



# *First Presbyterian Church*

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2020 at 10:00

## We Gather to Worship

**Prelude**

Quintin Lerch

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Sharing the Peace** (*Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ.*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the midst of our failures,

**All: We stand in God's grace.**

Leader: In the midst of our struggles,

**All: We boast in our hope through Christ.**

Leader: In the midst of our suffering,

**All: We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: In every part of our lives,

**All: The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.**

**Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.**

**Children's Message**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends believe the good news of the Gospel: God does not love us when we change, God loves us so that we can change. The old life is gone, and the new Life has begun.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## We Listen to the Word

**Anthem**

"Psalm 23" – Colin Mawby

Kelly Leibensperger, soprano

## Scripture

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## Sermon

“Stories of Grace”

Rev. Nikki Passante

## We Respond in Faith

## Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

## Postlude

Quintin Lerch



**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HADDONFIELD ONLINE!** We are happy to have you with us wherever you are. We all are the church for each other, even when we're apart. Please be in touch with us if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Contact information below.

**THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO QUINT LERCH** who is filling in for Mark Cole today. We are grateful that you are willing to share your gifts with us. It is a joy to hear you play!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK** – Remember past summers when your parents would worship in Fellowship Hall and after the children's message we would go to the Children's Church room for stories and activities? We took a break from that last summer but now but we're back! Welcome to Children's Church! Each week we'll send out a story and activities for our friends in Preschool through 2nd grade.

**OUR DRIVE-THROUGH OFFERING** continues in the church parking lot each Sunday between 11 and noon on Sunday mornings. Drop off food or a financial gift and get a friendly wave from a safely distanced and masked elder or deacon. (For online giving, use <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteria1244/Give>.)

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING UP YOUR DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS!** You are helping to sustain many of our neighbors. **Continuing needs** are peanut butter, tuna, pasta, sauce, adult diapers – medium or large, feminine hygiene pads, bar soap, and toothpaste. Pet supplies are back on the list: dog food, cat food, and cat litter. And don't forget grocery bags, especially paper. Thank you for your love and caring!

**PASTOR NIKKI'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES** – Pastor Nikki will be holding a Zoom Bible Study Thursdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm to study the Gospel of Mark. **You don't need a special invitation.** This link will work every week, no password needed: [us02web.zoom.us/j/87502910885](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87502910885). Join Nikki for a time of fellowship and discussion!

**OUR PANDEMIC FAMILY GROUP CONTINUES!** This is a small group geared towards parents and young couples where we share our stories and struggles with scripture in hand. We will meet in 3-week blocks with a break in between. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 24th, and we will meet on July 1st and July 8th respectively, at 8:00 on Zoom. Contact Gab Heimerling for the link: [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org). You are welcome to join us anytime you like – if you just need to talk, to be around other people, to pray or to hear how others are coping – you are invited.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED** – No one should enter the building. If a staff member has given you permission to be there, you must wear a mask and gloves.

**THE JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE HAD COMPILED A LIST OF RESOURCES FOR ADDRESSING RACISM** – the list is on our website [here](#) and is available on the list of Resources on Realm. We welcome your reading and listening recommendations. Send an email to Becky Bryan, [rebeccabryan@me.com](mailto:rebeccabryan@me.com), chair of the JAC.

**JOIN THE SMALL TOWN WALK** – We are invited by the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church to join them and neighbors from surrounding towns for a walk from Mt. Olivet Church to the Mott House this afternoon at 1 p.m. in support of racial justice. Click [here](#) to see a flyer with the details.

**PLEASE SEE THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN for a Statement from The Haddonfield Council of Churches**

**OUR FRIENDS AT EMBRACING RACE, THE CONVERSATION** sent us the following: Here's a link to the Poor People's Campaign, with information about the "digital" **March on Washington** on June 20, 2020: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>. EMBRACING RACE was planning to charter a bus to join the March in Washington. We don't know yet what a "digital" March will look like, but we'll be there :) Hope you'll join us!

**THE FPCH BLOG HAS RETURNED!** Over the next several weeks, staff members will be contributing. Go to <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/blog.aspx> This week Nancy Ruth Wainwright reflects on music that lifts her up in hard times.

**FOLLOW THE CHURCH ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK** – We are sharing activities, photos, inspirational messages, and links to interesting articles. Instagram: fpch\_1906 and Facebook: @FirstPresbyNJ

**MAY GIVING:** Envelope giving (including online) for May was \$30,062.00 (\$60,000 expected). Through May, we have received \$13,053.00 in Per Capita payments. Our bill of \$31,574.00 has already been paid to Presbytery.



### **Church Staff**

Rev. Nikki Passante, Associate Pastor – [npassante@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:npassante@haddonfieldpres.org), cell: 541-324-6900

Peter Leibensperger, Minister of Music – [pleibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:pleibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org)

Nancy Ruth Wainwright, Director of Children's Choirs – [nancyruthw@comcast.net](mailto:nancyruthw@comcast.net)

Mark Cole, Organist – [mcole@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:mcole@haddonfieldpres.org)

Gabrielle Heimerling, Director of Youth and Family Ministries – [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org)

Barb Sewall, Preschool Director – [preschool@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:preschool@haddonfieldpres.org)

Marisa McGovern, Preschool Director – [preschool@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:preschool@haddonfieldpres.org)

Ed Hess, Community Caseworker – [edwh517@aol.com](mailto:edwh517@aol.com)

Kris Bean, Financial Secretary – [kbean@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:kbean@haddonfieldpres.org)

Anne Vial, Office Administrator – [avial@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:avial@haddonfieldpres.org)

Rebecca Mannion, Receptionist – [rmannion@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:rmannion@haddonfieldpres.org)

Mike Richardson, Custodian

Mark Hall, Security

**A Statement from the Haddonfield Council of Churches:  
Demonstrating Justice, Healing, and Hope**

Our nation is in desperate need of healing, justice, and hope. The deep wounds of racism that have plagued us for generations have once again been exposed.

In recent weeks, the murders of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Breonna Taylor in Louisville, KY, and Ahmaud Arbery near Brunswick, GA, have stunned and angered us. We lament each of their lives lost and continue to pray for loved ones who are bereaved. We condemn the senseless killing of these individuals, and of countless others who have not drawn public attention, and we denounce the degradation of their human dignity.

In response to these deaths, thousands of people across our nation have taken to the streets to bring an end to the killing of unarmed Black people at the hands of law enforcement, to demand justice, and to seek change.

Here in Haddonfield, our police department condemned these deaths and has committed to engaging our community in positive ways to deepen relationships and work together to address racial bias and racial injustice. Hundreds of Haddonfield residents walked in peaceful demonstration on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and were supported by police officers and first responders as marchers called out, “No justice, no peace.”

We stand in solidarity with these and other community efforts, and with all people who seek to work peacefully and persistently for justice and an end to the evils of systemic racism and white supremacy.

We renew our commitment in our various congregations to the loving action and hard work to which our faith compels us in striving for peace born of just and right relationships, for reconciliation, and for the unrelenting witness to the dignity of every human being.

Each of our traditions has particular gifts through which we tend to our shared vision of healing for the brokenhearted, comfort for those who mourn, and freedom from all that would bind us. We offer these gifts, and the resources we share, as may be helpful to our wider community.

While our hearts cry out, “How long?”, we continue to hold out hope that, in working together in positive and powerful ways for justice, we all will finally be freed from the sin of racism and restored in wholeness as one human family.

Faithfully,

Rev. Chris Heckert, Haddonfield United Methodist Church

Virginia Ritchie, First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

Ed Hess, First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

Louise Senopoulos, Haddonfield Monthly Meeting

The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone Smith, Grace Episcopal Church of Haddonfield

Janis Stuart, First Church of Christ Scientist, Haddonfield

Pastor Anthony C. Talton, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

Rev. Nevin Warren, Interim Pastor

Rev. Wayne Zschech, Lutheran Church of our Savior