

First Presbyterian Church

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

November 15, 2026; 10:00 AM | 25th 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 Prière à l'Ange Gardien - Hedwige Chrétien ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord,
All: knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord,
All: trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
One: We lift up our eyes to the Lord,
All: relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
One: Let us worship together on this day!

*** Hymn** #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace**
One: We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned. Let us then offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy.

***Prayer of Confession**
All: Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift.
Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world, we pray. Amen.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**
One: Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. 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.

Whitechapel Bells: "Simple Gifts", arranged by Valerie W Sephenson

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

- Camila, Beckham, and Isabelle Bigley, the children of Todd and Zul Bigley

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination
All: Loving God, come to us in these words of scripture and proclamation and speak to us of your way in the world and in our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 25: 14-30

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property
to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents
made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in
the ground and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then
the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said
to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will
put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.'
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew
that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not
scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I
did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the
talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will
be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they
have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

One: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Risk Assessment" 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: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" - Harold Friedell (Chancel Choir)

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

Prayer of Dedication

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #350 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Sending Music Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65 No. 59 - Sigfrid Karg-Elert ~ 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:
Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them.
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living-Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be,
Alleluya! Alleluya! we will serve thee faithfully, we will serve thee faithfully.

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 memory of Eleanor Pross given by the Pross family.

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.

If you were a Quarter-Note, Half-Note, or Whole-Note Patron for our David Kim Music Fundraiser last May, and you have not yet received your poster signed by the Concertmaster, please find Peter Leibensperger following the service. (An enormous thank you to Margot Dark for framing them!)

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!

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. Please alert Kris Bean of your gift.

Turkey drive! Happening next week!

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! Social Connections is also in need of Dunkin and Starbucks gift cards!

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! **We are also taking sugar cookie donations, we need about 150 cookies for our Advent Festival.**

Come make sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen! We're meeting on November 29th, at 8:45AM in the Kitchen, before worship service! 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.

2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	401,960	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	73,646	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	11,895	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	6,311	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 140 in person and 19 online

Prayer List
November 15, 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 **Sally Ashton** in your prayers, who recently suffered a compression fracture in her back **(11/12-N. Wainwright)**.
- 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)**.
- 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

"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).