



# *First Presbyterian Church*

Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 28, 10:00 AM

## GATHERING

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

**Prelude** Prière - Darius Milhaud

Lucas Brown, organ

### **\*Opening Sentences (Psalm 111)**

One: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**All: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

One: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**All: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

**\*Hymn #462** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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

One: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

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

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.**

### **\*Silent Prayer**

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy.

**All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## \*We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

### Glory to God

Lucas Brown

Two staves of musical notation in 8/8 time, G major. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God in the Hi - gh est, and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth." The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The number '5' is written above the second staff.

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Whitechapel Bells "Joyful, Joyful" arr. Valerie Stephenson

Time with the Children

Celebrating the Life of the Church

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

All: Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Devil Went Down to Galilee"

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 the 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: " "And the Father Will Dance" -Mark Hayes, Chancel Choir

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Hymn #466      "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Charge and Benediction** Choral Amen, Chancel Choir

**Sending Music**      Entrée - Darius Milhaud

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

"And the Father Will Dance" by Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom He loves.  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!  
And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God,  
For He has answered all my cries.  
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul, and sing!  
Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!  
Cast away fear for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.  
And He will joy over you in song!  
God rejoices over you in song!

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**NEW Bible Study: Letter to the Romans** begins February 1st at 6:30pm on Zoom. After the first two sessions, Rev. Passante will provide a syllabus that will serve as a weekly guide including content, chapter and verse. Literally. Please plan on NO CLASS on February 15th. After that we are off and running through Holy Week and beyond! Zoom link and passcode for all meetings can be found at <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/adult-education>. Email [npassante@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:npassante@haddonfieldpres.org) for questions or more info.

**Lenten small groups** are forming now. This year we will study Meeting God in Paul, by Rowan Williams. Sign-up sheets will be in the Bean Parlor beginning Jan. 21. Not available to meet in person? You can sign up for our FB discussion group or for a group that will meet on Zoom. Details coming soon.

**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 use the QR code below to purchase and personalize your hymnals today!

**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!

**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 PORCH BIBLE STUDY** will meet at 7 p.m on Tuesday, Feb. 27 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.

**WALKING GROUP** Join Linda Hess and others on Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for the slow and steady walk around Crows Woods. Meet at the Crows Woods pavilion parking lot to walk the paved loop, enjoy the company of others and get some exercise.

**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 28. Doubting Thomas. St. Thomas placed his finger in the wounds of the Risen Christ-or did he? St. John's gospel account (Ch. 20) has two accounts about seeing and believing. Mary Magdalene believes, and Thomas (at first) fails to believe. But does St. John truly support-or does it contradict the one thing most people believe they know about Thomas' doubt and belief. His feast day is July 3 and he is patron saint of the Christians of India ... and of architects.

February 4. [COMMUNION SUNDAY] The Sons of Thunder (part 1) : St. James

February 11. The Sons of Thunder (part 2) : St. John. Among the 12 Apostles are "James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name *Boanerges*, which means Sons of Thunder)" (Mark 3:17). This is the only place in Scripture that mentions the designation of the sons of Zebedee as the Sons of Thunder, and there is no stated explanation as to why Jesus named them this. However, Jesus has a purpose for everything He does, so He must have had a good reason. In one incident of inhospitality in Samaria they suggested calling down fire from heaven to destroy (Luke 9:54) only to be rebuked by the Master. James and John were among Jesus' closest friends, being two of the "inner three" disciples (see Matthew 17:1). As the Church Age began, James (feast day July 25) was the first apostle to be killed (Acts 12:2), while John (feast day Dec. 27) was the last to die, although of old age (100 !) John's epistles, written late in his life, hint that he still possessed a fervency of spirit.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** 01/21/23: 162 in person and 40 online

## 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 **Jessica Devietro** who is living with cancer (**1/22-L. Sommers**)
- Pray the God's Spirit would be with **Heather and the rest of the McCall family**, following her dad's sudden passing after falling on ice (**1/22-L. Sommers**)
- Please pray for God's blessing and provision on and over **Phillip's upcoming trip home** (**1/20-P. Chang**)
- Pray for **Mark** as he recovers from gall bladder surgery on Wednesday(**1/19-S. Oswald**)
- Keep **Randi** in your prayers as she waits patiently for a diagnosis (**1/17-C. Carty**)
- Continue in prayer for **Vivian**, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma (**1/16-J. Grantham**).
- Prayers for **4-year-old Ellie and her parents** as she begins treatment for lymphoma(**1/15-L.Carpenter**)
- Continue in prayer for **Tom Rowe** and wife **Suzanne**, as Tom receives experimental cancer treatments (**1/15-J. Blank**).
- Continue prayers for **Jake** who is battling childhood cancer (**1/11-L. Kirsch**)
- Pray for courage and faith for **Savannah**, a mother of two undergoing chemotherapy. (**1/11-L. Kirsch**).
- 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**).
- Pray for the family and friends of **Ken Young**, a former minister at FPCH, who died on Wednesday, January 10 (**1/10-J. Mascena**)
- Continue to lift up prayers for **Patrick and his family** (**1/8-pastors**)
- 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)**

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