



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## March 1, 2026

### 2nd 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  
Martin Swiecicki, MD, by his wife, Gloria.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "Steal Away"

*arr. Sandra Eithun*

*Covenant Ringers; Dr. Chris Thomas, Director*

## We Come Into God's Presence

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

*A Sanctified Art ©*

L: Tell me something good!

**P: God loves you more than you could imagine.**

L: Tell me something good!

**P: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.**

L: Tell me something good!

**P: God's love meets us in this service of worship.**

L: Tell me something good!

**P: We are not alone.**

L: This is good news!

**P: Let us worship our compassionate God.**

\*Gathering Hymn: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

(856) 547-6139 † [www.fpchaddonheights.org](http://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)

**Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same love that you have for them. But we admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, even when we act with judgment or are guided by fear,

**P: God does not turn God's back on us.**

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

**First Scripture Lesson:** Luke 7:36-50

(NT, p.66-67)

\*Hymn: "Pass It On"

#739

**Second Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 25:35-40

(NT, p.29)

## Hymn of Preparation: “Improbable”

by Britt Kusserow

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

**Sermon:** “The Good News is ... Great Love for God & Neighbor”

*Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko*

## We Respond to God’s Word

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Come, You Are Forgiven”

*arr. Larry Shackley*

\*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



*Please note that all bread provided for the Eucharist is gluten-free.*

### Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Communion

### Prayer After Communion

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace & life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world — because in Jesus Christ, you have loved us. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray together, saying:**

**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: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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**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

*Mike Rugge, Organist*




## 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
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons

*pray without ceasing*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> Ruth Gallagher	<b><u>Deacons</u></b> Kelly Evans Kyle Jaremko Margie Kent	<b><u>LiveStream</u></b> Korey Owens Erin Gallagher	<b><u>Counters</u></b> Sharon Cole Patti Pawling Cheryl Walmsley
	<b><u>Nursery</u></b> Kam Evans Maria Masi	<b><u>Communion</u></b> Al Andrews Vicki Clarke	<b><u>SS: Adults</u></b> Class-led Room 2	<b><u>Faith-Walk Class</u></b> Pastor Eliza Nursery
	<b><u>SS: PreK-Grade 2</u></b> Kate Colantonio Room 3	<b><u>SS: Grades 3-5</u></b> tbd Room 7	<b><u>SS: Grades 6-8</u></b> tbd Room 6	

## Scriptures for Today's Service

### First Scripture Lesson: Luke 7:36-50 (NRSV)

#### *A Sinful Woman Forgiven*

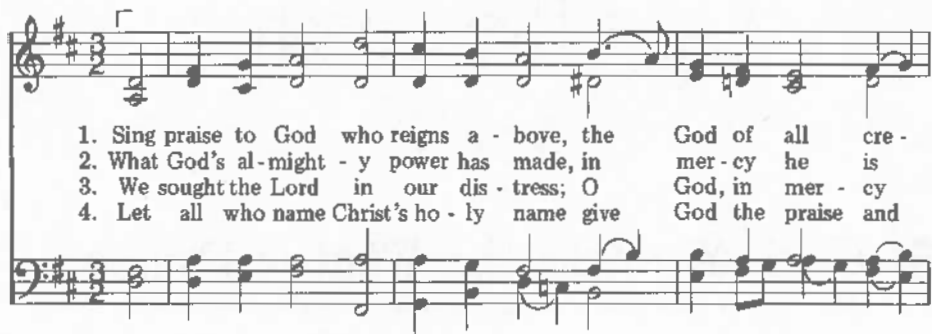
<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." <sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:35-40 (NRSV)

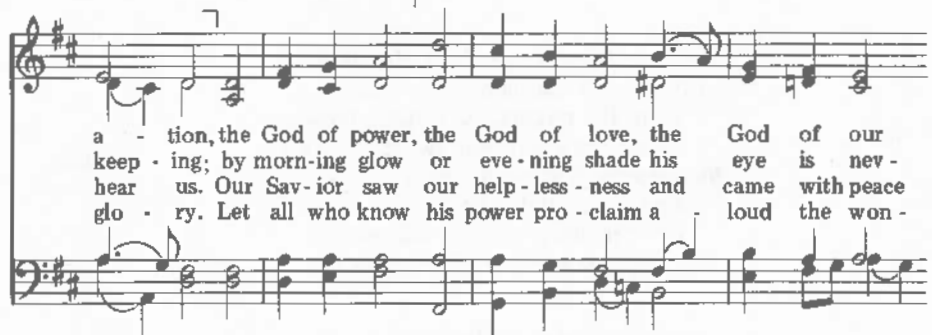
... <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

# Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 50

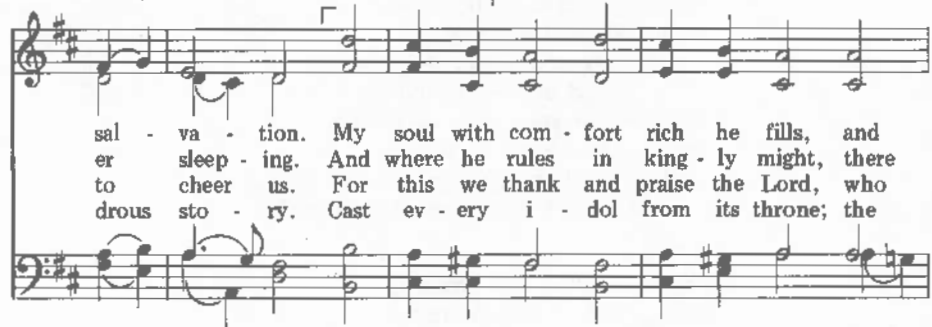
The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad . . . Ps. 97:1



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2. What God's al-might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is  
3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our  
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace  
glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a loud the won -



sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and  
er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there  
to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who  
drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the



ev - ery grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; tr. Frances Cox, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; harm. Heinrich Reimann, 1895

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# 739 Pass It On

"Freely you have received, freely give." Mt. 10:8

Unison

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire  
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are  
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can  
 bud - ding, the birds be - gin to sing, the  
 I've found, you can de - pend on him, it

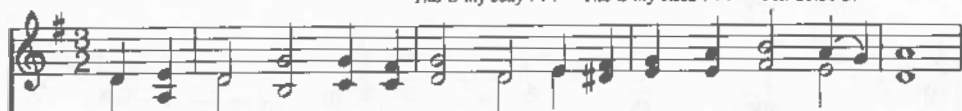
warm up in its glow - ing. That's how it is with  
 flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's how it is with  
 mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the

God's love once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it; you spread his  
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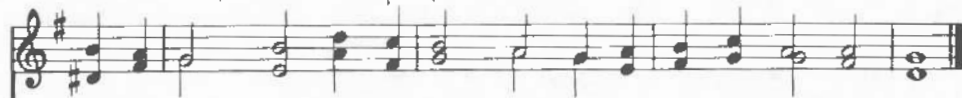
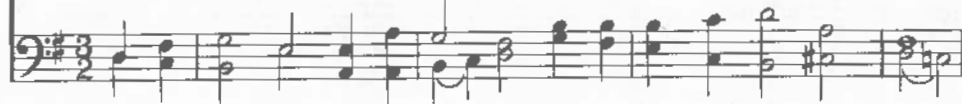
love to ev - ery - one; you want to pass it on.  
 sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
 love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

# For the Bread Which You Have Broken 772

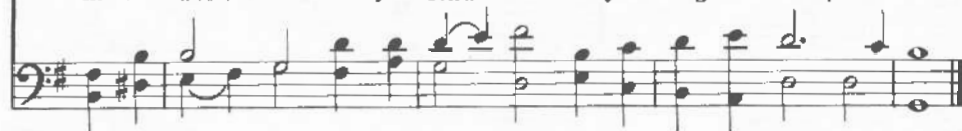
"This is my body . . ." "This is my blood . . ." Mt. 26:26-27



1. For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2. By these pledg - es that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us, help us to o - bey your word;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heaven a - bove us, con - se - crate our lives, O Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1924, alt.

MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1960

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# Church Announcements

**THIS  
WEEK  
MAR 1**

**THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...**

## Sunday, March 1

9:00am - Calvins Rehearsal  
9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages  
10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB  
11:30am - Pre-Ordered Hoagie Pick-Up!

## Thursday, March 5

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

## Saturday, March 7

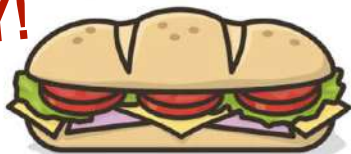
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
TOMORROW, MARCH 8TH;  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!**

Daylight Saving Time Begins Next **SUNDAY** Mar 8

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

# HOAGIE SALE

**PICK-UP  
TODAY!**



**Carmen's Deli\***

**8" Hoagies**

**Italian or Turkey**

**1 for \$10**

**2 for \$18**

**3 for \$25**

**More than 3, \$8 each**

## BookSmiles Collection through March 8

The Friendship Circle is accepting new & used books for both children & adults during their Book Drive for *BookSmiles* from **February 15 - 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.



## UrbanPromise Youth Mission Day

Join our Youth Group for Youth Mission Day at UrbanPromise on **Saturday, March 7, (8:30am - 1:00pm)**. This half-day experience gives youth the opportunity to practice their faith by serving alongside friends, other youth groups, and caring adults. Church leaders & parents are also welcome to serve alongside youth. The day includes:



The day includes:

- *An inspiring message from Rev. Dr. Bruce Main, Founder & President*
- *An opportunity to learn more about UrbanPromise's impact in Camden and around the world*
- *A hands-on work project on our main campus*
- *Lunch and fellowship*

A **\$15 per youth** contribution covers lunch & supports

their ministry & programs. Scan here to sign up, or contact Laura Masi.



## 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](http://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!



## 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.)



# 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 for more information.

**Appalachia Missions Trip: June 21-27, 2026**



## 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.



## 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

## 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, etc. If you'd like to participate, we will be packing these bags on **Friday, March 6, 1-2:30pm**. We would love to have you be a part of this ministry! Contact Hal Wyckoff if interested.



# haddon heights high school presents



# GREASE

7:30 PM

March 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14

1:30 PM

March 8

\$15: Adults

\$10: Students/Seniors



LIMITED TICKETS AT THE DOOR!  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE @ HADDONHEIGHTSARTS.COM

## March Collection: Spaghetti Dinners

(Sauce, parmesan & noodles)



Missions will MATCH  
all spaghetti dinner  
donations!



## 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