



First Presbyterian Church

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

Third Sunday of Eastertide
April 14, 10:00 AM

GATHERING

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

Prelude- Alleluia Bells ~"Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Peter Leibensperger, Rebecca Ansel, violin

Opening Prayer

ALL: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** #104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace (1 John 3:2)

One: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

*Laying Down Our Burdens

ALL: O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

*Silent Prayer

Declaration of Forgiveness (Romans 5:5)

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

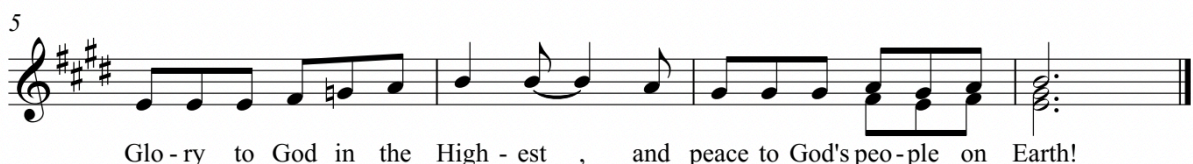
All: Alleluia! Amen.

*We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

Voice

Glory to God

Lucas Brown



***Sharing the Peace of Christ (John 13:34-35)**

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Kirk Ringers ~ All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Linda R. Lamb

The Baptism of Myla Joy Katherine Young and Children's Message

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: **Speak to us, Living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of the People

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.



Practicing Abundant Generosity

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/give/now>

† Offertory: Chancel Choir: "Peace I Give to You" by Craig Courtney
(Rebecca Ansel, violin)

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

* Prayer of Dedication

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #119 "The Strife Is O'er"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music ~ Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 553 - J.S. Bach ~ 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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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.

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

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**.

Pastor Nikki's bible study on the Letter to the Romans meets every Thursday at 6:30 on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. See website for more information.

Prayer Group meets the second Sunday of every month in the Hospitality Center. Contact Maggie Sell or Pastor Nikki for more information.

The Preschool's Annual Flower Sale will be May 7-10. The Flower Sale Fundraiser proceeds go toward playground improvements and maintenance. Order forms are located at the back of the Sanctuary or can be found in the weekly news email. Please be sure to submit order forms to the Preschool office no later than April 19th. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Help Us Say "Goodbye" to Paper and Plastic! If you are planning to serve food at our after worship fellowship or other church activities, please remember we are no longer using single-use paper or plastic. We have plenty of plates, cups, bowls and utensils in the kitchen, Bean Parlor and Hospitality Suite. Efforts will be made to use environmentally-friendly napkins. If you have questions or want to help support this effort, please contact Rita Brown at rbrown6115@verizon.net. This is another step we are taking to help preserve God's Creation.

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're approved. 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 SAFETY PROTOCOL: At the recommendation of the Haddonfield Police Department, beginning Sunday, May 6, the playground entrance door and the office entrance door will be locked between 10:20 AM and 10:50 AM. If you need to leave the building during worship, please re-enter the building using the ADA-accessible ramp door that faces the Masonic Temple, or the front door of the church. This schedule may be adjusted later in May as we relocate to the Fellowship Hall for summer worship. Thank you for your cooperation.



Are you ready to take the next step and become a member of First Presbyterian Church? Would you like to learn more about who we are and what we're about? Then join our upcoming **New Member Class**. For four Wednesdays at 7:00 PM between May 15 and June 5, we'll meet online to talk about God's call, what is unique about Presbyterian beliefs and practices, and where you fit in here. To register, use the QR code or go to: <https://bit.ly/3PXwESO>



Register your children today for VBS! Volunteer today for VBS! At "Camp Firelight" our campers will explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament "campers" trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Use the QR code to the left or go to: <https://bit.ly/3VOSIYP>.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CLASS, April 14. The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Ten years ago, in a more tranquil time, during the season of Pentecost, members of the Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield, had the chance to visit the Holy Land with our pastor Bill and our friend and guide, Hela. In this illustrated presentation, we will travel again through the Galilee to Nazareth and Cana, up to Caesarea Philippi, back to the Sea of Galilee, then down the Jordan River to the Dead Sea. Members who traveled with us are particularly invited to come and reminisce and share!

The April meeting of the **Porch Bible Study** will be on Zoom at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, April 23. We will be learning about the Book of Philemon and discussing forgiveness. We also have prayer time. All are welcome and no advance preparation is required. For information, see Deb Nussbaum or Jill Mascena at church, or email Deb at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

Social Connection, our fun ministry evening for special needs adults, will meet Monday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. It's a great time with music, balloon volleyball, Bingo, crafts and socializing. If you would like more information see Joyce Stout, Deb Nussbaum or Peg Manochi, or email Joyce at billandjoyce1@aol.com.

April is Earth Care Month. Every person has a right to a clean and healthy environment including pure water and clean air. Come to the Bean Parlor after worship for updated info on the NJ Green Amendment and your state legislators' contact info so you can write letters, send emails or make phone calls in support of moving the bill forward. If you are not on-line or have difficulty writing, volunteers will assist you.

We are thankful for Audrey England, Riley Scott, George Brannon, Mikey Hall, James Gushue, and Owen McGovern who completed Communion Class in March and assisted Pastors Nikki and Marvin in celebrating Holy Communion on April 7. Charles Grabowski, Colin Scott, and Michael England also completed the class and will assist the pastors in celebrating the Sacrament on May 5.

We have good news to share! Eric Walker has accepted an offer to be the new Youth Director at First Presbyterian of Haddonfield. Eric is currently is a Regulatory Affairs Specialist at Lassonde Pappas and the Youth Director at First Presbyterian in Merchantville. He graduated from Eastern University in 2016, majoring in Youth Ministry and minoring in Biblical Studies.

Look for words of greeting and photos from Eric in our Weekly News and on social media as we get closer to his start date of May 1.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 03/17/24: 202 in person and 32 online.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	208,004	Budget: 460,000
Non-pledge giving:	29,342	Budget: 160,000
Per Capita:	5,701	Budget: 11,000
Loose:	5,221	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.

First Presbyterian
Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
An old-fashioned tenor battle!

Jazz organist Lucas Brown
w/ Byron Landham on drums,
and Chris Lewis & Dylan Band on tenor saxophones

20 Kings Hwy E. Haddonfield ♦ www.haddonfieldpres.org ♦ Freewill offering

**Prayer List
(4/14/24)**

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

- 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 the **City of Philadelphia and the gun violence** that is destroying the lives of young men and women and entire families.
- Pray for **Kathy Clifford**, a Presby Preschool teacher, who underwent surgery last week (**04/09 - pastors**).
- Continue in prayer for our **Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers (4/9-pastors)**
- Continue in prayer for **Branson** as he studies abroad (**4/6-pastors**)
- Please keep **Patrick and his family** in your prayers (**4/5- pastors**)
- Please be in prayer for **Connie Glecker** who has been in the hospital since January. Pray for her recovery and healing (**4/4-D. Stedman**)

- Please pray for the **Knowles family**. Their **son and brother Frankie** has died at age 11 due to complications from cancer treatment. Please pray for Mom, Dad, and his younger sister Brooklyn. May God be a felt presence to this family **(4/3-T. Adkins)**
- Pray for **Christina** that she would maintain a sound mind **(G. Ladies-3/26)**
- Pray for **Annette** that she will get her family back and to stop smoking, and that she will get better after the lesson of being in jail **(G. Ladies- 3/26)**
- Please pray for **Marlena** that her trial will go her way; pray also for her family and her enemies **(3/26- G. Ladies)**
- Please pray that **Laura** will experience the forgiveness of her sins, and that she will receive custody of her daughters **(3/26-G. Ladies)**
- Pray that **Jamie** would be released from both her fear and her addiction **(3/26-G. Ladies)**
- Pray that **Malea** receives strength for this journey **(3/26-G. Ladies)**
- Please pray for **Morgan's daughters**- their protection and safety. Pray also for **Morgan's strength and perseverance**, for forgiveness for others and herself, for her sister's relief from addiction and her mother's mental illness **(3/26-G. Ladies)**
- Pray that **Jo** would receive patience and hope, and protection and love for her children **(3/26-G. Ladies)**
- Please pray for **Annette**. God knows all the needs **(3/26-G. Ladies)**
- Pray for **John Hinkle, Sr.**, a friend of **Laura** and **Marvin Lindsay**, who is being treated for bladder cancer **(3/26-M. Lindsay)**
- Prayers for the extended family of **Terry Carpenter** who in the past 4 months have lost 4 cousins - **Dave, Ronnie, Harold & Janis (3/25-pastors)**
- Pray for God's full provision, mercy, grace, and hope - for **Philip (3/23-pastors)**
- **The Geiman and Scott families** are asking God to help them accept the tragic death of 3-year-old Maverick. Please pray for them **(3/18-D. O'Hara)**
- Continue in prayer for **Jessica Devietro** who is living with cancer **(3/15-L. Sommers)**
- Please **pray for a friend** who's awaiting biopsy results **(3/14-L. Gormley-Devine)**
- Pray for **Scott** on the challenging journey to sobriety **(3/10-P. Urian)**

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