



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent

*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 in honor
of our Church family, by the Clarke family.*



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



Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Lois Maynard

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People)

L: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

P: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

L: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

P: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

L: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

P: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

L: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

P: This is God's house.

L: You can make yourself at home here.

P: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

*Gathering Hymn: "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM
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)

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, Our God is a God of mercy.

P: Our God is a God of compassion and grace.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

*Affirmation of Faith:

A Sanctified Art ©

P: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

L: It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

P: It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

L: It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,

P: So I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world.

L: And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach,

P: I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

L: I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.

P: I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Amen.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

by Stan Pethel

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 23:23

(NT, p.26)

*Hymn: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#531

Hymn of Preparation: “Improbable”

by *Britt Kusserow*

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| ¹ Because nothing’s impossible, | ⁵ When hate isn’t permanent, |
| ² For a Love that’s improbable, | ⁶ Resurrection is imminent; |
| ³ For a God that’s unstoppable, | ⁷ For a Love that looks different, |
| ⁴ Are you ready to try? | ⁸ Than the fear in their eyes. |
| | ⁹ I am ready to shine. |

Sermon: “The Good News is ... Rooted in Justice, Mercy & Faithfulness”
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: “Let Us Remember” (*Insert*)

Benediction (unison)

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

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Mary Jane Lange
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Jeff &
Linda Moon

Deacons

Anne Andrews
Kelly Evans
Kyle Jaremko

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Sharon Cole
George Newnam
Cheryl Walmsley

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-Grade 2

Melissa Corso
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Could be YOU!
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Ellie Wyckoff
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00am - Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsal
- 9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
- 12noon - Confirmation Class, Youth Rm.

Wednesday, Mar. 25

9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor

Thursday, March 26

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

Thu-Sat, Mar. 26-28

7:00pm - "Newsies" @ Haddon Twp HS
(Additional 1pm show on March 28)

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 23:23 (NRSV)

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

²³“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

Second Scripture Lesson: John 8:2-11 (NRSV)

The Woman Caught in Adultery

² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

Just As I Am, without One Plea 445

Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Jn. 6:37

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea but that thy blood was
2. Just as I am, and wait-ing not to rid my soul of
3. Just as I am, though tossed a-bout with man-ya con-flict,
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed, blind, sight, rich-es, heal-ing
5. Just as I am, thou wilt re-ceive, wilt wel-come, par-don,

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O
man-ya doubt, fight-ings and fears with-in, with-out, O
of the mind, yea, all I need in thee I find, O
cleanse, re-lieve; be-cause thy prom-ise I be-lieve, O

Coda (after Verse 5)

Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Lamb of God, I come! I come! O Lamb of God, I come.

WORDS: Charlotte Elliott, 1834
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1849

WOODWORTH
L.M.Coda

531 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

The Lord appeared . . . saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love." Jer. 31:3

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry
2. O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my flick - ering
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to

soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

WORDS: George Matheson, 1882
MUSIC: Albert L. Peace, 1884

ST. MARGARET
8.8.8.6.

the good news is...

rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness

Let Us Remember

ADELAIDE ("Have Thine Own Way")



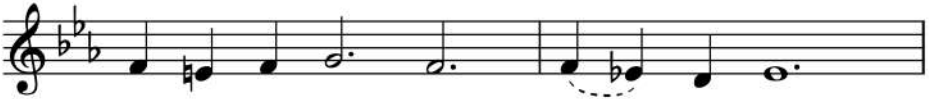
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the tune!

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: George C. Stebbins (1907)



What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?
We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives
Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth
What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?



Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score?
By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind
We re - main faith - ful to our roots
To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just



In our pur - suit of jus - tice and truth
So when we're in a po - si - tion to judge
When those roots lead us out - side the lines
Keep - ing the heart of the gos - pel in mind



Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too
Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us
Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live
Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
MAR 22

Start Gathering Your Treasures

It's time to start gathering your treasures as the Deacons will be participating in the **Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on April 25.**

However, we ask that you hold off on delivering items until after the Easter holiday. When you do bring

in something, please put it in **Room 2, along the left wall.** There are post-it notes on the table in Room 2; please attach one to your item(s) to label them for the yard sale. If you've already dropped something off that is in Room 1 or 2, please take a minute to attach a post-it note to your item(s) to label them. *As a reminder, we do not accept clothing, bedding or electronics.* Please see a deacon if you have any questions.



Men's Breakfast This Wednesday

The men of FPC will be gathering on Wednesday, **March 25 (God-willing!)** at 9:00 AM in our parlor. Join them to share in camaraderie, a hearty breakfast, and a lively discussion on a thought-provoking topic or question. Be sure to let Rick Clark know if you're coming for their head count. Hope to see you there!



Deacons' Palm Sunday Brunch

MARCH 29

... after worship, in the parlor

Maundy Thursday

the good news is...
even Judas gets
his feet washed

April 2

7:00pm

On Maundy Thursday, we will be collecting 30 pieces of 'silver' during the service as a reminder of the sum Judas received for his betrayal of Christ. ***Please remember to bring along your coins to the service.***



Spaghetti Dinners

(sauce, parmesan,
& pasta)



Missions will MATCH all dinner donations!

Adult Sweatshirts & Sweatpants Collection

She Has a Name is in need of **adult sweatshirts & sweatpants** (all sizes: XS – XXL) for the men & women they serve. Please look for these items as you 'spring clean', and ask neighbors/family members as well. Items can be placed in Sunday School Room #2 **until April 1**. Contact Cheryl Hauske for more info. Thank you!



Your Contribution Makes the Difference!

FPCHH Members ... please don't forget to submit your **per capita** contribution to help meet our church budget. The cost is **\$40 per member**. Use the envelope provided in your envelope box (or any envelope, just mark your check "per capita"), and bring/mail it to church. We appreciate your help!
—Leslie Clark, Stewardship Chair



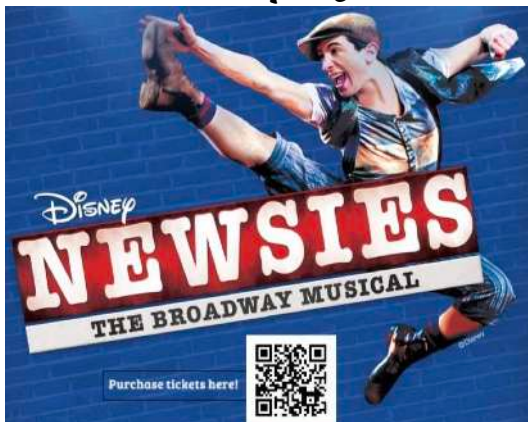
Saluting Those Who Serve(d)

Have you served our country in any branch of the armed forces?



We are planning a special service on **Sunday, July 5**, to honor those who served and to celebrate our country's existence & growth for 250 years. Plans are just starting to be formed, but if you served and would be willing to share a little about your time & experience, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sharon Cole or any member of the Music & Worship Committee if you are interested in being part of this special celebration of the armed forces and your service to our country.

Haddon Township High School Presents ...



Come out to see the **Vrooman boys in lead roles** in Haddon Township HS's production of Broadway Musical, **Newsies!** Tickets are available at <https://cur8.com/projects/HTHSmusical> or by scanning the QR code on the left.
March 26, 27, & 28 @ 7 PM
March 28 @ 1 PM
Tickets: Adults — \$15;
Students & Seniors — \$5



Sunday School Egg Hunt & Teacher Sign-Up

Save the date for our **Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 29** for all classes! We hope everyone hops into the fun!



There are no SS classes on Easter. Please attend the church service as a family of Easter love!

We still have many dates open for our wonderful Sunday School teachers! You can sign up in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here or clicking the link in your weekly e-News.



Good Friday Walk of Witness

April 3 | 11:00 AM | starting at FPCHH



Join us in remembering the events of Good Friday as we walk through our community stopping to pray for unity & protection over those who live & serve here.



2026 Lenten Services

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March 29th

10:30am

Mark 11:1-11

Palm Sunday



the good news is...
inspiring us to act

April 3rd

11:00am

Walk of Witness

Good Friday



the good news is...
revealed through nonviolence

April 2nd

7:00pm

John 13:1-35

Maundy Thursday



the good news is...
even Judas gets his feet washed

April 5th

10:30am

Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday



the good news is...
alive in the world