



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

*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 **PURPLE Hymnal, Glory to God**, unless otherwise noted.



The Chancel flowers today are given by the Wyckoff family, in loving memory of the daughter and sister, Victoria.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "Shall We Gather at the River" *by Robert Lowry*
Bruce Erwin, violin; Joanne Erwin; piano

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People) *Matthew 5*

L: Come, all who are poor;

P: Come, all who need comfort;

L: Come, all who are meek;

P: Come, all who mourn;

L: Come, all who are hungry;

P: Come, all who are thirsty;

L: Come, all who make peace;

P: Let us sit with Jesus.

L: Let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn: "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place"
#104 (The Chorus Book)
7 & Green Band

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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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)

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose apathy. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and sisters, rejoice and be glad!

P: For Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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 Confession of Belhar

P: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

L: That the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;

P: That the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;

L: That the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

P: That God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and,

L: That God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience,

P: Which can open new possibilities of life for society & the world.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Ruth Gallagher, SOUP-er Bowl Sunday

*2 Cents a Meal

Welcoming New Members:



Beth Eastman



Cameron Morgan



David Eastman



Wayne Scribner



Libby Hart

Special Music: "You'll Never Walk Alone"

*by Richard Rodgers
Jenni Maienza, vocals*

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:24-27

(OT, p.1)

*Hymn: "Come! Live in the Light!"

#749

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

(NT, p.4)

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 the Beginning ... was Creatures of Every Kind"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Jesus Loves Me!"

by Anna Bartlett Warner

Bruce Erwin, violin; Fred Heuser, guitar

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*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: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

#753

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: "All You Need Is Love" *by John Lennon & Paul McCartney
7 & Green Band*



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
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Ed Trout
- 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
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Kathy Yurkow, sister-in-law of the Hudsons
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Janice Perry

Deacons

Melanie Diven
Ro Hudson
Laura Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Chuck Maienza
Hal Wyckoff
Cathy Zobel

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-Grade 2

Abby Burrough
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Kathy Mullan
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Matt Myers
Room 6

Sunday, February 8

- 10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
- 11:30am - SOUPer Bowl Tailgate Party, in the Parlor
- 3:00pm - VP's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at FPCHH

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- 11:00am - Adult Bible Study, on Zoom
- 7:00pm - Session Meeting, Parlor

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Thursday, Feb. 12

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

Fri/Sat, Feb. 13/14

- 8:00pm - VP's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" @FPCHH



February Collection: Paper Towels & Paper Napkins



Scripture Verses for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:24-27 (NRSV)

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

104

Genesis 28:16

L. W. LANNY WOLFE

D F#m7 GM9 Em7 D/E

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

Em7 F#m A7 G A7 D G A F#m A7

feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can

D F#m7 GM9 Em7

hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

Em7 F#m A7 F#m Em7 F#m A7 D

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 brothers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2,4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
FEB 8

welcome
NEW MEMBERS!



Please join us today during worship as we welcome the following new members to our church family:

Beth Eastman Libby Hart
David Eastman Cameron Morgan
Wayne Scribner

We're Tackling Hunger — Today!

Join us after worship today in the Parlor for our **SOUPer Bowl Tailgate Party!** Enjoy fellowship, games & snacks as we celebrate our soup collection and prepare for the big game. Our goal this year is **1200 or more** (with cans and monetary donations). You can still donate by:

- Bringing your cans to church or placing them in the food donation bin by the office entrance.
- Donating via PayPal by scanning the QR code here & selecting *Souper Bowl of Caring* in the dropdown list.



Christmas Eve Collection Gratitude

The board of IHOC gratefully thanks the members of the First Presbyterian Church for their very generous Christmas Eve offering collection of \$823. This money will be used to cover the heating & electricity expenses at the Serenity House for one month. IHOC is always so appreciative of our church's support year in and year out.



Sunday School Update

Our Sunday School classes are in full swing & the January-May sign-ups are open! We have needs for **ALL** of our great classes: PreK-2nd, 3rd-5th, & 6-8th grade.



Remember that whether you teach 1, 2, 3 or more classes, it all helps tremendously! You can sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or by clicking the link in your weekly e-News.

Adult Volunteers Needed for Summer Mission Trip



Haddonfield Pres is hosting a Summer Youth Mission Trip in 2026 for students entering 9th grade through graduated seniors — including students from our church. All 50 spots are filled, but **they urgently need adult volunteers to join them!** Additional details will be presented today during worship. Contact Laura Masi to volunteer or learn more about the trip!

Appalachia Missions Trip

When: June 21-27, 2026

Where: West Virginia

IHOC Mall Walk Is Just Around the Corner!

We are getting the gang back together! On **Sunday, February 22, before & after worship**, we'll be holding a bake sale & IHOC Mall Walk sponsorship event. We'll be offering homemade baked goods if you have a sweet tooth, but if you're already on a winter break from sweets, we'll have a sponsorship sheet so you can contribute. If you'd like to join the "Sisters" (Cheryl & Suzanne) in participating, the Walk is at Moorestown Mall (indoors!), check-in starts at 1:00pm, entertainment begins at 1:30pm, & the Walk at 2:00pm. All are invited to this family-friendly, low-impact walking event! This is IHOC's number one fundraiser each year. This year is their **20th year** to host the event! Their goal is to raise \$70,000 to support various programs & operations at the *Serenity House*, located on the corner of 8th & Station Aves. in Haddon Heights.



MALL WALK

Scan
here to
sign-up
or
donate!



Annual Congregational Meeting

2025 Financial Reports

Sunday, February 22



Volunteer Opportunities at Cathedral Kitchen

The Mission Committee has ongoing opportunities to help at Cathedral Kitchen. In Dec. & Jan. a group helped at the pre-dinner service, packing to-go bags with sandwiches, fruit, dessert, & sometimes other items. If you'd like to participate, we will be packing these bags on **Friday, March 6, 1-2:30pm (NOTE THE NEW DATE!)**. We would love to have you be a part of this worthwhile endeavor! Please contact Hal Wyckoff if interested.



Village Playbox's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"



You are cordially invited to the Village Playbox performance of Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Journey back to ancient Greece, where four young lovers flee to a magical playground, and are manipulated by mischievous fairies. The result is chaotic love triangles & comical mix-ups.

Performance dates and times:

FRI & SAT, February 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 @8:00PM

SUN, February 8, 15 @3:00PM

*Tickets for church members are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.



Your Contribution Makes the Difference!

Every year, we ask our congregation members to please contribute their per capita cost to help meet our church's budget. In 2026 the cost is **\$40 per member**. In the past you have been wonderful & generous in donating your per capita shares. Many of you gave enough to cover others as well ... *thank you!* We hope that you will do so again this year. Please donate by using the envelope provided in your pledge envelope box and bring it or mail it to church, or fill out the brief form below & include it with your payment. We appreciate your help!!

—Leslie Clark, Stewardship Chair



Per Capita Contribution 2026

Name: _____ Env. # _____

Number of Members: _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____ (Total Due)



SAVE the DATE!
Saturday, February 28

First Pres
YOUTH
GROUP

Presbytery-Wide Youth Gathering for Grades 6-12!

Save the date for our first presbytery-wide Youth Gathering on **Saturday, February 28**, from 12:00 - 4:00pm at Haddonfield Presbyterian Church.

**PRESBYTERY
FOR
SOUTHERN
NEW JERSEY**

Youth
GATHERING



“DO NOT BE AFRAID!”

6th-12th Graders

**DYNAMIC
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**REAL TALK
SESSIONS**

**FUN, GAMES,
LUNCH &
MORE!**

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28**

12:00-4:00

**AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN,
HADDONFIELD
20 KINGS HWY E,
HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033**

REGISTRATION LINK:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/W7GGW4CSXAQDWXO26](https://forms.gle/W7GGW4CSXAQDWXO26)



FREE ADMISSION!

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