



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

***Indicates those who are able may stand.**



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Nancy Wilk,
in loving memory of her brother, John Freas.*



All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal**,
The Worshiping Church, unless otherwise noted.



Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: 2027 Stewardship Campaign

Leslie Clark

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalm 90

L: Lord, we come into your dwelling place.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Before the mountains were brought forth,

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Before you had formed the earth,

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#78 (vv. 1-4)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

(856) 547-6139 † www.fpchaddonheights.org

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend. We do not always listen to your Word. We do not always act like Christ. Forgive us. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sisters, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

P: So may the God of mercy strengthen you in all goodness by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (*Red Hymnal*)

*Affirmation of Faith:

Confession of 1967

P: We believe the church serves God wherever its members are—at work, at play, in private, or in the life of society.

L: Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.

P: Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Holy Spirit with some gift of ministry.

L: In recognition of special gifts, the church calls and trains certain members for leadership.

P: A Presbyterian recognizes the responsibility of all members for ministry.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "I Surrender, Lord" *by Ovokaitys & Austin
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music*

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 18:1-12

(*OT pp.64-65*)

*Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 18:13-27

(*OT p.65*)

Hymn of Preparation: "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

Sermon: "In Search of Decently & in Order"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

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.**

We Go to Live God's Word

*Closing Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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Benediction (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent
one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Karen Mazak
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Dick Boyle, Candace Lowden's brother-in-law
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, friends of Hudsons' grandson
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
- Janice Logandro, Tony Logandro's wife
- Maggie, granddaughter of Jim & Jill Hoovler
- Rev. Gu Ki Wan, Heuser's son's brother-in-law
- Christine & Mark Epstein, friends of Karen Mazak

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Joyce & Kathy
Antrobus

Deacons

Kate Colantonio
Candy Frantz
Margie Kent

LiveStream

Korey Owens, Jr

Counters

Vicki Clarke
Sharon Cole
Dan Mullan

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-2nd

Cameron Morgan
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Melissa Corso
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Rick Clark
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, October 18

- 9:00am - Cherubs & Calvins Rehearsals
- 9:30am - Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
- 11:30am - FC Hoagie Pick-Up Day!
- 1:00pm - CROP Hunger Walk; starts at Logan Memorial (rescheduled)

Wednesday, Oct. 21

- 11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 22

- 6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 18:1-12 (NRSV)

Jethro's Advice

¹ Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses's father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. ² After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro took her back, ³ along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he had said, "I have been an alien in a foreign land"), ⁴ and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he had said, "The God of my father was my help and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). ⁵ Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, along with Moses's sons and wife, came into the wilderness where Moses was encamped at the mountain of God. ⁶ He sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, with your wife and her two sons." ⁷ So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law; he bowed down and kissed him; each asked after the other's welfare, and they went into the tent. ⁸ Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had found them on the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. ⁹ Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the Egyptians.

¹⁰ Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh. ¹¹ Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from the Egyptians, when they dealt arrogantly with them." ¹² And Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses's father-in-law in the presence of God.

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 18:13-27 (NRSV)

¹³ The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. ¹⁴ When Moses's father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" ¹⁵ Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶ When they have a dispute, they come to me, and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." ¹⁷ Moses's father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. ¹⁹ Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God and bring their cases to God. ²⁰ Teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. ²¹ You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. ²² Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³ If you do this and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their homes in peace."

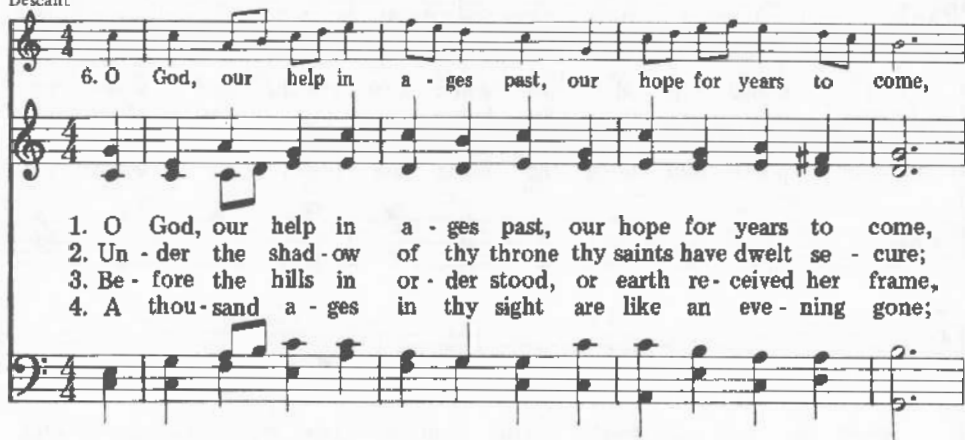
²⁴ So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. ²⁵ Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. ²⁶ And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves. ²⁷ Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past 78

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

(Verses 1-4)

Descant



6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;

3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,

4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;



be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!

suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.

from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.

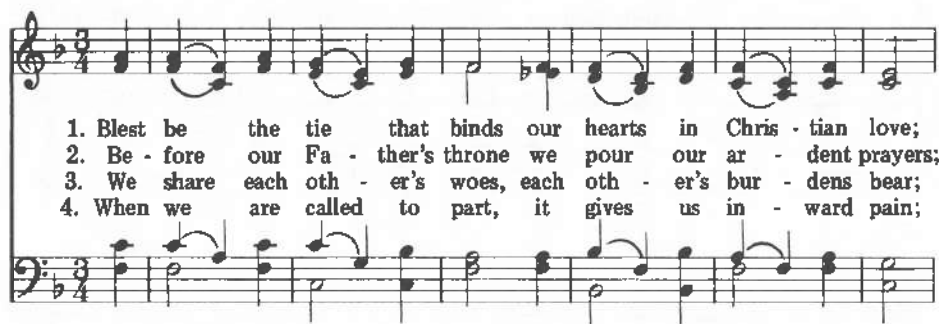
short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its years away,
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

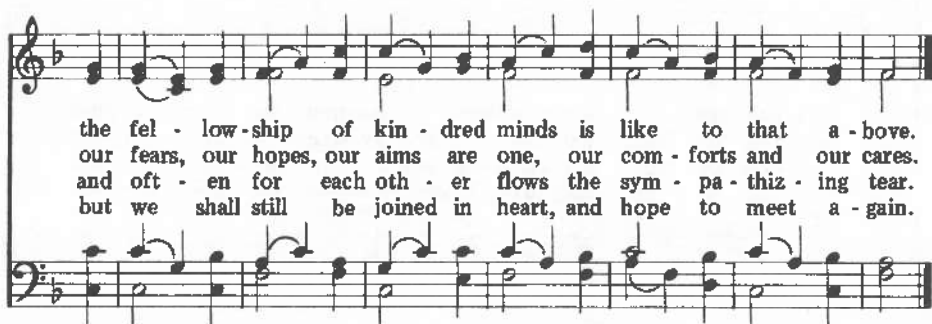
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home!

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For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
 4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low-ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

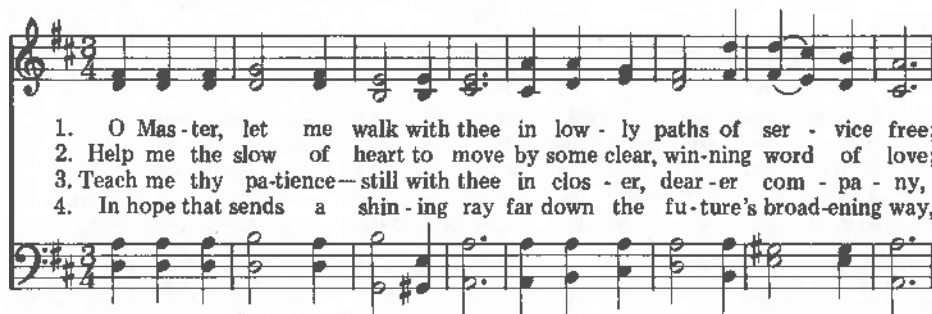
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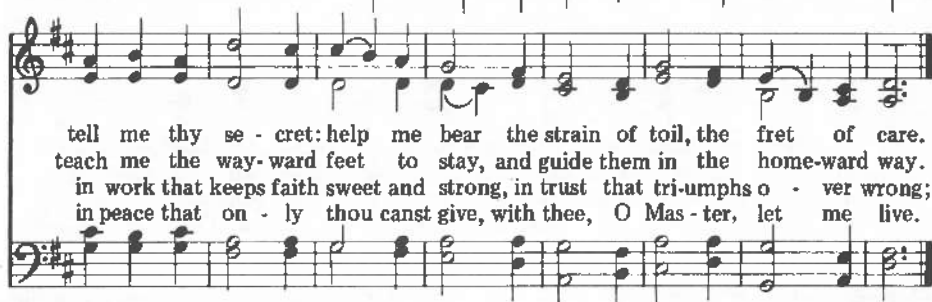
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651 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Jesus, tired as he was from the journey . . . Jn. 4:6



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 3. Teach me thy pa - tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way,



tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879

MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

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Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK
OCT 18**

125 YEARS OF FAITH



Celebration Brunch!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Tavistock Country Club

100 Tavistock Lane | Haddonfield

Reservations are required; be sure to sign up with a committee member in the Parlor.



TAVISTOCK DRESS CODE

Please note that the following clothing is NOT permitted:

- jeans
- printed tee shirts
- baseball caps
- sweat pants; sweatshirts
- inappropriate clothing or accessories

Our 125th Anniversary Brunch will be held on **Sunday, November 1**, from 12:00 to 3:00pm, at Tavistock Country Club. See a committee member in the parlor to sign up or contact the office. We're looking forward to a fun afternoon as we celebrate this special moment in our church's history!

Summer Missions Trip — Student Meeting

We have an opportunity to join Haddonfield Presbyterian Church again this summer for the Summer Mission Trip in New Bern, North Carolina, from July 11–17, 2027. There will be a **Student Interest**

Meeting on Sunday, October 25, at 3:00pm at FPC-Haddonfield so you can learn more about the trip and the various roles for volunteers attending. We'll be working with Coastal Carolina Disaster Resiliency Agency (CCDRA), which is a disaster relief non-profit organization who will be fully involved in the worksites & assisting in all aspects. **They are looking for adult volunteers to attend the trip as well.** The cost is still being determined. See Laura Masi with questions or for more info.

**2027 Summer
Missions Trip**
Coastal Carolina
Disaster Resiliency
Agency



walk. give. change the world.



**TODAY! 1:00PM
@ Logan Memorial**

2026 CROP Hunger Walk Postponed

The CROP Hunger Walk was moved to **TODAY** due to the rain last Sunday. You still have time to sponsor a walker or simply make a donation. Scan the QR code (or click the link in your e-News) to donate.

Get Excited ... Stewardship Season Is Here!



Join us this morning as we take a journey down memory lane with the start of our **2027 Stewardship Campaign**. We're celebrating 125 years of First Pres & many years of faithful congregational support of our annual budget. In the spirit of celebration we'll be sharing some of those stories. No surprise costumes or crazy themes this year, but it should be fun nonetheless. Sharpen your pencils—and your memories—and prepare for the best!



**HALLOWEEN
HELP
NEEDED!**

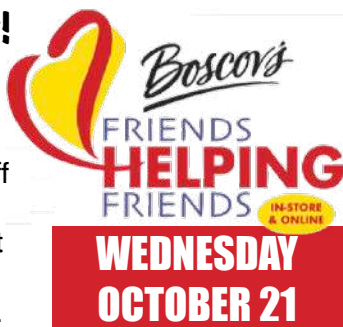
**We're looking for a few
ghosts & goblins to help
hand out candy to our
local trick-or-treaters
on Saturday, October 31!**

**Meet us at church from 4:00 to 6:00pm (costume
encouraged, but optional) — we need your friendly faces
to represent our faithful church family in our community!**

Please contact Vicki Clarke if you can help out!

Start Your Christmas Shopping Early!

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends discount shopping day is **THIS Wednesday, October 21, from 8am - 11pm**, in-store AND online! Purchase a pass for just \$5 & use it for 25% off Boscov's lowest sale prices on everything in the store & online. All profits from the discount passes go directly to support Mission Teens. Contact Pat Masi to purchase a discount pass.



HOAGIE PICK-UP TODAY!

Don't forget to pick up your pre-ordered Hoagies today after worship!



Volunteer to Teach Sunday School!

We always need volunteers to teach the PreK-2nd & the 3rd-5th classes. Everything is prepared ahead of time for you - we just need an hour of your time for our littlest disciples. Sign up to teach on the board in the Parlor. Contact Kathy Mullan for more information.



Sunday School & Bible Study Topics This Fall

We hope you'll join one of these Adult Bible Study groups this fall!

The WiredWORD™

The regular adult Sunday School class, meeting in Room 2, is using *The Wired Word* curriculum, which chooses a weekly current event and analyzes how it relates to scripture, while encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives.



The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, (Nursery) is reading the book, *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*, by Hanna Reichel, which provides a thoughtful framework for discernment rooted in scripture, historical wisdom, and the core commitments of Christian faith.



Our Wednesday Bible Study group meets weekly via Zoom at 11am from the comfort of their homes. They are beginning their study of the book of Revelation for this fall. Please contact the office for the zoom link.



2026-2027 Church Directories Available

The 2026-2027 was distributed to our members and friends last month via email. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office. Printed copies are available in the narthex and church office. Please contact the office if you need one delivered to you.





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For October:

Cereal, Breakfast Bars & Instant Breakfast



IN SEARCH OF HOLY GROUND

FALL SERMON SERIES 2026
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HADDON HEIGHTS



FINDING GOD IN THE STORIES OF EXODUS

Sept. 13: In Search of a New Story (*Exodus 2*)

Sept. 20: In Search of Holy Ground (*Exodus 3-4*)

Sept. 27: In Search of a Softened Heart (*Exodus 7-11*)

Oct. 4: In Search of a Great Escape (*Exodus 14*)

Oct. 11: In Search of Whine and Bread (*Exodus 16*)

Oct. 18: In Search of Decently & in Order (*Exodus 18*)

Oct. 25: In Search of An Instruction Manual (*Exodus 20*)

Nov. 1: In Search of All Our Saints (*Exodus 33, Deut. 34*)

Nov. 15: In Search of Our Promised Land (*Joshua 3-4*)

Nov. 22: In Search of Gratefulness (*Deuteronomy 8*)