



# *First Presbyterian Church*

Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 14, 10:00 AM

## GATHERING

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

**Prelude**

Songe d'Enfant - Joseph Bonnet

Lucas Brown, organ

### **\*Opening Sentences (Psalm 139, selected verses)**

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

**All: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**All: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.**

One: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.**

**\*Hymn #485**

“To God Be the Glory”

### **\*Invitation to Experience God’s Grace**

One: Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God’s grace as we humbly confess our sins.

### **\*Laying Down Our Burdens**

**All: Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We’d much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.**

### **\*Silent Prayer**

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness (Psalm 103:17)**

One: “The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

### Glory to God

Lucas Brown

Two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God in the Hi - gh est, and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth." The second staff begins with a fermata over the first measure and a '5' above the staff, indicating a fifth finger position for the first note.

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-18 (pp. 247 in pew Bible)

New Testament Reading: John 1:43-51 (pp. 92-93 in pew Bible)

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Crucial Conversations"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

### We Affirm our Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)*

One: Do you believe in God the Father almighty?

All: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge and living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### 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: "Fairest Lord Jesus" -Derek Hakes, Chancel Choir

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

## LEAVE TO SERVE

### \*Hymn #720, Glory to God Hymnal

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

### Jesus Calls Us 720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen, Chancel Choir

**Sending Music** We Bow Down Before You - Emma Lou Diemer

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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**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.

**FLOWERS:** If you are interested in having a live flower arrangement placed in the sanctuary in 2024 please contact Diane Thorne at [dthorne31@comcast.net](mailto: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.



#### WORSHIP NOTES

"Fairest Lord Jesus" by Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise and adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!  
Amen.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE** All ages are invited from **9 a.m. to noon** on Monday, Jan. 15, for our annual day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Service projects in Fellowship Hall (church basement) will include making bagged lunches for Joseph's House in Camden; assembling "blessing bags" to be distributed to the unhoused by the Unforgotten Haven in Blackwood; making utensil packets and decorating placemats for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden; and making cards for residents of a local nursing home. Or if you prefer, bring your apron, because we'll be cooking big pots of meat and vegetarian chili and baking cornbread in the church kitchen to be delivered to Joseph's House.

Weather-permitting, there will be an outdoor cleanup at the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's in Camden. For those planning to help at St. Wilfrid's, please bring rakes and heavy-duty work gloves and dress warmly.

**Did You Personalize Your Hymnals Yet?** As you may know, our denomination adopted the new *Glory to God* hymnal back in 2013, and our church is excited to join the movement this year! *Glory to God* is a remarkably thoughtful collection of spiritual songs and hymns that was 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". Moreover, *Glory to God* includes roughly 250 more songs than our old hymnal even though it is also lighter and thinner. Session is asking that each family purchase two hymnals at \$25 a piece. (If we do that, we'll have enough hymnals to fill our entire sanctuary.) You may also include a short memorial or dedication that will be affixed to the inside cover of your hymnals. Please go to [www.haddonfieldpres.org/gtg](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/gtg) if you'd like to contribute.

**Now is the Perfect Time to Join a Choir!** With Christmas in the rear-view mirror, all our children's, youth, and adult choirs will begin their repertoire for 2024 this week and next week. If you or your child have been considering joining a choir or bell choir here at the church, we'd like to invite you to act now! Please contact Nancy Ruth ([nancyruthw@comcast.net](mailto:nancyruthw@comcast.net)) or Peter Leibensperger ([PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org)) with any questions!

**New Member Class Begins January 17** Would you like to make it official and become a member of First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield? Are you interested in what makes Presbyterians unique, and what they have in common with other Christians? If so, join us online starting next Wednesday at 7:00 PM. In four, one-hour sessions, you'll get a chance to learn more about this congregation, find places to plug in, and get your other questions answered. Register for class and fill out the new member at [www.haddonfieldpres.org/how-to-join](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/how-to-join) to get started.

**Volunteers Needed for Prison Ministry:** The thought of going into a jail and meeting with female inmates can seem overwhelming. However, those who participate in this ministry will tell you that the ministry is very rewarding and sorely needed. The ladies we see every other Friday at the Camden County Jail (directly behind the Camden County Courthouse) greet us enthusiastically and are sincerely seeking to follow God. Our hope is that we can be a vehicle to reflect God's forgiveness and love and offer them an alternative path going forward. We feel very safe and secure entering the jail. We desperately need more volunteers so we can have a group able to go into the jail on a weekly

basis and see more ladies. Every time we go in the officers have to turn inmates away because we are only able to meet with 10 ladies at a time. If we had more volunteers, we could go in every Friday and see more inmates. 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](mailto:jmblank451@verizon.net)).

**The Social Connection**, our social gathering ministry for special needs adults, is now 13-months-old and a great success. We thank all who have joined us as participants and helpers and all who have made donations. Our next social evening is **January 22**. If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, please email Deb Nussbaum ([debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com)) or see Deb or Joyce Stout at church.

**CPR CLASS** Marsha Reed, certified CPR instructor, is offering the AHA Heartsaver class to any interested members of First Presbyterian on Sunday, **January 21**. The class covers CPR, AED use, and choking rescue for adults, children, and infants. Two time slots are available: either 12:30-3:30 or 4:30-7:30. There is no charge unless you would like a certification card, which is \$20. Please reach out directly to Marsha at [marsbarr83@gmail.com](mailto:marsbarr83@gmail.com) or phone 318-446-6095 if you are interested or if you have questions.

\*\*Class size is limited and advance registration is required. The 12:30 class has only two more slots, but there is more room in the 4:30 class. Please contact Marsha if you would like one of the remaining spots.

**THE PORCH BIBLE STUDY** will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, on Zoom. We are returning to our study on Colossians & Philemon. We will be discussing the supremacy of Christ and serving Christ. All are welcome to our study and prayer time. For information, see Deb Nussbaum or Jill Mascena at church or email Deb at [debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com). Paul Urian will send out the Zoom link to all who are interested.

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** 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](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/presbyterian-women).

All women of the church are invited to join Presbyterian Women for "**Finding God in Ordinary Time**" **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to noon, led by Christine Marie Eberle. Tentative schedule and presenter info is available on the Presbyterian Women's page on the website and flyers can be found in the parlor. Pre-register by contacting Judy Grantham at [judygrantham@comcast.net](mailto:judygrantham@comcast.net). Retreat fee is \$20.

**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](mailto:ElonMail@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Manskopf at [BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com](mailto:BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com).

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CLASS** January 14: St. Peter Apostle: Fisher of Men. In Jesus, and in His message and mission, Peter's belief was unqualified and unlimited. That is why Jesus chose him and set him apart. And that is why Peter bar Jonah, the fisherman and brother of Andrew, next to his Master, was the greatest Christian of all times. His feast day is June 29, the day of his crucifixion on the Vatican Hill in 67 A.D.

January 21: St. Peter In Rome. Finding and Authenticating the Bones of the "Prince of the Apostles." The search for the bones of St. Peter and the discovery of the remains of a robust man in his 60s or 70s by Peter's altar in the Basilica is a fascinating tale that began with the death of Pope Pius XI in 1939 (with the excavation for his tomb) and continued through World War II. Even today, most important for the Vatican is not the identity of the relics, per se, but the confirmation that Peter did indeed come to Rome (and not Babylon).

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** 01/07/23: 146 in person

**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:	\$ 599,279.00	\$ 570,270.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 12,242.00	\$ 12,000.00
Per Capita:	\$ 9,361.00	\$ 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 **Gaza** and the **people of Israel and Palestine** as war continues.
- Please pray for **Jo-Ann's** recovery after going through a very serious operation (**1-10, J. Russell**).
- Pray for **Jenn**, her husband, and her three children. Jenn is now in hospice care six months after being diagnosed with liver cancer (**1-10 C. Crumley**).
- Continue to lift up prayers for **Patrick and his family** (**1/8-pastors**)
- Pray for the family and friends of **Ken Young**, a former minister at FPCH, who died on Wednesday, January 10 (**1/10-J. Mascena**)
- Please pray for **Philip** that he would receive God's mercy and grace, and that God's sustenance and provision would cover all his affairs (**1/7-P. Chang**)
- Prayers for **Branson** as he studies abroad this semester (**1/6-M. Wilson**)
- Pray for **infant Ivy Hope**, that as she enters the world her many operations are successful (**1/4-R. Woodland**)

- Hold in prayer our **Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers**; also pray for our **new Stephen Ministers** who are being trained over the next several months (1/4-pastors)
- Pray for **Bob Wells** that he would experience relief from pain and a variety of ailments (1/3-K. Bell)
- Please pray for **Pat** who is living with liver and pancreatic cancer (1/3-K. Bell)
- Pray for **all the ladies at the Camden County Jail**, specifically **Jenny, Victoria, Taylor, Malene, Tiffany, Shannon, Laura, Crystal, Brisheen and Divana** (1/2-G. Ladies)
- Please pray for **Naomi and Inzi**, and for each of their families to be reunified (1/2-G. Ladies)
- Please pray for **Lillian, her situation and family** (1/2-G. Ladies)
- Pray for **Efflee, her mother, and her two boys**. Pray also for an expedited court date, and all those Efflee is worried about (1/2-G. Ladies)
- Pray for a **15-year old nephew with Down Syndrome**, who is going for his final leukemia treatment. Keep his family in your prayers as well! (12/26-pastors)
- Please **pray for all those who experience sadness, depression and are suffering** during the holiday season (12/20-pastors)
- Please keep **Kevin** in your prayers as he recovers from heart surgery(12/20-J. Wackes)
- Continue in prayer for Linda's brother **Roy**, as he undergoes radiation and further cancer treatment (12/20- L. O'Neill)
- Continue in prayer for **Jean Yount**, her medical team, and her family (12/18-C. Yount)
- Continue in prayer for **Isabel Pross** as she continues cancer treatment (12/17-pastors)
- Prayers for **Lauren**, a young mother with metastatic thyroid cancer (12/17-J. Stout).
- Pray for **Vivian**, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma (12/16-J. Grantham).
- Prayers for **Tom Rowe** and wife **Suzanne**, as Tom receives experimental cancer treatments (12/15-J. Blank).
- Pray for courage and faith for **Savannah**, a mother of two undergoing chemotherapy. (12/14-L. Kirsch).
- Continue prayers for **Jake** who is battling childhood cancer (12/14-L. Kirsch)

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