

First Presbyterian Church

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

November 22, 2026; 10:00 AM | Christ the King

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GATHERING

Handbell Chimes —*The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest…Renewal…Hope*

Prelude Even Song - Kate Boundy ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences
One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.
One: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.
One: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.
All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

*** Hymn** #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace** (Colossians 1:20)
One: In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**
All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*** Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (Colossians 1:13-14)
One: God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of 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** (Colossians 3:13)
One: Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other;

just as the Lord has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

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 is Here Today" ~ Tom Trenney (Chapel, TSMC, and Chancel Choirs)

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

Prayer of Dedication

Anniversary Sunday Recognition

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Reception of New Members

- Baptism: Dominic Robert Pitts, son of Zach and Ashley Pitts
- New members: Zach Pitts, Crystal and James Hightower

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-40

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people
one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at
his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of
the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick
and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer
him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you
something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked
and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40
And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

One: God our Sovereign has spoken; the promise of the Lord endures forever.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Friends in Low Places" Rev. Marvin Lindsay

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer pp. 35 in the *Glory to God* hymnal

LEAVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** #363 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Sending Music King's Weston (At the Name of Jesus) - Robert J. Powell ~ 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: God Is Here Today
God is here today, as certain as the air I breathe, as certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

God is here today, as certain as the air I breathe, as certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

God is love, and when we love each other, God lives in us, abides with us when we love our

neighbor.

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.

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.

Today is the day. We will be in the parking lot collecting turkeys until around noon today. Thank you.

A Request from the Worship and Music Committee:



The best way to grow our church family is to make newcomers feel welcome. And the best way to do that is surprisingly simple: introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before. We ask that all members please take a moment before, after, or during the service to seek out someone new. Say hello, start a conversation, and be Christ's welcoming presence to them. You might make someone feel right at home!

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!)

As we near the end of the year, you have several opportunities to support First Presbyterian Church's ministries. Here is updated information from the Finance Committee for church members who wish to donate stock or make a tax-free Required Minimum Distribution from a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA):

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.

Christian Heritage Class

Nov. 22 and Nov. 29

SEASON TOPIC: The Communion of Saints

CLASS TOPIC: The Fourteen Holy Helpers

The class continues to investigate the 14 Intercessor Saints venerated by Catholics from the Middle Ages, many of which have now been removed from the Canon as they cannot be proved to be historical. Among the most interesting will be St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. George, the Dragon-Slayer, both martyrs who have surprising "back stories".

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.**

As is our tradition and honoring the dedicated service of Isabel Pross, we are again placing memorial and commemorative poinsettias in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to order, please fill out the form that is included in the bulletin or click this link to get the form online. **You can also pay for your poinsettias online this year. Just add the name of the person you are dedicating your flowers to in the memo line.**

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:	418,396	Budget:	455,000
Non-pledge giving:	74,186	Budget:	120,000
Per Capita:	12,015	Budget:	9,000
Loose:	6,577	Budget:	9,000

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 158 in person and 16 online

Prayer List
November 22, 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**.
- Please pray for three-year-old **Juliette** and her family. Juliette is undergoing surgery for a brain tumor **(11/16-P. Oberholzer)**.
- Remember **Matthew Gushie**, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer, in your prayers **(11/15-J. Wesson)**.
- Pray for **Bob and Barbara Hilgen**. Bob suffered a stroke on November 7 **(11/8-B. Bryan).**
- Please pray for **Kelly Stout's** friend and service dog, **Falcon**, who is experiencing health problems **(11/5-T. Bogetti)**.
- We ask for prayers for **Vince**, **Ellie**, and **Kyle** who are mourning the loss of their wife and mother, **Terri Foreman**, to cancer. **(11/12-L. McGlade)**.
- 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)**.
- Pray for the family and friends of **Mika**, a 28-year-old woman who passed away from cancer (**10/29-M. Oswald)**.

- 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)**.

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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).