



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2026

3rd 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.

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



The Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of Edna & Wally Hudson by Ro & Jeff Hudson; and in loving memory of Jack Robinson & in honor of Jeff Robinson, on their birthday, by their mom, Jackie.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "See the Precious Children" *by Strickland & White*
Bruce Erwin, Violin; Joanne Erwin, Piano

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People) *A Sanctified Art* ©

L: If you need good news,

P: Settle into this space. We have good news to share.

L: If you need a word of hope,

P: Then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

L: If you need a glimmer of joy,

P: Then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

L: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

P: Then know that this is God's house.

L: This is the good news of the gospel.

P: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

*Gathering Hymn: "Let Us Remember"

(Insert)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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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)

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. Forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,

P: Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved.

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

*2 Cents a Meal Collection

Special Music: "One Day at a Time"

*by Kris Kristofferson
Jenni Maienza, Vocals*

First Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 3:20-21

(NT, p.193)

*Hymn: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#561

Second Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:32-44

(NT, p.41)

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 ... Together the Impossible Is Possible"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Less of Me"

by Glen Campbell

Fred Heuser, Guitar; Polly Mitchell & Pam Myers, Vocals

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
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: "I Come with My Devotion"

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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: "Sing Alleluia"

7 & Green Band



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

• *The Trout Family*

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

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Marci Spiegle

Deacons

Anne Andrews
Kelly Evans
Kyle Jaremko

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Sharon Cole
Patti Pawling
Cheryl Walmsley

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-Grade 2

Kim Tran
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Kate Colantonio
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Kathy Mullan
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, March 8

9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages
10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

Wednesday, Mar. 11

7:00pm - Session Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, March 12

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

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

The Old Life & the New

²⁰ That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹ For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, ...

Second Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:32-44 (NRSV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Let Us Remember

ADELAIDE (“Have Thine Own Way”)



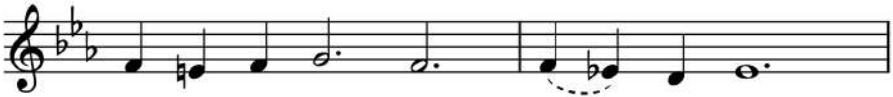
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the tune!

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

561 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:10

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

D.C. for Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK
Irregular

the good news is...

great love for God & neighbor

I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY ("O Jesus I Have Promised")



Scan to hear
the tune!

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
MAR 8

BookSmiles Collection through March 8

The Friendship Circle is accepting new & used books for both children & adults during their Book Drive for **BookSmiles through today, March 8**. *BookSmiles* is a non-profit organization that recycles & distributes gently used books to children in NJ and the Greater Philly area.

Please place your books in the boxes/bins provided in the parlor (or use your own box/bag). Visit <https://www.booksmiles.org/> to learn more.



Saluting Those Who Served

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.



Sunday School Sign-Up in the Parlor

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.



Adult Volunteers Needed for Summer Mission Trip



**Appalachia
Missions Trip:
June 21–27**

Haddonfield Pres is hosting a Summer Youth Mission Trip in 2026 for students entering 9th grade through graduated seniors — including students from our church. At this time, they **urgently need adult volunteers** to join them — and there is **no cost out-of-pocket for adults to attend!** There may also be one or two youth spots still available for teens who are still interested in attending. Contact Laura Masi for more information.

IHOC Mall Walk Is ... March 15 (New Date!)

Thanks to everyone who supported IHOC at the Bake Sale last Sunday. Due to the snow, the Mall Walk was postponed until **Sunday, March 15**. If you'd like to join Cheryl & Suzanne in participating, the event 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 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. Visit www.ihocsj.org to sign-up to walk or to sponsor Cheryl and/or Suzanne (or scan the QR code).

Scan to
sign-up or
donate!



Your Contribution Makes the Difference!

All FPCHH Members ... please don't forget to submit your **per capita** contribution to help meet our church budget. The cost is **\$40 per member**. Thank you to everyone who has contributed already—and those who gave a little extra! You can 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



For March:

Spaghetti Dinners
(Sauce, parmesan
& noodles)

**Missions will MATCH
all dinner donations!**



Lenten Devotionals and Daily Prayer Cards

This Lent, we'll be providing a daily devotional written by *A Sanctified Art* called "Tell Me Something Good." You can read the devotional at your own pace, as each week offers art, reflections, poetry, and hymns to ground you in the good news. We also have Daily Devotional Cards to deepen your spiritual walk through Lent. These resources are available in the sanctuary, & are intended to allow the good news to lead us forward & inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good. (The daily devotional cards will be posted on our Facebook page daily as well.)

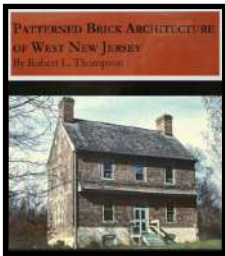


Looking for Used Musical Instruments

Do you have any brass or woodwind instruments, cellos or violas lying around the house gathering dust? Is there a full-size violin in the back of your closet? *Symphony in C*, the regional youth orchestra, needs instruments to expand its program of lessons for aspiring musicians in Camden. Contact Douglas McVarish to pick up your instrument (or bring it to church) & Douglas will deliver it to the staff at *Symphony in C* in Collingswood.



FPC Author Featured in Barrington



FPC's very own Bob Thompson will be featured at the March meeting of the Barrington Historical Society on **Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the council room at Barrington Borough Hall (229 Trenton Ave.). Bob will be discussing his book *Patterned Brick Architecture of West Jersey*. Organizers are encouraging attendees to put your green on for the St. Patrick's Day gathering. We hope you can make it!

haddon heights high school presents

7:30 PM March 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14

1:30 PM March 8

\$15: Adults
\$10: Students/Seniors

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PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE @ HADDONHEIGHTSARTS.COM



2026 Lenten Services

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March
29th

Palm Sunday



the good news is...
inspiring us to act

10:30am

April
3rd

Good Friday



the good news is...
revealed through nonviolence

11:00am

April
2nd

Maundy Thursday



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

7:00pm

April
5th

Easter Sunday



the good news is...
alive in the world

10:30am



Lent 2026 Sermon Series

Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

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**"The good news is ...
so good it catches us by surprise."**

1st Sunday of Lent
February 22 | John 2:1-11

**"The good news is ...
great love for God & Neighbor."**

2nd Sunday of Lent
March 1 | Luke 7:36-50

**"The good news is ...
together the impossible is possible."**

3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8 | Mark 6:32-44

**"The good news is ...
protection & care for the vulnerable."**

4th Sunday of Lent
March 15 | Matthew 19:13-15

**"The good news is ...
rooted in justice, mercy & faithfulness."**

5th Sunday of Lent
March 22 | John 8:2-11

**"The good news is ...
inspiring us to act."**

Palm Sunday
March 29 | Mark 11:1-11

**"The good news is ...
even Judas gets his feet washed."**

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 7pm | John 13:1-35

**"The good news is ...
alive in the world."**

Easter Sunday
April 5 | Matthew 28:1-10