



First Presbyterian Church

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 10:00 AM

GATHERING

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

Prelude- Offertoire from *L'Orgue Mystique*, Laetare - Charles Tournemire ~ Lucas Brown, Organ

Opening Sentences (Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

***Hymn** #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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

One: Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God's healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence...

***Laying Down Our Burdens**

ALL: Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people.

***Silent Prayer**

Declaration of Forgiveness (Hebrews 10:16-18)

One: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,'

All: and he adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."

One: Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***We Celebrate God's Forgiveness**

SENDING

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Bless the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Bless the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music has the lyrics: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system of music has the lyrics: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.'

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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.**

Whitechapel Bells

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Arranged by Susan Geschke

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Children's Message

- Tessa Joy Grabowski

Reception of New Members

- Kevin Hyslop
- Peter and Kim Seibert

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (Psalm 19:14)

All: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 (Common English Bible)

14 "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up **15** so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. **16** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. **17** God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. **18** Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

19 "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. **20** All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. **21** Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (traditional) p. 14, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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 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

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- † Offertory: Chancel Choir: "God So Loved the World" - John Stainer
- * Doxology Hymn #592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- * Prayer of Dedication

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #485 "To God Be the Glory"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music Fugue in D minor, Op. 16, No. 3 - Clara Schumann ~ 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

† God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world
But that the world through Him might be saved.

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 Ruth Richardson. Given by Sally Seddon and her family. 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**.

Wanted, Sunday School Teachers! Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 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!

On Sunday, March 17th, You're Invited to the AMC Voorhees at 2:30 pm 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.

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.

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!

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 go through the approval process. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more information, please email Judy Blank (jmblank451@verizon.net).

Christian Heritage Class for March 10: The Via Dolorosa. The Via Dolorosa (Latin, "Way of Grief", "Way of Suffering" or simply "Painful Way") is a street, in two parts, within the Old City of Jerusalem, held to be the path that Jesus walked, carrying his cross, on the way to his crucifixion. The winding route from the Antonia Fortress west to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is a

celebrated place of Christian pilgrimage. The current route has been established since the 18th century, replacing various earlier versions. It is today marked by nine Stations of the Cross; there have been fourteen stations since the late 15th century, with the remaining five stations being inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. There is no historical basis for this route which has changed over the centuries – but tradition is so strong that pilgrims today walk the route, identifying with Christ’s suffering, and many pray at each of the Stations of the Cross.

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.

The March Porch Bible Study will take place at the church Hospitality Room on Thursday, March 21, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome. If you need more information, see Deb Nussbaum or Jill Mascena at church or email Deb at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year, the event will be immediately following the Palm Sunday service on March 24, 2024. Families will gather outside the playground where there will be a blessing of the eggs and cross decorating. Then the kids will be split up to different places according to age to collect eggs. We request that you RSVP to Lindsay Sommers (lsommers514@gmail.com) or Meagan Farrow (meagan.r.farrow@gmail.com) so we can plan attendance. Also, we ask that each kid brings their own bag for gathering eggs. During this time, the playground will be closed to Egg Gatherers only to make sure that the littles are able to participate safely. We hope to see you after the Palm Sunday service on 3/24/2024

The next session of the Prayer Workshop will be held today 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 03/03/24: 150 in person and 33 online.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	148,967	Budget: 460,000
Non-pledge giving:	17,896	Budget: 160,000
Per Capita:	4,311	Budget: 11,000
Loose:	2,107	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 (3/7/24)

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.
- Keep the **Reinicker family** in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Andy’s Uncle Pete and Aunt Betty (3/3-pastors)
- Please pray for **Ken** who is in the ICU (3/2-J. Goudy)
- Continue to keep **Branson** in your prayers as he studies abroad this semester (3/1-M. Wilson)

- Continue in prayer for **Patrick and his family (2/29-pastors)**
- Please hold the **family of Erica** in your loving arms as they grieve for a beautiful wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and many friends **(2/28-C. Carty)**
- 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. 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)**

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EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please use the following form:

Please use a separate form for each memorial plant.

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In Memory of _____

Or in Honor of _____

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Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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Get your order in soon! Grower has limited supply

Any extra money will be donated to support youth mission trip.