



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

*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 loving memory of Mimi &
Greg Yurkow and Maura Goldberg, by Ro & Jeff Hudson.*



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal**,
Glory to God, unless otherwise noted.



Welcome & Announcements

Pat Masi

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "My Lord, What a Morning"

Bruce & Joanne Erwin

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalm 139

L: Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

P: You know when I sit and when I rise.

L: You are familiar with all my ways.

P: Where can I go from your Spirit?

L: Where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I settle on the far side of the sea,

L: Even there your hand will guide me.

P: Your right hand will hold me fast.

L: Even the darkness will be light to you.

P: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

L: Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

P: See if there is any offensive way in me,

L: And lead me in the way everlasting.

*Gathering Hymn: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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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)

God of mercy, judgement and love, we come to you trusting that we can receive the forgiveness that we do not deserve. Our thoughts are too often directed to our own concerns. We ignore the debt that we owe to you and to others. We hoard our time and excess resources. While you search us and know us, we are distracted in our relationship with you. We stray from the path of understanding and reap the consequences. Create in us a clean heart and free us from ourselves. Hear us now, God, as we confess in the quiet of our hearts whatever keeps us from you

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: You, O Lord, are abounding in love;

P: We trust in your goodness.

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 Brief Statement of Faith

P: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

L: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.

P: Jesus blessed the children, healed the sick, and bound up the brokenhearted.

L: Jesus ate with outcasts, forgave sinners, and called all to repent and believe the gospel.

P: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

L: God raised this Jesus from the dead,

P: Breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Jenni Maienza

*2 Cents a Meal Collection

Special Music: "Mary, Did You Know?"

*by Lowry & Greene
Jenni Maienza, Vocals*

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 20:27; 21:2-3,16,21 (OT, pp.602-603)

*Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-13

(*NT, p.220*)

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.

Mission Spotlight: Mission Teens *Revs. Taylor Box & Mike Koneful,
and Staff/Residents from the Norma, NJ Discipleship Center*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Simple Gifts"

*Shaker Song
Cheryl Walmsley, Vocals*

*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: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

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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: "Jesus Is the Rock Who Rolls My Blues Away"

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
- 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
- Dick Boyle, 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

Cheryl & Mark
Hauske

Deacons

Tom Clarke
Margie Kent
Suzanne Lange

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Leslie Clark
Vicki Clarke
Mark Zimmerman

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-Grade 2

Polly Mitchell
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Kate Colantonio
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Ellie Wyckoff
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, April 12

9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages
10:30am - Worship, Sanctuary & FB Live

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

7:30pm - Village Playbox's "Folk Music Concert" at FPCHH

Scriptures for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 20:27; 21:2-3,16,21 (NRSV)

²⁷ The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord,
searching all his innermost parts.

² Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the heart.

³ To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

¹⁶ One who wanders from the way of good sense
will rest in the assembly of the dead.

²¹ Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness
will find life, righteousness, and honor.

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-13 (NRSV)

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,



wind, wind on the sea. *Fine*



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

(continued)

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

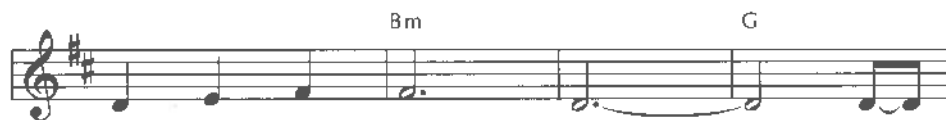
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, continued



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
law and a land. When they were con - found -
whole world was still. And down in the cit -
cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -
ed with i - dols and lies, then you
y, you called once a - gain when you
sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and
spoke through your proph - ets to
blew through your peo - ple on the
bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."
o - pen their eyes.
rush of the wind.
peo - ple a - rise.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

to Refrain
fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
APR 12

Welcome, Mission Teens!



Please help us welcome Revs. Mike Koneful and Taylor Box from Mission Teens who will present the message today in Pastor Eliza's absence. Residents from the Norma, NJ center will also join us to share

their passion for this ministry & the impact it has had on their lives. Mission Teens is a nondenominational program of Christian discipleship offered at no charge to people with life-controlling addictions of any kind. It began as a prayer meeting in the Runnemede home of Jim Bracken and his wife Isabel ('Boydie'). In the late 1960s they made their home available to young people who had gotten hooked on drugs. As the needs expanded beyond what a prayer meeting could offer, they sought a building to house people for 8-10 months of discipleship training and another year of staff training. The program is offered freely and they seek no government support ... they are funded by churches & individuals who catch the vision of what God has called them to do. There are now 21 centers across the country, with the newest planning to open in May. Mission Teens is thrilled to be sharing worship once again with First Pres. Your prayers for this important ministry are much appreciated!

Start Donating Your Treasures

It's time! Start gathering those treasures as the Deacons are preparing for the **Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on April 25**. You can begin bringing in your items now; please place them in **Room 2, along the left wall**. There are post-it notes on the table in Room 2



for you to label your items 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.

Our Annual Shoebox Project Is Back!

We take for granted having shampoo, soap, toothpaste and all of those items that make up our daily routines; but for many, these items are expensive and difficult to buy when weighed against buying food. Please take a shoebox (when they are available in the parlor) and give someone those essential necessities.

Below is a list of suggested items to include in your box:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| — Shampoo / Conditioner | — Hairbrush / Comb |
| — Soap / Body Wash | — Razors |
| — Lotion / Moisturizer | — Shaving Cream |
| — Lip Balm | — Deodorant |
| — Toothbrush / Toothpaste | — Washcloth |
| — Dental Floss | — Socks |



Village Playbox Upcoming Performances

FOLK MUSIC CONCERT

The Village Playbox invites you to a celebration of folk music from local musical artists. Join them on **Friday, April 17**, at 7:30pm for an evening of music focusing on storytelling, acoustic instrumentation, and songs reflecting life, culture and folklore.

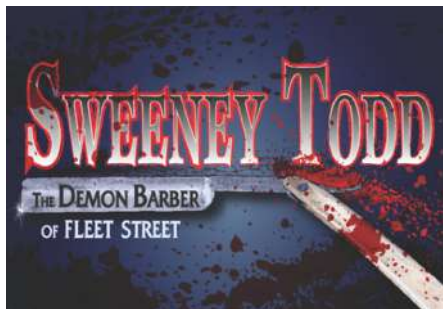
Date: Friday, April 17 @ 7:30pm

Tickets: \$15 (Adults)

\$10 (Children 12 & under)



SWEENEY TODD



The main stage comes alive on May 1 with the award-winning musical, *Sweeney Todd*. Opening on Broadway in 1979 & in the West End in 1980, it won the Tony Award for Best Musical & Olivier Award for Best New Musical. *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* is the tale of a Victorian-era barber who

returns home to London after fifteen years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who ruined his life.

Show dates: May 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17 @ 8pm;
May 4 & 11 @ 3pm;

Tickets: \$22 (Regular)

\$19 (Seniors & Students)

\$10 (Children 12 and under)



Help Us Finish Our Sunday School Year Strong



Hello everyone! There are only a few more weeks in the Sunday School year and just a few teaching slots to fill. Please consider these opportunities for you to have a joyful 45 minutes on a Sunday morning with our children:

April 12: PK-Gr. 2

April 19: Gr. 3-5

April 26: PK-Gr. 2 & Gr. 3-5

May 3: Gr. 3-5 & Gr. 6-8

May 10: PK-Gr. 2 & Gr. 6-8

May 17: All Classes

(Last Day of Sunday School!)



You can easily sign up by scanning the QR code above, clicking the link in your e-News, or on the board in the parlor.

Recognizing Our Graduates!

Is there someone special in your family that is graduating this year (either last winter or this spring)? Please send us their name, where they are graduating from, and what their future plans are (college & major, employment, traveling plans, etc.), so we can celebrate their achievement in our May Newsletter! Contact the office to pass along the details (info.fpchh@gmail.com or 856-547-6139).



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.

For April:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables!



THE PINE BARONS CHORUS



Join the Pine Barons Chorus for their spring performance of *Sweet Dreams in Candyland* on **Saturday, May 9** at HOPE Church in Voorhees. Scan the QR code below for more info or to purchase tickets.*



Date: Saturday, May 9

Times: 2:00pm & 7:30pm

Tickets: Adults: \$20 | Students: \$10 | Kids under 12: FREE

See Jeff Hudson for the group discount rate: \$15/person!

Location: HOPE Church, 700 Cooper Road, Voorhees

He Is Risen: Meeting Christ in Unexpected Places

Spring Sermon Series 2026

First Presbyterian Church, Haddon Heights

- **April 19:** He Is Risen! We Have Questions Indeed!
 - Luke 24:13-35
- **April 26:** He Is Risen! We Have Doubts Indeed!
 - John 20:19-29
- **May 3:** He Is Risen! We Have Goals Indeed!
 - Matthew 28:16-20
- **May 10:** He Is Risen! We Are Fed Indeed
 - John 21:1-23
- **May 17:** He Is Risen! We Have Risen Indeed!
 - Luke 24:50-53 & Acts 1:1-11
- **May 24:** He Is Risen! We Have a Church Indeed!
 - Acts 2:1-21