



First Presbyterian Church

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

Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 10:00 AM

GATHERING

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

Prelude Tierce en Taille from Suite du 2^me ton - Jean-Adam Guilain ~ Lucas Brown, Organ

Opening Sentences: (Psalm 19:7-10)

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

One: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!

***Hymn** #510 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

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

One: Christ calls us to live lives in harmony with our God and our neighbors. Even our best efforts fall short. Yet our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting that abundant mercy, let us confess our sin together.

***Laying Down Our Burdens**

ALL: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***Silent Prayer**

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The grace of Christ is sufficient for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

SENDING

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Bless the Lord

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat).

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Carol and Cherub Choirs "Psalm 17," by Jane Marshall

*Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.*

Children's Message

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 2:13-22

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said,

“This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Communion with God” Rev. Marvin Lindsay

Affirmation of Faith “The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical),” pp.15 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

GIVE THANKS



Practicing Abundant Generosity

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† Offertory: Chancel Choir: "Now the Silence Now the Peace" - Gerald Near

* Doxology Hymn #592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, in this dry and weary land...

Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

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

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness...
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O
 God, now and always.

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Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995
 Music Arr. © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc. LAND OF REST

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.

Breaking of Bread and Communion of the People
 Prayer After Communion

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Toccata on Breslau - Brian Solomons ~ 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. Reprinted / Podcast / Streamed with Permission Under OneLicense #740987-A. All Rights Reserved.

WORSHIP NOTES

† Now The Silence, Now The Peace,
 Now The Empty Hands Uplifted;
 Now The Kneeling, Now The Plea,
 Now The Father's Arms In Welcome;
 Now The Hearing, Now The Power,
 Now The Vessel Brimmed For Pouring;
 Now The Body, Now The Blood,
 Now The Joyful Celebration;
 Now The Wedding, Now The Songs,
 Now The Heart Forgiven, Leaping;
 Now The Spirit's Visitation,

Now The Son's Epiphany;
Now The Father's Blessing, Now, Now, Now.

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.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and In memory of Kenneth R. Hollister and Miriam P. Hollister, given by their daughter, Carol H. Carty and In loving memory of Tony Mascena from his wife, Jill and his children, Amy, Megan, and Scott. If you would like to place a live flower arrangement in the sanctuary, 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.



NEWS AND EVENTS

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, MARCH 3. The First Saintly African: St. Simon of Cyrene. When Jesus could go no further the soldiers looked around and pressed into service a man from the North African city of Cyrene. Simon (or Symeon) of Cyrene's act of carrying the Cross of Jesus is mentioned in all the synoptic gospels; the incident is the Fifth Station of the Cross. And it is possible that Simon's sons (Mentioned in Rom. 16:13) became leaders in the Church.

SOCIAL CONNECTION, a fun evening for special adults, will meet Monday, March 4, and Monday, March 25. If you would like to help or donate prizes for Bingo, please see Joyce Stout (billandjoyce1@aol.com) or Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com). We meet in the Hospitality Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thank you to all who have supported this wonderful ministry.

Wanted, Sunday School Teachers! Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 AM, our talented and experienced Sunday school teachers, Chuck and Jayne Grabowski will lead a one-hour training event to give you the tools you need to nurture our children in faith. Join us in the Hospitality Center across from the Fellowship Hall, and learn about the basics of leading a class, how different ages learn, and the music and curriculum resources you'll have at your disposal. Most of all, you'll learn how teaching Sunday School will help your own faith grow!

Save the Date Sunday, March 17th – Join us at the AMC Voorhees for a private screening of “ORIGINS”, the story of how Isabelle Wilkerson came to write her book, *Caste*. You're welcome whether you participated in our book study or never read it. This event is sponsored by Embracing Race-The Conversation and the NAACP Youth Council, a group of amazing students from around the region. Details to follow.

First Presbyterian, Haddonfield heads to the ballpark Sunday, May 19th at 1:35pm! We've booked 48 group tickets (max) that day for \$42 apiece, with details below. If interested, please pay via Venmo (@Paul-Sommers-2) or Cash/Check at an upcoming worship service (envelope with number of tickets and name listed). **The deadline to buy tickets is Sunday, March 24th.**



Did You Personalize Your Hymnals Yet? *Glory to God*, the newest Presbyterian hymnal, is a remarkably thoughtful collection of spirituals and hymns created with an eye towards both diversity and tradition. In it, you will find all of the old standards like "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and you will also find new standards like "Lift Every Voice and Sing". The Session is asking that each family purchase two hymnals at \$25 a piece. You may also include a short memorial or dedication that will be affixed to the inside cover of your hymnals. Please use the QR code to purchase and personalize your hymnals today!

Volunteers Needed for Prison Ministry: Those who participate in our ministry with the women of the Camden County Jail will tell you that the ministry is very rewarding and sorely needed. 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).

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: Need a ride to and from worship? 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 4:00 PM, there may not be a deacon or church member available to drive you. We look forward to seeing you in worship! Questions? Call the church office, or Joan Fiorella at 856-889-9185.

NEW Communications update: If you have announcements for the bulletin or the Weekly News, please email them to this **new address:** comm@haddonfieldpres.org. Deadline for submissions is **Monday at Noon.**

The next session of the Prayer Worship will be held on Sunday, March 10, 15 minutes after the end of the worship service. This month's topic will be "Praying Through the Psalms". Using a devotional book as our guide, we will uncover the great source of comfort and joy to be found in these remarkable songs of praise and lament. All welcome, please drop in, no need to sign up. Pick up a snack and drink from the Bean parlor and come to the Hospitality Center.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 02/25/24: 196 in person and 33 online.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving: 140,096 Budget: 460,000

Non-pledge giving: 17,159 Budget: 160,000

Per Capita: 3,264 Budget: 11,000

Loose: 1,814 Budget: 11,000

Note: The Session adopted a 2024 budget with a projected shortfall of approximately \$140,000. The shortfall will be covered by remaining Covid relief funds, small grants, and withdrawals from investment reserves.

Prayer List (2/29/24)

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 and the World

- 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.
- Pray for Karen's father **Fred**, who has entered hospice **(2/23-K. Dante)**
- Please pray for **Morgan**, her two daughters **Ivy and Willow**, and for her **mother's mental health**. Pray also for **justice** in Morgan's case, who has been waiting a long time **(2/23-G. Ladies)**
- Pray for **healing for Ellen's addiction (2/23-G. Ladies)**
- For **Ana**, pray **simply for forgiveness (2/23-G. Ladies)**
- Please pray for **Morgan's roommate Tiffany** who couldn't be with the group **(2/23-G. Ladies)**
- Pray for **Chrystle's brother John** that he would stop drinking, and pray for strength for Chrystle to get through each day. Pray that she may put the past behind her and start over **(2/23-G. Ladies)**
- Continue in prayer for **Jessica Devietro** who is living with cancer **(2/22-L. Sommers)**
- Pray for strength and healing for **Claire**, specifically for wisdom and skill for her health care providers **(2/20-J. Grantham)**
- Pray for **Isabel Pross** who continues to receive chemotherapy **(2/20-W. Pross)**.
- Continue to Keep **Randi** in your prayers as she waits patiently for a diagnosis **(2/20- C. Carty)**
- Please pray for the **Reinicker family**, in particular Andy's mother **Charlotte**, who suffered a heart attack while in Connecticut. Praise the Lord her procedure went smoothly and pray for Charlotte's recovery. Prayers for Andy's **Aunt Betty**, diagnosed with terminal cancer, and **Uncle Peter**, who suffered a stroke. Also, prayers for Andy's sister **Michael** who was hospitalized for a severe migraine and other symptoms. **(2/19-pastors)**
- Please pray for **William and his mother Nancy (2/18-pastors)**
- Pray that God will oversee all of **Philip's affairs** with mercy and grace! **(2/15-pastors)**
- Prayers for the family of **Donald Gibbs, Jr.** as they mourn the death of their son, brother, uncle, nephew **(2/15-D. Haynor)**.
- Prayers for **Bruce** as he experiences treatment for pancreatic cancer and that Christ would hold him

- and his family in his loving arms **(2/13-C. Carty)**.
- Pray for **Peggy Shannon** that she would have complete recovery from a fall, and be with her and her physicians as they manage all health issues. Pray for **Sam and Julie and Maggie** that they would all feel God's love **(2/8-pastors)**
- Please pray for **Lillie** as she receives treatment for leukemia. Pray for her complete healing **(2/7-pastors)**
- Prayers for **Jochen and Deb Bettag** to feel strength and courage from the Lord. Jochen's diagnosis is a very rare form of cancer **(2/5-C. Carty)**
- Continue to pray for **Patrick** and his family **(2/5-pastors)**
- Continue to keep **Branson** in your prayers as he studies abroad this semester **(2/5-M. Wilson)**
- Please keep a dear friend, **Dorothy**, in your prayers as she navigates several cancer diagnoses **(1/31-C. Carty)**

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