

First Presbyterian Church

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

November 8, 2026; 10:00 AM | 24th 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 Petite Prière - Blanche Rozan ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences (Psalm 78, selected verses)
One: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth
All: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
One: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
All: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments. We come together to worship the living God.

*** Hymn** #336 "We Gather Together"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace**
One: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins

***Prayer of Confession**
All: God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you urge us to stay awake. We fail to prepare for the delays that inevitably come. We do not share what you have provided. Our hope runs dry. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**
One: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive. 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** (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.

Moore Bells: "Sine Nomine" (arr. Douglas Wagner)

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Stewardship Conversation: "We Support Our Families"
- Nancy Ruth Wainwright—Children's Choirs
- Cheryl Federline — Youth Ministry
- Barb Sewall—Christian Formation

Prayer of Illumination
All: Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish
took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As
the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a
shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those young women got
up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps
are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the
door was shut. **11** Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the
day nor the hour.

One: Holy wisdom; holy word.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Kingdom Preppers" 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: "Wachet Auf" (Sleepers Awake) ~ J.S. Bach (Chancel Choir)

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

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #350 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Sending Music Een Vaste Burg is onze God - Jan Zwart ~ 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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Offertory Lyrics:
Sleepers, Awake!
Zion hears the watchmen calling: the Faithful hark with joy enthralling,
they rise and haste to greet their Lord,

See, He comes, the Lord victorious, almighty, noble true, and glorious, in Heav'ns supreme, on

earth adored.
Come now, Thou Holy One, the Lord Jehovah's Son! Hosanna!
We follow all the joyful call to join Him in the Banquet Hall.
Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.

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? Contact **Sophia Oswald: 856-528-6856 sophiadurand@gmail.com. You can also sign up to be a driver HERE** or 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 celebration of John Richardson, given by Sally and Warren Seddon.

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.

Christian Heritage Class Nov. 8 and 15 (In the Inner Office) Season Topic: The Communion of Saints. Class Topic: The Fourteen Holy Helpers. The Fourteen Holy Helpers are a group of saints venerated together by Catholics because their intercession is believed to be particularly effective, especially against various diseases. Check the Newsletter for a longer sneak peek into these topics!

Men of the Church are invited to join for breakfast and social time and fellowship at 8 a.m. on "the second Tuesday" of the month: November 10 at the Bistro.

As we near the end of the year, several financial opportunities are available to First Presbyterian Church members. The Finance Committee is providing updated information for church members who wish to donate stock or make a tax-free Required Minimum Distribution from a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Here's what you need to know:
Gift Donations of Stock
First Presbyterian Church is happy to receive gifts of stock from donors who wish to further the ministry of the church. To donate stock to the church, please provide the following details to your broker to initiate your donation:
- First Presbyterian Church's brokerage house: Fidelity Investments
- DTC (Depository Trust Company) number for Fidelity: 0226
- Church's account number: Z40496150

• Account name: First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield
• Additional information for reference field: Donor Name
• Please alert Kris Bean after making the gift transfer to assure you receive a receipt from the church for tax purposes.

Distributions from an IRA

Beginning at age 73, persons must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their traditional IRAs. These distributions are treated as income on your taxes. However, you can choose to direct some of your RMD to a qualified charity and those funds would not be counted as income for tax purposes. To do so, contact your broker soon to ensure that your contribution is dated by Dec. 31. Use the church EIN number (21-0639368) to ensure that your gift comes directly to First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield.

Today is the last day to register for Wednesday's Dinner Church! We hope to see you there! **Cost:** $8 per person, or $20 per family **RSVP is required**. **Child 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? Text Margot @ 609-238-0694. Note Your Food Shelf has moved but the food ministry carries on.

"People of Faith - Putting Earth Care into Action"- You are warmly invited to join us for the Green Faith Circle of Southern NJ 2nd Annual Environment Forum on November 15th from 2-5pm, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Luther Hall, 61 E Rte 70 Marlton NJ. Doors open at 1:30pm. Pre registration requested, use the QR code or the link right here to register. Any questions contact GFCircleSJ@gmail.com.

Join us for an evening of fun and friendship with **Social Connections! We will meet on Tuesday, November 17th, from 6:30pm-8pm, in the Hospitality Room**! Come socialize, play games, make crafts and as always, BINGO!

Join us for an evening of peace, fellowship and advent joy! Our Advent Festival is happening on November 29th from 5-7pm! There will be a wide assortment of crafts for families to make, complimentary soups and dessert items and more! We hope to see you there

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!

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

It's almost November, and our Music Program is in full swing! Following the David Kim concert last May, we've seen an exciting increase in participation, and I'm delighted to share our current registration numbers:
Cherub Choir: 14
Carol Choir: 9
Chapel Choir: 18
Thomas Sherrerd Choir: 17
Alleluia Bells: 11
Whitechapel Bells: 10
Kirk Ringers: 11
Moore Bells: 11
Chancel Choir: 29
When I became your Minister of Music in 2013, I remember having just 9 youth show up for Thomas Sherrerd Choir and about 23 children in Chapel Choir. While not every group has returned to its 2013 numbers, we have made a tremendous recovery from the pandemic, and participation continues to grow steadily each year!
All told, our Music Program brings approximately 105 people into the church every Wednesday and Thursday evening for rehearsals. That's a wonderful testament to the vitality of our program and the important role music continues to play in the life of our congregation!

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	391,622	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	73,036	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	11,895	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	6,311	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 142 in person and 25 online

Prayer List
November 8, 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**.
- Prayers are asked for the family and friends of **Pete Shoemaker, Jr.**, who passed away peacefully on October 30 **(10/31-J. Shoemaker)**.
- Please keep **Thomas and Lisa Snyder** in your prayers. Their son, **Luke Snyder**, died October 24 while being treated for cancer **(10/26-M. Lindsay)**.
- 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)**.

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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).