



# *First Presbyterian Church*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 10, 2023, 10:00 AM

## GATHERING

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

**Prelude**

*Elegy* - C. Hubert Parry

Lucas Brown, organ

### **Opening Sentences**

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: This day is God's gift to us.**

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.**

\* **Hymn #85**      *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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

One: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

### \* **Laying Down Our Burdens**

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.**

### \* **Silent Prayer**

### \* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* **Celebrating God's Forgiveness #579** *Glory Be to the Father*

\* **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Time with the Children**

**Celebrating the Life of the Church**

## **THE WORD**

\* **Prayer for Illumination**

**All: Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 12:1-14

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. 12 I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Sermon**

*Fast Food*

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

\* **We Affirm our Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GIVE THANKS

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Offertory: *Dona Nobis Pacem*, anonymous composition sung by the Men's Choir, led by Bud Miller

\* Doxology #592 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* Recommitting Our Lives to Service

## LEAVE TO SERVE

\* Hymn #101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### \* Charge and Benediction

#### Sending Music

*Fantaisie in B-flat*

Alexandre Pierre-François Boëly, Lucas Brown, organ

*Please use the Postlude time and music to reflect on today's worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.*

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**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 in the Hospitality Center – across from Fellowship Hall.

**WE INVITE YOU** to ring the church bells tomorrow at 8:46 AM, 9:03 AM, 9:37 AM, and 10:03 AM. We need your help! If you are or know a family member of a victim, or would otherwise like to honor them, please join us and help us ring. Contact Margot Dark [margotdark@msn.com](mailto:margotdark@msn.com) & let her know your availability today.

**PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS @ 7** – Pastor Nikki is hosting a Bible Study via Zoom on the book of Genesis entitled “Genesis: Relational and Family Dynamics.” The reading schedule is linked on [the Adult Ed page](#) of the website. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81798184993>, and we will also meet in person at pre-determined times. Please contact Pastor Nikki if you have questions, or join us on Zoom!

#### **PORCH BIBLE STUDY EVENTS:**

- Bible Study, September 19th, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Church Hospitality Room. Topic: the Book of Esther.
- October's Lunch (date TBD) will return to the Legacy Diner, 136 S White Horse Pike, Audubon.
- We will go back to 7 p.m. Zoom meetings in October, when we will study *Life Lessons in Colossians and Philemon* by Pastor Max Lucado. All are welcome. If you are interested in being on the Porch Study email list, contact Deb Nussbaum at [debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com) or call the church office.

**CHERISHED women of First Presbyterian!** If you're looking for a Bible study, a walking group, a quilting group, or any number of things, click her to check out the fall activities that Presbyterian Women are offering: <https://bit.ly/3R1dooF>

#### **JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 the **League of Women Voters** Kick-Off detailed in the flyer found in our on-line newsletter. At 3:30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rte. 70, Marlton, **GREENFAITH** Circle of South Jersey welcomes guest speaker **Maya K. van Rossum**, author of *The Green Amendment: The People's Fight for a Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment*.
- **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** **Embracing Race- the Conversation will host Fair Share Housing** at the Haddonfield Commons community room 400 Haddon Avenue.
- **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **March to End Fossil Fuels** in New York City. For more details and to sign up go

to <https://actionnetwork.org/events/faith-hub-the-march-to-end-fossil-fuels?source=Medford>.

- **September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**, Just like 911, 988 can be dialed by anyone, anywhere to connect to the help they need. It's free, confidential and available nationwide, and people experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress can call, text or chat with mental health professionals in real time.

### COMING THIS WEEK:

#### Discipleship Class



**When & Where:** Sundays after worship in the Bean Parlor, Sept. 17 to Oct. 8. Wednesdays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 11, 7:00 PM, online.

**Register:** For Sundays, use the first QR Code or go to <https://bit.ly/3OIzERz>. For Wednesdays, use the second QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/3qzB6Oh>.



**What:** In this four-week series, you'll explore how you can follow Jesus Christ through worship, service, and *membership* at First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield. Through reading the Bible and conversations, you'll learn how prayer and worship can strengthen your relationships with God and others, discover your calling to increase peace, freedom, and human fulfillment in God's world, and learn how

we as Presbyterians make decisions. You'll meet people seeking new connections and longtime members of FPC-Haddonfield. A building tour is included!

#### Discovering God's Vision For Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts

**When:** Sunday mornings after worship beginning September 17th

**Where:** The Hospitality Center

**Contact:** Rev. Nikki Passante, [NPassante@HaddonfieldPres.org](mailto:NPassante@HaddonfieldPres.org)

**What:** Classes begin September 17<sup>th</sup> and will run for 6 weeks, through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will learn about our Spiritual Gifts- we'll both take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and score it. Topics will include: *What Does God Want me to Do with My Life? Who Am I? What Makes me Unique? Your Calling. God's Vision and Your Vision Coming Together.* This offering is generously provided for by Stephen Ministries. All are welcome.

**STARTING October 1**, you can have your blood pressure taken in the Bean Parlor following morning worship. Screenings will occur monthly. If any medical professionals are interested in supporting this ministry, please email Linda O'Neill at [ElonMail@yahoo.com](mailto:ElonMail@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Manskopf at [BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com](mailto:BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com).

**NEW Backpacks and School Supplies Collection-** We are now collecting backpacks and school supplies for kids served by Camden Community Center. Look for sales when you shop and bring donations to worship or drop off at the office. Needs include:

- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Box or Pouch

- 3-Ring Binders – 1” or 1 ½ ”
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper – Wide Rule
- Calculator
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Art Smock
- 12” Ruler
- Junior Scissors with 5” Blunt Tip
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Tissue Packets
- Backpacks (esp. for Grades 3-8)

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** 09/03/23: 84 in person and 31 online.

**2023 CHURCH OFFERING UPDATE** – Please note that target numbers on the right now represent a 12-month budget.

	<u>Received to date</u>	<u>Twelve-month budget goal</u>
Envelope Giving:	\$ 407,856.00	\$ 570,270.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 7,306.00	\$ 12,000.00
Per Capita:	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 16,000.00

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for these individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors. In making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor will have their name printed as the originator of the request. Pastors will revisit these requests every 30 days.

#### *Prayers for the Church*

- Pray for the people, government, and country of **Ukraine** as war continues.
- Please pray for **Maui**. Pray for residents, the relief workers, the immense sense of devastation and loss, and the overwhelming grief and exhaustion that is encompassing the island.
- Pray for the **families and the victims on August 23rd’s mass shooting** in Trabuco Canyon, California, that left 3 people dead and 6 wounded (**8/30-pastors**)
- Keep **Franci and her son Declan** in prayers of comfort and peace, after the passing of Franci’s mom from ALS (**8/29- L. Sommers**)
- Pray that God continues to hold **Susan** tightly as she continues in an experimental cancer treatment. Pray also that Susan feels the love and prayers from her friends and family (**8/29-C. Carty**)
- Pray for **Krystle and her daughter Penny** who are starting out on a new life (**8/29-L. Sommers**)
- Continue in prayers for **Nancy** as her cancer treatments continue (**8/28-C. Carty**)
- Pray for **Patrick**- God knows the needs (**8/28-pastors**)
- Continue to keep **Al and Ginny Ritchie** in your prayers (**8/26-pastors**)
- Please pray for the **families of the 4 victims killed** in the mass shooting in Oklahoma City, OK on August 16th (**8/17-pastors**)
- Pray for the **family of Mary Stringfellow**, who passed this week and undoubtedly went on to a great reward! (**8/17-pastors**)

- Please pray for **Jeff** who is living with cancer, and pray also for his wife **Wanda (8/9-Seddon family)**
- Continued prayers for the health and healing of **Dottie Peatman (8/8- M. Westermaier)**
- Prayers for **Jacob Stefano**, age 9, who has been battling metastatic glioblastoma since age 3. Please ask for God's healing and loving grace upon this sweet little boy **(8/8-L. Kirsch)**
- Continue in prayer for **Amy and Brad Strauss**, that God continues to abide in their lives **(8/4-pastors)**.
- Keep **Todd** in your prayers that God would grant him every good thing in line with God's will **(8/3-N. Passante)**
- Please continue to pray for **Tony's ongoing recovery (8/3-MB Creamer)**
- Continue in prayer for **Isabel Pross** as she continues cancer treatment **(8/2-pastors)**

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