



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 2025

1st Sunday of Christmas

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.**

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



The poinsettias displayed on the Chancel today are given in memory and in honor of our loved ones, and to the Glory of God.



Welcome & Announcements

Sharon Cole, Elder

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Bruce Erwin (Violin); Joanne Erwin (Piano)

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People)

L: Let us come into God's presence with wonder and worship.

P: **Let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn: "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"

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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



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We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We come before you today, our God, imperfect souls with many flaws. We ask your forgiveness for failing to live up to the promises of loving one another that we have made this Christmas. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (*Red Hymnal*)

*Affirmation of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**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.**

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Jackie Robinson

First Reading

Joanne Erwin

Hymn: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

#171 (v.1)

Second Reading

Fred Heuser

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#173 (v.1)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: "Joy to the World!" (*Chorus only*)

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*Prayer of Dedication

Third Reading

Suzanne Ritter

Hymn: "Lo! How a Rose E're Blooming"

#163 (v.1)

Fourth Reading

Patti Pawling

Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

#170 (v.1)

Fifth Reading

Gloria Swiecicki

Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flock"

#172 (v.1)

Hymn: "The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"

#162 (v.1)

Sixth Reading

Ann Williams

*Closing Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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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

Benediction (unison)

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

L: Our worship together has ended.

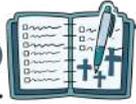
P: **Now our service begins.**

Postlude





PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:
The family & friends of Shirley Renshaw.

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Ed Trout
- Nancy Wilk
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Gloria Sweicicki

Deacons

Kyle Jaremko
Janice Perry
Ellie Wyckoff

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Vicki Clarke
Dan Mullan
Hal Wyckoff

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

Faith-Walk Class

SS: PreK-2nd

SS: Grades 3-5

SS: Grades 6-8

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Dec. 28

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
11:30am - Missions Service Project,
in the Parlor

Dec. 28 - Jan. 1

Pastor Eliza on Vacation

Wednesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve - Office Closed!

Thursday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!!

(Choir rehearsals will resume again
on January 8.)

(All Verses)

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come 146

Show for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re-
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; let all their
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev-ery heart pre-pare him room,
songs em-ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings flow
na-tions prove the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness,

and heaven and na-ture sing, and heaven and na-ture
re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his
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joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.
heaven and na-ture sing,

(Verse 1 Only)

171 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared . . . praising God . . . Lk. 2:13

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King:
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

173 O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Verse 1 Only)

"Let's go to Bethlehem" . . . Lk. 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. † True God of true God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!
 4. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 † lo, he shuns not the vir - gin's womb;
 O sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove:
 † Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 "Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est";
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

163 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (Verse 1 Only)

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. S. of S. 2:1

1. Lo! how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 3. This Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the

sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flow - eret bright, a - mid the cold of
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

WORDS: German cantol, 16th C.; sts. 1, 2, tr. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.;
 st. 3, tr. Harrier Krauth Spaeth, 1875

MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng.* 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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(Verse 1 Only)

It Came upon the Midnight Clear 170

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace" . . . Lk. 2:14

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. For lo, the days are has - tening on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
when, with the ev - er - cir - cling years, shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good-will to men, from heaven's all gra - cious King":
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

(Verse 1 Only)

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 172

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Lk. 2:8

Descant

6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
4. "The heav - enly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,

to those on whom his fa - vor rests good - will shall nev - er cease."

an an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
"glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
a Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
all sim - ply wrapped in swad - dling clothes and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; to those on whom his favor rests goodwill shall never cease."

WORDS: Nahum Tate, 1700, alt.; para. of Luke 2:8-14
MUSIC: T. Este's *The Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592; desc. Alan Gray, 1923

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(Verse 1 Only)

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say 162

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about . . . Mt. 1:18

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star three wise men
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
came from coun - try far, to seek for a king was their in -
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and

Refrain
sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No -
tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

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(All Verses)

Angels from the Realms of Glory 174

"We . . . have come to worship him." Mt. 2:2



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far,
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. Though an in - fant now we view him he will share his Fa - ther's throne,



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of Na - tions, ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.
gath - er all the na - tions to him; ev - ery knee shall then bow down.



Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816, 1825, alt.
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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Church Announcements

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WEEK
Dec. 28

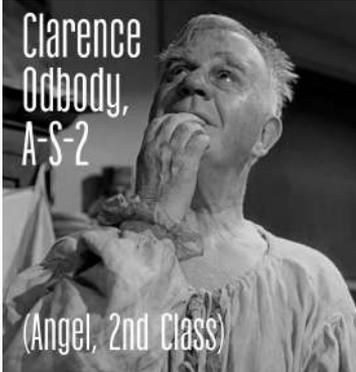
Missions Service Sunday Today, After Worship



Join us after worship today for our last *Service Sunday* of the year to assemble utensil packets for Cathedral Kitchen. The previous times we have made these packets, we've made around 525. To put this into perspective, Cathedral Kitchen is serving about 800 per day.

So, please stay after the service on the 28th and let's see if we can beat our previous record!

Can You Help Clarence (and FPCHH) Get Their Wings?



Another reference to an oldie but goodie: in *It's a Wonderful Life* angels earned their wings whenever a bell rang. In our church, our pledging families give wings to our church angels. Who are they? They are the many volunteers who help with Christian Ed, music & worship, missions, fellowship, care & membership, all musical areas, finance – you name it, we have the angels. As of this week, we are at **89% of our goal** to meet our 2026 budget. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider your

commitment for 2026 and let us know as soon as possible. **Be part of the final 11%** and help bump Clarence up to A-S-1 (Angel, 1st Class)! We'd hate to have to *clip* our wings with budget cuts due to insufficient funds. Pledges can be submitted online by scanning the **QR code** here, using the **link in your e-News**, or by filling out a **pledge card** located in the narthex.



STEWARDSHIP 2026

Thank you from Your
Stewardship Committee

Chancel Flowers for 2026

Please reach out to Patti Pawling to **confirm your desire to renew your Chancel Flower dedication for 2026!** Patti will be working off of the current 2025 chancel flower calendar. Let her know if you want to keep your same week for next year, choose a different date/week, add a new dedication for next year, or not renew your dedication in 2026.



Volunteer Opportunities at Cathedral Kitchen

Pre-pandemic, a group of six people from our church volunteered monthly at Cathedral Kitchen. Much has changed since then, including a recent drastic increase in the number of visitors for their dinner service. In 2026, the Mission Committee has decided to volunteer at/for Cathedral Kitchen in 2 ways:

Friday, January 9, 1:00 to 2:30pm:

- 4 volunteers needed to help with the Pre-Dinner Service (**Contact Marci Spiegle if you are interested in helping with this!**)



February (date is tbd):

- several volunteers needed to assemble the much-needed utensil packets one day during the week.



2025 Pledge Reminder!

Just a kind reminder that we're nearing the end of the 2025 pledge period. As we continue our ministry this season, we invite you to catch up on your 2025 pledge before the end of the year. Please see Karen Reeves with any questions regarding your contributions. Thank you for being such a meaningful part of our church family.

Sunday School Update

Don't forget ... *there's NO Sunday School next Sunday, January 4.* We hope to see everyone on January 11 for a great winter session! **You are needed!** Find smiles, warmth, laughter and fun teaching a Sunday School class! We have three classes of children waiting for your leadership & care: PreK-Gr.2; Grades 3-5; & Grades



6-8. Give yourself the gift of service and love. A great New Year resolution would be to share your talents by teaching a class, or 2, or 3! You can sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News.



2026 Offering Envelopes Available for Pick-Up

Don't forget to pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the parlor! Contact the office if you need your box delivered to you, or if you would like envelopes and were not assigned any.





Christmas Card Collection

If you have any unused Christmas cards, please leave them on the piano in the parlor for use by the Care Committee. Thank you!

Game Collection for UrbanPromise



UrbanPromise

LIFE



Jenga

We are sure that many of you recall the wonderful summer sermon series that Eliza had on the importance of board GAMES (“Faith on Board”) and what they can teach us as we play. Some of the games were *Monopoly*, *Life*, *Jenga*, *Clue* and *Candy Land*. We can all agree that playing games as a family can be educational, fun, competitive and also a little bit crazy at times. The Mission Committee has come up with a plan to support UrbanPromise families. We'd like to provide each student in grades Kindergarten-8th grade with a game that they can take home and play with friends and/or family. These games will be on the small scale (no large board games) and as reasonably priced as we can get. On Sunday, December 28, we will have a poster in the parlor displaying different game names on slips of paper. Please consider taking one or 2 slips, purchasing the game(s), and returning them to church by **Sunday, January 25**. The students will all be given their games in February before their annual weeklong break, aptly named *Family Week*. Thank you for any help you can give us as we promote families 'playing' and learning together.

Presbytery-Wide Youth Gathering for Grades 6-12!

SAVE the DATE!



Save the date for our first presbytery-wide Youth Gathering on **Saturday, February 28**, from 12:00 - 4:00pm at Haddonfield Presbyterian Church. We'll share a fun & meaningful afternoon that includes:

- Lunch
- Energizing worship with a youth-centered speaker
- Space for small-group conversations to help young people connect and reflect
- A hands-on mission project where we'll practice compassion & justice together

It's a day to grow, to play, to wonder, and to remember that faith comes alive in community.

Deacons' World Famous
Pancake Breakfast!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

next
Sunday!



9:30am:
Coffee &
Pancakes

10:30am:
Worship in
the Social Hall

