

* Hymn of Response

Glory to God

Lucas Brown

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Glory to God'. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the High - est , and peace to his peo-ple on Earth.' are written below the staff. The second staff begins with a '5' above the first measure, indicating a fifth finger position. It continues the melody with similar note values and concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the High - est , and peace to his peo-ple on Earth!' are repeated below the staff.

* **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Children's Message

Celebrating the Life of the Congregation

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers and note those sitting around you)

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

All: Open our eyes; open our hearts. May we hear your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

One: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Believe in me."

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“People, Get Ready”

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* **Affirmation of Faith**

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer, p. 16, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Offering Our Lives to God

Offertory

“Stay with Us” – Egil Hovland

Chancel Choir

* Doxology. #592 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn #320**

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Charge and Benediction**

Choral Amen

Sending Music

Tocatta in C – Johann Pachelbel

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.

* *Please stand in body or spirit*

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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.

THE NURSERY is in the Red Balloon Room (#103) on the first floor of the Preschool. The nursery is open to infants–3-year-olds. We look forward to welcoming you! When worship moves to Fellowship Hall next week, the nursery will move to the Hospitality Center.

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in memory of Norman Lund by his family.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM – “Stay with Us” by Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening,
And night is falling.

Jesus Christ, the world’s true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness
And fill your church with its glory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION – Thank you to our dedicated Sunday School teachers. We appreciate all you do!

PreK and Kindergarten: Chuck Grabowski, Jayne Grabowski, Kim Hall

1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades: Wendy Preihs, Megan Zeigler

4th-8th Grades: Tina Edmonston

Confirmation Class: Lee Federline, Clair Blank, Lindsay Sommers

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<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyter11244/give/now>. Cash and checks are also gladly accepted. Include your name so your giving can be recorded.



WORSHIP MOVES TO FELLOWSHIP HALL NEXT WEEK! With the arrival of warmer weather, worship will take place in the air-conditioned comfort of Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, May 28 and continuing through the summer. Come gather and praise God!

SOCIAL CONNECTION MAY 22 – The May gathering of adults with disabilities is tomorrow. Meet in the Hospitality Center on **Monday, May 22** for crafts, games, and Fellowship.

COOKING FOR JOSEPH’S HOUSE – We will cook on **Tuesday, May 30 from 1-3**. All choppers, stirrers, and cooks welcome!

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 and are interested, or simply join us on Zoom!

PORCH BIBLE STUDY – The Porchers will study Daniel and Esther beginning **Tuesday, May 30**, on Zoom at 7 p.m. We will follow a Pastor Max Lucado study guide. Our group also prays for many joys and concerns and is happy to hear prayer needs. All are welcome.

JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON – GREENFAITH’S SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CIRCLE will meet this **Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m.** in Prince of Peace Church, 61 E. Rt 70 Marlton, NJ. In addition to the regular agenda, members of the plastics working group will share their presentation on plastic pollution and solutions. Go to greenfaith.org for more information.

EXPLORE OUR NEWLY UPDATED SOCIAL JUSTICE PAGE on the church website (www.haddonfieldpres.org). The Justice and Advocacy Committee thanks Anne Vial for a tremendous job making it more user friendly. It is now much easier to access the various resources especially those offered by PC(USA).

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY is Friday June 2 – Honor victims of gun violence by wearing orange that day and all weekend. What would you do to prevent the #1 cause of death for children in America? You can learn more about our denomination’s stance on gun violence and ways you can help keep people safe under Ministries/ Social Justice on our church’s website. (And see below for details of Pastor Nikki’s summer workshop on gun violence.)

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL! FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 6 – 8 p.m. Sweet strawberry short cakes will be smothered with berries and “sugared” with Musical Notes from Peter and our adult choir for your entertainment.

OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS – Please sign up to greet visitors to the church on the morning of **Saturday, June 3 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Downtown will be hopping, and it would be wonderful to literally have our doors open. Please sign up using the usher and event scheduler: <https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/haddonfieldpres>. (While you are there, pick a day to usher!)

YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4 – The next monthly service night for Middle School and High School youth will be Sunday, June 4. Middle schoolers will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and high schoolers will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Details will follow on service projects for the evening.

PW SPRING GATHERING – **On June 8**, all women in the presbytery are invited to a joint Spring Gathering hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. We hope you can join us – our PW will be attending. **Details:** The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey and the PW Coordinating Team of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown invite all women to a **Joint Spring Gathering on Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm** at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown (101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, Miller Commons). Be inspired by a panel presentation, “What is a Christian Woman to Do?” featuring Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Dr. Leslie Spencer, and Jennifer Allen. Learn about the PWPFSNJ, its purpose and missions. For more information and registration: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1720338>.

WORKSHOP ON URBANPROMISE WELLNESS CENTER IN JUNE – Please join us on **Sunday, June 11**, immediately following worship, for an interactive hour-long workshop with Siomara Wedderburn, vice president, programs, and past director of Wellness at UrbanPromise. The Wellness Center at UrbanPromise receives financial support from this congregation by way of an annual donation from the Mission Committee. Ms. Wedderburn will talk about how UrbanPromise has adapted wellness and experiential learning as key strategic initiatives and integrated these across all programs at the school. Join us for conversation and fellowship as we learn more about this wonderful program.

PASTOR NIKKI LEADS SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES:

This summer Pastor Nikki is reprising the *Summer Workshop Series*, offering requested topics and subjects relevant to our faith life together. All workshops take place after Sunday worship in the Hospitality Center and will go for approximately one hour. Light snacks will be provided as well as ample time for questions and discussion! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sunday June 25: 'Prayer'

Together we'll look at numerous resources on prayer. A variety of prayer books will be provided to peruse, along with resource lists of noteworthy authors, and famous (and not-so-famous) prayers. Along with suggestions for leading and sustaining prayer groups, we'll explore what scholars, pastors, and Jesus say about prayer. And finally, we'll learn more about creating our own prayers (and praying them aloud)!

Sunday July 16: 'The Art and Skill of Connecting'

This workshop will provide the tools to connect with visitors and members of our church and will also equip any person to reach out to someone who is in need or struggling. Participants will be introduced to a 'Continuum of Care,' which allows all members avenues to connect based on their comfort level, whether as an usher, deacon, elder, a member of the visitation ministry, or as a Stephen Minister. Regardless of who you want to connect with and where (it could be someone in your everyday life) you'll be given the tools on how to do it.

Sunday August 13: Gun Violence

The Presbyterian Outlook is dedicating its June issue to the topic of gun violence. Your Christian Education and Justice and Advocacy committees have combined to purchase advance copies of the magazine for our congregation to read, with an invitation to join a discussion on August 13th. Rev. Passante will moderate this difficult and necessary discussion as we take a closer look.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN! This year's VBS: Operation Restoration! invites kids to be Menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life by exploring the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest. Dates are **July 24-28, 2023**. The cost of the camp is \$25 per Mender, payable via Check (First Presbyterian of Haddonfield memo line: VBS), Venmo (@FPCHaddonfield), or through Realm (QR code links directly to Realm payment). **Register Menders** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19Sy90YduYRI4CUBhARYBaO1dh-DDxjibM-mhEPWi6Do/edit?usp=drive_web or on the church website. We look forward to seeing you in July!



AND as always, we look forward to including youth shepherds and adult volunteers in the adventure! Shepherds and volunteers register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Rj1ERU30w8WHCCeUaoWuZPqxoTbv7HqA5fMcTZB0lk/edit?usp=drive_web.

ST. WILFRID'S NEEDS GO BEYOND FOOD – With the help of donors and volunteers, countless diapers and baby wipes, bottles of shampoo, tubes of toothpaste, and a variety of other adult personal and feminine hygiene items get into St. Wilfrid's clients' hands. This is where you come in. We humbly ask that you consider donating diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Clients are also in need of spring/summer clothing (adult and child) that is clean and in good repair. (No winter clothes please – we don't have the space to store them). Every penny our clients aren't required to spend on these items gives them more money to spend in meeting their food needs for the month. Donated items can be dropped in the alcove closest to the playground doors. Have questions? Contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com or 856-676-2770.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 5/14/23: 134 in person and 44 online

2023 CHURCH OFFERING UPDATE – Please note that target numbers on the right represent a 6-month goal, not the full year’s budget.

	<u>Received to date</u>	<u>Six-month budget goal</u>
Envelope Giving:	\$ 258,685.00	\$ 285,135.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 5,174.00	\$ 6,000.00
Per Capita:	\$ 8,555.00	\$ 8,000.00

DEEP GRATITUDE to the 12 giving units (member, families, couples) who have paid their pledges in full for a total of \$69,306.

SCRIPTURE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, PENTECOST: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Anne Vial. In making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor’s name will be printed as the originator of the request. Requests will be revisited every 30 days.

- Pray for the **people, government, and country of Ukraine as war continues.**
- Prayers for the **family and friends of Dan Schwartz** who died Tuesday, May 16. Dan was an accomplished musician and a longtime friend of Pete Devine and Lorraine Gormley-Devine (**5/17-L. Gormley-Devine**)

- Please pray for healing for **Caroline Yount**, whose broken foot requires an extended period of no weight bearing (5/15-pastors)
- Pray for **Armando**. God knows the needs (5/15-pastors)
- Pray for **Karla** as she mourns her mother (5/11-T. Adkins)
- Continue to pray for **Cole** as he continues cancer treatment (5/10-N. Adkins)
- Please pray for a treasured co-worker, **Leah M.**, who is overcoming a recent sudden hospitalization. Pray that she experiences healing and comfort, and
- continued recovery. (5/10-K. Hyslop)
- Pray for all the **Cancer Warriors' kids and moms** who are fighting and in treatment (5/10-N. Adkins)
- Pray for **Trish's friend Robin** as she celebrates what would have been her daughter Campbell's 14th birthday (5/10-T. Adkins)
- Please pray for **Betsy and her entire family** on the unexpected death of her husband, David, while they were hiking the Camino de Santiago. Betsy is Carol Carty's cousin. (5/1-C. Carty)
- Pray for **Helen Brotzman**, who is now on hospice care (4/26-pastors)
- Please pray for the **Baggs family, wife Kay and son William**, on the death of Jon (4/24-M. Dark)
- Prayers for **Tom Lutz**, a former co-worker of Dr. Lindsay in Missouri who's been battling pancreatic cancer for three years and has recently entered hospice care (4/24- M. Lindsay)
- Prayers for **Tim Ross**, a friend of ours in Columbia, Missouri diagnosed with AL (primary) amyloidosis a bone marrow disease similar to multiple myeloma (4/24 - M. Lindsay)
- Please keep **Isabel Pross** in your prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment (4/19-pastors)
- Pray for **Ha-young Shin and his co-workers** that God will grant God's will (4/19-pastors)
- Pray for **Viola**. God knows the needs! (4/18-pastors)
- Please pray for **Brian** who is suffering from ampullary cancer and for strength for his family (4/18-L. Hurd)



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