"

- **Terry Carpenter, the Board of Deacons**
- **Lisa Hurd, Stephen Ministry**
- **Deb Nussbaum, Congregational Life**

Prayer of Illumination
All: Holy God, we give you thanks that you have spoken to us and revealed yourself to us through the gift of your Word. Help us to heed your voice, that we may follow you faithfully and honor your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Bruce Main

* **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: "Fairest Lord Jesus" ~ Derek Hakes (Chancel Choir)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise and adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!
Amen.

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

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Sending Music Fugue in D minor - Clara Schumann ~ 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.

Flowers.. if you are interested in having a live flower arrangement placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a family member or friend please contact Diane Thorne cell 609-707-8122 **or email** dThorne31@comcast.net

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.

Come hungry — for food and for fellowship! **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

RSVP is required by the Sunday before each gathering, so we can plan enough food for everyone. Use the QR code to register for November's gathering. **Infant care will be provided**, so parents of little ones can relax and enjoy the evening too.

Turkey drive! It is that time again. All members of our community are invited to support First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield's annual turkey drive on Sunday November 22nd from

9:00 AM until noon. Once again, our family will be battling whatever the weather conditions and will be collecting frozen turkeys to help those in need so that they can celebrate Thanksgiving. Please enter the parking lot off of Chestnut Street, we will be by the trailer by the playground. Giving is good for the heart – and our family and the church are grateful for the many church and community members who continue to donate to this drive each year. Cash donations are also accepted – and needed – even just a little bit can help. Questions? Call or better yet text Margot @ 609-238-0694. Note Your Food Shelf has moved but the food ministry carries on.

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 Pres Haddonfield—we can't wait to meet you!

It's that time of year when things get a little spooky, and for October, we have a special event called **GROG**. We turn off all the lights in the church, except for the home base room. Our leaders hide throughout the church, ensuring at least one is always in the home base. Participants will embark in search of flashlight pieces or glow sticks. All while being pursued by hidden leaders with flashlights. If a participant is caught in the flashlight beam, they must make their way back to home base.

Join us on October 25th, at 5pm for a fun meal, and a spooky good time! Click here to register now!

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:	357,618	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	69,836	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	11,575	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	5,999	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 132 in person and 19 online

Prayer List
October 25, 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:
    - **Gina-** Prayers for protection of Gina's two children. Pray that they won't be hungry and they will be safe. Prayers that God will be present in the courtroom and the judge will release Gina so she will be able to rebuild and restart her life and do God's will.
    - **Marisabel -** Prayers for her mother as she has her second surgery for breast cancer that she will have a full recovery from the cancer.
    - **Wanesha -** Bless Wanesha and her loved ones. Pray that the negativity will be removed from her life, replaced with positivity. Prayers for her release date that she will be able to build her cleaning business so it is the best.
    - **Nakeia -** Prayers for the world as "I know everyone is dealing with a battle that can not be understood if we are not in their shoes." Prayers for Nakeia and her family.
    - **Alisha -** Prayers for sanity, strength and encouragement during these hard times. Pray that God will watch over all Alisha's loved ones. Give them grace. Pray for faith in everyday struggles.
    - **Lashanda -** Prayers for family, strength, wisdom, love and eliminate the pain and stress that Lashanda endures. Pray for the judge and prosecutor in her case.
    - **Lahmya -** Prayers for forgiveness, hope, self love and growth. Pray she will let the guard off her heart.
    - **Morgan -** Prayers for her sisters, Ellen and Danielle. Pray for her nephews and nieces, Jude, Jameson, Gabriel, Aramark and Autumn and Charlie. Prayers for her mother, Laurie, her aunts, uncles and cousins. Pray for Morgan's daughters, Willow and Ivy, for protection, courage and happiness and for Her reunification with them. Pray for the prosecutor, Cynthia, her attorneys,Lora, Eric, Jack and James. Prayers for Judge Charley and for discernment for all who touch her case. Pray for justice.
    - **Summer -** Prayers that Summer will be released and return to take care of her kids.

    - **Frances -** Prayers for her children, Son, Myah- 20 and daughter, Amoni-15 and son, Ramella who is 13 with autism. Pray for her mom, Olga who is 70 and in a lot of pain. Prayers for Frances as she goes to court.
    - **Octavia -** Thanks for the day and for "watching over us when we need you the most." Pray for Octavia's case and everything she is going through. Prayers for protection for her sister who is sick and for her kids.
    - **Vanessa -** Prayers for her family.
    - **Natalie -** Pray for peace, patience, her court date and going home.
    - **Kamaiaha —** Prayers for her family.
    - **Brittany —** Prayers for her two beautiful kids and for her family. Pray for patience and guidance through this tough time.
    - **Kania -** prayers for her kids and grandkids that they can reunite and have a better relationship with each other and with God. Pray that she can get her car out of impound and get a home so that her kids can get out of state custody. Prayers for the ladies at CCJ for safety and doing well in their lives.
    - Prayers for **Phillaina**.
- 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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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).