



First Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 10:00 AM

GATHERING

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

Prelude Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie - Maurice Duruflé

Lucas Brown, piano

***Opening Sentences:**

One: God is calling us. Listen, for God is naming you.

ALL: The voice of God is compassionate and kind.

One: Stand in awe before the one who created you.

ALL: The voice of God commands our full attention.

One: God reaches out to strengthen, not to condemn us.

ALL: Let us worship God in wonder, awe, and joy!

***Hymn #288** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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

One: A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

***Laying Down Our Burdens**

ALL: The waters of faithfulness run deep, O God, and we are often afraid they will overwhelm us. We retreat to safe places, hoping to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. Shrinking from risks, we miss so much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing acts among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, to serve you boldly. Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Hymn of Response

Glory to God

Lucas Brown

Glo-ry to God in the Hi - gh est, and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth.

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ (Colossians 3:12-14)

One: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Send down your Holy Spirit, O God—tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

⁴so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Call to Discipleship

Litany for Baptism

One: Jesus, you are the one who rises from the water and the tomb to offer new life to all.

ALL: We offer our life as a sign of our worship.

One: Jesus, you are the one who agrees to be baptized to be at one with us.

ALL: We offer our baptism as a sign of being with you.

One: Jesus, you are the one who form the heavens open to allow the Spirit to descend.

ALL: We offer our ready heart as a sign of our open life.

One: Jesus you are the one who is the Son so well loved that God's delight is in you.

ALL: We offer you our delight and joy as a sign of our everlasting love.

Sung Response: Hymn #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)*

One: Do you believe in God the Father almighty?

ALL: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge and living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Thanksgiving for the Baptism

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Loving God, we thank you that in our baptism you have given us your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and share your love with all the world's people.

Like a dove, your Spirit descended upon Jesus, anointing him as the Christ, to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives; to restore sight to the blind and free the oppressed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) C (D/F[#]) F/A (F[#]m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) F (D) F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund
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LAND OF REST

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

Baptized in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners and your voice proclaimed him your beloved. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

As you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters, give us power now to do your work, to show your loved, and to live holy and joyful lives. Keep us faithful in your service until we feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

We are the Body of Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray together saying...

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer p. 16, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Amen

GIVE THANKS

Practicing Abundant Generosity <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/give/now>



Offertory: "Meditation for Communion" -Jay Althouse, Chancel Choir

* Doxology

SERVICE MUSIC

609 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* Prayer of Dedication

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #443 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen, Chancel Choir

Sending Music Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern - Andreas Armsdorf 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.

FLOWERS: If you are interested in having a live flower arrangement placed in the sanctuary in 2024 please contact Diane Thorne at dthorne31@comcast.net or 609-707-8122.

NURSERY care is available during worship (9:30 - 11:15) for those with young children. The nursery is located in the Preschool (level 1R) in the Red Balloon Room near the Preschool office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Parents, please register your preK-5th graders for Children's Church using the QR Code. PreK-Kindergarten must be signed out from the Sunday School room. First-fifth graders will reunite with their families in the Bean Parlor after worship.



WORSHIP NOTES

"Meditation for Communion" by Jay Althouse

Bread of the World in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life are spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be the feast to use the token,
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Now is the Perfect Time to Join a Choir! With Christmas in the rear-view mirror, all our children's, youth, and adult choirs will begin their repertoire for 2024 this week and next week. If you or your child have been considering joining a choir or bell choir here at the church, we'd like to invite you to act now! Please contact Nancy Ruth (nancyruthw@comcast.net) or Peter Leibensperger (PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org) with any questions!

Volunteers Needed for Prison Ministry: The thought of going into a jail and meeting with female inmates can seem overwhelming. However, those who participate in this ministry will tell you that the ministry is very rewarding and sorely needed. The ladies we see every other Friday at the Camden County Jail (directly behind the Camden County Courthouse) greet us enthusiastically and are sincerely seeking to follow God. Our hope is that we can be a vehicle to reflect God's forgiveness and love and offer them an alternative path going forward. We feel very safe and secure entering the jail. We desperately need more volunteers so we can have a group able to go into the jail on a weekly basis and see more ladies. Every time we go in the officers have to turn inmates away because we are only able to meet with 10 ladies at a time. If we had more volunteers, we could go in every Friday and see more inmates. The time investment is minimal once you go through the approval process. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more information, please email Judy Blank (jmblank451@verizon.net).

The Social Connection, our social gathering ministry for special needs adults, is now 13-months-old and a great success. We thank all who have joined us as participants and helpers and all who have made donations. Our next social evening is **January 22**. If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, please email Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com) or see Deb or Joyce Stout at church.

CPR CLASS Marsha Reed, certified CPR instructor, is offering the AHA Heartsaver class to any interested members of First Presbyterian on Sunday, **January 21**. The class covers CPR, AED use, and choking rescue for adults, children, and infants. Two time slots are available: either 12:30-3:30 or 4:30-7:30. There is no charge unless you would like a certification card, which is \$20. Please reach out directly to Marsha at marsbarr83@gmail.com or phone 318-446-6095 if you are interested or if you have questions.

**Class size is limited and advance registration is required. The 12:30 class has only two more slots, but there is more room in the 4:30 class. Please contact Marsha if you would like one of the remaining spots.

THE PORCH BIBLE STUDY will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, on Zoom. We are returning to our study on Colossians & Philemon. We will be discussing the supremacy of Christ and serving Christ. All are

welcome to our study and prayer time. For information, see Deb Nussbaum or Jill Mascena at church or email Deb at debranusbaum1987@gmail.com. Paul Urian will send out the Zoom link to all who are interested.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: Need a ride to and from worship? We have a new procedure to ask for a ride, beginning in November. To request transportation to worship, call the church at 856-429-1960. When you hear the auto attendant message, press 103 and you will go directly to the deacon voice mailbox. Leave a message 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. Make sure to leave your phone number and a convenient time to call. Please take note: if you call later than Tuesday at 4 p.m., there may not be a deacon or church member available to drive you. This procedure will efficiently simplify the needs of our members. We look forward to seeing you in worship! Questions? Call the church office, or Joan Fiorella at 856 889-9185.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: 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: at www.haddonfieldpres.org/presbyterian-women.

CHECK YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE: 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 or Bonnie Manskopf at BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CLASS January 7: NO CLASS

January 14: St. Peter Apostle: Fisher of Men. In Jesus, and in His message and mission, Peter's belief was unqualified and unlimited. That is why Jesus chose him and set him apart. And that is why Peter bar Jonah, the fisherman and brother of Andrew, next to his Master, was the greatest Christian of all times. His feast day is June 29, the day of his crucifixion on the Vatican Hill in 67 A.D.

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.
- Pray for **Gaza** and the **people of Israel and Palestine** as war continues.
- Hold in prayer our **Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers**; also pray for our **new Stephen Ministers** who are being trained over the next several months (**1/4-pastors**)
- Pray for **all the ladies at the Camden County Jail**, specifically **Jenny, Victoria, Taylor, Malene, Tiffany, Shannon, Laura, Crystal, Brisheen and Divana** (**1/2-G. Ladies**)
- Please pray for **Naomi and Inzi**, and for each of their families to be reunified (**1/2-G. Ladies**)
- Please pray for **Lillian, her situation and family** (**1/2-G. Ladies**)
- Pray for **Efflee, her mother, and her two boys**. Pray also for an expedited court date, and all those Efflee is worried about (**1/2-G. Ladies**)
- Pray for a **15-year old nephew with Down Syndrome**, who is going for his final leukemia treatment. Keep his family in your prayers as well! (**12/26-pastors**)

- Please **pray for all those who experience sadness, depression and are suffering** during the holiday season **(12/20-pastors)**
- Please keep **Kevin** in your prayers as he recovers from heart surgery**(12/20-J. Wackes)**
- Continue in prayer for Linda's brother **Roy**, as he undergoes radiation and further cancer treatment **(12/20- L. O'Neill)**
- Continue in prayer for **Jean Yount**, her medical team, and her family **(12/18-C. Yount)**
- Continue in prayer for **Isabel Pross** as she continues cancer treatment **(12/17-pastors)**
- Prayers for **Lauren**, a young mother with metastatic thyroid cancer **(12/17-J. Stout)**.
- Pray for **Vivian**, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma **(12/16-J. Grantham)**.
- Pray for **Amy** as she begins treatment following surgery **(12/16-J. Russell)**.
- Prayers for **Tom Rowe** and wife **Suzanne**, as Tom receives experimental cancer treatments **(12/15-J. Blank)**.
- Lift up **prayers of praise for family friends' safety in both Israel and New Jersey**. Pray for God's continued provision for this family **(12/15- P & D Nussbaum)**
- Pray for courage and faith for **Savannah**, a mother of two undergoing chemotherapy. **(12/14-L. Kirsch)**.
- Continue prayers for **Jake** who is battling childhood cancer **(12/14-L. Kirsch)**
- Pray for Peter's sister **Sarah**, his brother-in-law **Chris**, and their children **Amelia and Asher** **(12/13- P. Liebensperger)**
- Pray for **Olivia** as she recovers from surgery **(12/11-L. Willison)**
- Please pray for **Joe** that he would gain enough strength to return to his home, and for **Jackie** who awaits his return **(12/10-P. Woodland)**.
- Pray for **Emily's** successful recovery from spinal surgery **(12/10-P. Woodland)**
- Continue in prayer for **Patrick and his family** **(12/9-pastors)**

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