



First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023, 10:00 AM

GATHERING

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

Prelude Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated - Emma Lou Diemer Lucas Brown, organ

Opening Sentences

One: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

All: we give to God what is God's.

One: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead,

All: we give to God what is God's.

One: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

All: we give to God what is God's.

***Hymn #446** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

*Laying Down Our Burdens

All: Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength – we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you. Amen.

*Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption. Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame. Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

All: To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

*** We Celebrate God's Forgiveness** Hymn #579 "Gloria Patri"

***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.**

Kirk Ringers

"Joy and Delight" -- Brenda Austin

Reception of New Members and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kelin, Molly, and Penelope Kruithoff

Celebrating the Life of the Church

Stewardship Testimony

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

All: Lord, in the stories of your Scripture, give us truth to cling to; help us hear your still, small voice. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23 (Common English Bible)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Faith or Sight?"

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 God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and 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.

GIVE THANKS

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



Offertory: "Teach Me, O Lord" -- Thomas Attwood, Chancel Choir
* Doxology #592 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
* Prayer of Dedication

LEAVE TO SERVE

SENDING

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen, Chancel Choir

Sending Music Postlude - Alexandre Guilmant
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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THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in loving memory of Grace Brostrand by Linda and Gene O'Neill and in loving memory of Norman C. Lund by his wife, Pat Lund.

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 red balloon room.

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



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NEWS AND EVENTS

HOSPITALITY: Calling all who anticipate and appreciate after-service social time! The Hospitality Committee is soliciting volunteers to provide snacks and to host the hospitality table on Sunday mornings. As we continue to offer this ministry of camaraderie and connection in our beautiful parlor, we will have a sign-up sheet on which folks can volunteer for any Sunday of their choice. Please consider this easy and fun way to connect with old and new friends. If you would like to help us develop additional ways to serve, we would also be happy to welcome you as a member of the Hospitality Committee. Please contact Joan Fiorella at jmfiorella@gmail.com or 856 889-9185 for more information.

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.

The Porch Bible Study lunch on November 14 at noon will be held at the Legacy Diner on the White Horse Pike. Our November study is online, November 7 at 7 p.m. In December, the Porchers online study will be Tuesday, December 12 (Zoom) at 7 p.m. We will do a special Advent study that evening. For information, call the church office, contact Jill Mascena or Deb Nussbaum at church or email Deb at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Advent Festival will be Sunday, December 3rd from 11am - 1pm: We are changing things up and having the festival after church, but the format will be the same...soup, sandwiches, desserts and crafts. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Cheryl Tarditi: cheryltarditi@gmail.com.

JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY: GREENFAITH invites you to learn about "*Rebates, Credits, and Savings - Oh My!*" *How to Be Comfortable and a Climate Hero, Too!* On **Sunday, Oct. 22, 3:30 - 5pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 61 E Route 70, Marlton, NJ 08053.** Please park behind the building and use the back entrance. We'll take a few minutes to report on the fabulous "**March to End Fossil Fuels**" in NYC which many of you attended - along with 75,000 other extraordinary activists from around the country. Then, we'll discuss and brainstorm about our Circle's upcoming plans to support the passage of the **NJ Green Amendment.**

With Election Day coming up on November 7th, it is critical that all those eligible are encouraged to participate in our democracy by voting. The Justice and Advocacy Committee is supporting non-partisan efforts to get out the vote sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Camden County. Please consider joining Lesley Kirsch, as well as LWV staff and volunteers, in an upcoming "Lit-Drop" in Pennsauken on Saturday, October 28th from 10am-Noon. You will be distributing door hangers to educate voters about early in-person voting and the VOTE411 nonpartisan information source. You will not be knocking on doors. The LWV NJ office has identified Pennsauken as a redistricted town with a history of low voter turnout, so **please reach out to Lesley by 10/25 if you would like to participate. You'll meet in the parking lot at 9:30am. She can be reached at 856.904.9944 or Lesley@lesleykirsch.com.** For more information, please visit the League of Women Voters Camden County website at Get Out the Vote: Lit Dropping - Events - League of Women Voters of Camden County, NJ (lwvccnj.org).

PC(USA) Resource - votervoicenet/mobile/PCUSA/home. This is PC(USA)'s new resource for getting information and taking immediate action.

STARTING October 1, 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 - Our 34th Year Learning about Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church through an in-depth study of Church history, theology, art, music – and (sometimes!) pilgrimage travel. Topic for Fall 2023: *Jesus and His Followers*. All are invited to join Church historian David Stedman after worship!

October 22: NO CLASS

October 29. Mary Magdalene: The New Eve. Part 2 *Dulcis Amica Dei*. The Magdalen's Veneration in Popular Religion and Art. St. Mary Magdalene could play a part in popular religion that the Virgin Mary, raised to divinity as Queen of Heaven between the 11th and 14th centuries, could not. While the sinless Virgin was the antithesis of Eve, the Magdalen – as a repentant sinner – represented sexual femininity redeemed: the New Eve. *Illustrated lecture*.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: On Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18, 2023, the Haddonfield Council of Churches will host a food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle School. Volunteers of all ages will pack a combination of soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, vitamins and minerals to be sent to children in developing nations who are suffering from starvation and malnutrition. Scan the code to sign up to pack and/or donate here.



MISSION GRATITUDE: \$10,579 and 2,239. What do these numbers mean? They reflect the Thanksgiving generosity of this congregation over more than 20 years, expressed in cash and frozen turkeys! Once again, on **November 19th beginning at 9:00 am until noon**, we will be in the parking lot, whatever the weather, collecting frozen turkeys and cash donations to aid Your Food Shelf (a Presbyterian based and funded food pantry). Please remember to drive carefully when entering the parking lot.

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS: A gathering for adults with special needs and abilities. Please Join us for on Monday, October 23 at 6:30 for an evening of fellowship and friendship, crafts & community service projects, games, music, and snacks. Please RSVP to Joyce Stout Billandjoyce1@aol.com, 609-605-3653.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 10/15/23: 138 in person and 28 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:	\$ 457,811.00	\$ 570,270.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 8,166.00	\$ 12,000.00
Per Capita:	\$ 9,271.00	\$ 16,000.00

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 a just and peaceful resolution to the **Israeli-Palestinian** conflict.
- Please pray for **Linda's brother Roy** as he continues chemotherapy treatments for cancer (**10/10-L. O'Neill**)
- Pray for the Fitzgerald family who are living through the midst of so much. Pray specifically for **Karen, her husband, and their three young adult children** who are in college- each with their own challenges (**10/10-T. Adkins**)
- Please pray for **Jeff** who is living with cancer, and pray also for his wife **Wanda** (**10/9-Seddon family**)
- Please pray for **Tai-Nisha's freedom and her children's safety** (**10/6-G. Ladies**)
- Please pray for **Michele's family, all the ladies at the Camden County Jail**, and pray for **Michele's enemies** that they will find their way (**10/6-G. Ladies**)
- Pray for **Morgan and her two daughters, Willow and Ivy**, that they are protected and safe. Pray also for her sister **Ellen** that she would be set free from addiction (**10/6-G. Ladies**)
- Pray that **Carlie** will be released from jail, and that she and her fiance John have a peaceful rest of their lives together. Pray also for **John's health** (**10/6-G. Ladies**).
- Please pray that **Summer** will be released to her children: Lucas, Jonah, Genesis and Jordan (**10/6-G. Ladies**).
- Pray for **Enza** to be back with her daughter Adline (**10/6-G. Ladies**).
- Pray for **Tamiyah** that she will be reunited with her children and overcome the current situation. Give her strength, guidance and healing (**10/6-G. Ladies**)
- Please pray for physical and mental healing for **Raj** (**10/4-R. Prasad**)
- Continue in prayer for **Isabel Pross** as she continues cancer treatment (**10/4-pastors**)
- Pray for the **family and friends of Asher Barkan**, who passed suddenly. He is missed (**10/4-N. Passante**)
- Please keep **Connie Reeves** and her family in your prayers as they grieve the sudden death of John, son, father, and brother (**10/2-C. Carty**)
- Pray for **Ginny and the entire Ritchie family** on the death of Al (**10/1-pastors**)
- Please ask the Lord to give **Susan** a sense of peace and tranquility as she experiences the coming days (**10/1-C. Carty**)
- Pray for **the family of Luke Watson** who passed suddenly. Luke was a freshman at Rowan and a 2023 graduate from Haddon Township (**9/28-T. Adkins**)
- Keep **Nancy** in your prayers as she continues cancer treatments (**9/27-C. Carty**)
- Please pray for **Jean Yount**, her medical team, and her family (**9/27-C. Yount**)
- Pray for **Carol DelGiarno** who underwent surgery (**9/20-L. Willison**)

Make Your Pledge Online:



Commit Cards can also be found in the back of the Sanctuary.

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