



First Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023 at 10:00

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Lucas Brown, piano

Call to Worship

Come into God's Presence

Anon.



First time in unison; repeat 3 times in a 2-part round. (*Dux*: Nancy Ruth; *Comes*: Peter)

* **Hymn #610** (insert) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

* Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

* Laying Down Our Burdens

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*** Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: **May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

*** Celebrating God's Forgiveness #581 (last page) *Glory Be to the Father***

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. 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**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon *Shiphrah and Puah Save the Day* Rev. Marvin Lindsay

We Affirm our Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

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Offertory "Adagio": *From Clarinet Concerto,* by W.A. Mozart

Barry Wilhjelm, Clarinet

* Doxology #592 (last page) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

* Recommitting Our Lives to Service

* † Hymn #700 (insert) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

LEAVE TO SERVE

* Charge and Benediction

Sending Music

Lucas Brown, piano

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.

† *First Presbyterian's Session recognizes that throughout U.S. history African American composers have not been compensated equitably for the music they have created. To remedy this in "our little way," the congregation is invited to make a donation, using this QR code, whenever we sing an African American Spiritual, whether it's the choir anthem or a hymn. This donation goes directly to The Essence of Harmony Choral Society to assist them in purchasing music, supporting professional musicians, and paying venue fees. [The Essence of Harmony Choral Society](#) focuses explicitly on celebrating the works of both classical and under-recognized African American composers. In addition, the group presents classics and anthems, spirituals, and contemporary gospel music.*



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:

- Fellowship Lunch, September 5th, Noon, Mulligan's Bar and Grill, 1208 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn.
- 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 or call the church office.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 8/22/23: 100 in person and 5 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:	\$ 387,741.00	\$ 570,270.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 7,031.00	\$ 12,000.00
Per Capita:	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 16,000.00

WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS are now available for children attending worship in Fellowship Hall this summer. The bags contain coloring sheets and crayons and may be taken home. Children are encouraged to draw on the bags themselves as well as the enclosed activity sheets.

ONE of the highlights of the year at St. Wilfred's is the day we distribute Christmas gifts to the children. Many would receive nothing without your generous donations. Rose Guthrie, who has coordinated the gift collection and distribution for the past several years, is ready to pass the torch to a new coordinator. Want to learn more about what this volunteer assignment is all about? Contact Paul Urian: umanpaul@me.com.

AS HAS BEEN FPCH TRADITION since 2002, we will ring the church bells on Monday, September 11 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 & let her know your availability ASAP.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be having a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 1st, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: First Presbyterian Church

COMING IN THE FALL:

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

What: Classes will begin on September 17th and will run for 6 weeks, through October 22nd. 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 in St. Louis. All are welcome to attend.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will hold its retreat Sept. 9 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, the Choir Retreat is a great time to familiarize yourself with our members and our mission. Please contact Peter Leibensperger if you're interested: PLeibensperger@haddonfeildpres.org

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 (the biggest need for backpacks is Grades 3-8)

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 or the Office Administrator. 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.

- 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.
- 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)
- Please pray for the **personnel at Cooper** who will be involved with Bud Miller's valve replacement, and **prayers of thanksgiving and praise** for the personnel who have been involved in his successful procedures! (8/2-B. Miller)
- Continue in prayer for **Isabel Pross** as she continues cancer treatment (8/2-pastors)
- Please pray for **Morgan**. God knows the needs. (7/31-pastors)
- Please **pray for freedom for both Jennifer and Tiffany**, and for their families (7/29-G. Ladies)
- Pray for **Ty Liska's children** who are in a guardianship situation; **pray for healing of the pain** this is causing Ty Liska (7/28-G. Ladies)
- Pray for **Beatrice and Colleen** that they would receive faster resolutions to their situations, and pray also for the health of their children and family members (7/28-G. Ladies)
- Please pray that **Shanella** will be able to take advantage of the re-entry program and low-income housing (7/28-G. Ladies)
- Pray for **Al Ritchie** who is recovering from a fall, and pray also for **Ginny and her family** (7/27-pastors)
- Pray for **Francie's mom** who has gone home to be on hospice (7/25-L. Sommers)
- Continued prayers for **Susan**, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer and a mass in lungs. Help her to feel God's presence and strength (7/24-C. Carty)
- Prayers for **Ebony** that she will find a healthcare provider who will listen (7/24-L. Kirsch)
- Please pray for courage and strength for **Nancy** as she continues with her cancer treatments (7/20-C. Carty).

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
 gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures
 here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"