

**First Presbyterian Church
Hackettstown, NJ**



February 18, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Strengthening families;
Sowing friendships;
Serving community;
In the name of Jesus Christ

PRELUDE

More About Jesus

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears.

Relax the tension in your jaw,

for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

We have been found.

Let us find God in return. Let us worship the God of deep waters.

Amen.

***HYMN**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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“Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.”

“Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden’s light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.”

”Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.”

“Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.”

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM:

Chapel Chimings

FPCH Ringers

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Know that God is Good”

659

(Phonetic pronunciation) Mun-gu Nim weh mah (Repeat 2X)

Nim weh mah, Nim weh mah.

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. 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* vs. 1 **475**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

ANTHEM*Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

Senior Choir

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O God I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS**Psalm 25:1-10****Luke 5:1-11****SERMON**

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HYMNLord, Speak to Me That I May Speak***722**

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in a God of abundance—a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope. I believe in a God who comforts—a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in life’s deep waters. I believe in a God who invites—a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.” I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

How is God chasing after you/us?

***CLOSING HYMN Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547**

“Go, my children with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thanks to all who participated in last week's Souper Bowl of Caring. Because of your generosity, a total of \$401.63 was donated to our Board of Deacons for our Little Pantry, and several dozen food items were also donated. (And for the record: this congregation picked the winner: the Chiefs received more of the donations than the 49ers did!)

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the new pantry donation container. This week's clue to find Stewie is **CHAIR**. Hope you find him!

CURRENT EVENTS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Lenten Bible Study on Mondays at 10 am (starting February 26) and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (starting February 21). We will use the study from Wandering Heart, no book to purchase.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower order forms are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please see one of today's greeters if you'd like one.

DEACONS COLLECTION FOR HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND MITTENS FOR LITTLE HANDS

Thanks to all who donated to the collection by the Board of Deacons for items that were given to children in Hatchery Hill, Willow Grove, and Central Schools. We were able to deliver a total of 185 articles of apparel to children in our schools.

DID YOU KNOW.....

....that our Yarn Girls Group meets monthly to create beautiful handmade blankets, lap robes, prayer shawls, baptism blankets, and pocket crosses? In 2023, the Yarn Girls distributed 77 creations to members and friends of our church who were experiencing health issues, to those in mourning, and to those who were experiencing life's difficulties.

LOOKING AHEAD

CHOIR CONCERT ON MARCH 11

Pastor Erin's alma mater, Albright College's Chamber choir will come to our sanctuary to share a concert on Monday, **March 11** at 6:30 pm. It is open and free to all! Join us for dinner beforehand with the students.

MARCH SECOND SUNDAY

On March 10, we'll be enjoying a Movie Matinee as we watch the animated film "Lion of Judah". (Rated PG) We'll have our "bagel time" lunch, and then see the movie, so if you'd like, bring along a blanket, pillow, stuffie, and we'll provide the popcorn! Be sure to register on the sign up sheet in front of the church.

FYI-INFORMATION

2/11/24	In Person Attendance	130
	Virtual Attendance	138
	Offering	\$1,641.09
2/14/24	In Person Attendance	18
	Virtual Attendance	48

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Sunday	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm	FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Thursday	7:30-8:30 pm	Sr. Choir rehearsal

February 18 - 24, 2024

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - February 18 - 24, 2024

Monday	10:30-11:30 am	AA Step by Step
	7:00-9:00 pm	Jazz Band
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 158
	7:00 pm	Girls Troop 143 BSA
Tuesday	7:30-9:00 pm	NA Change or Die
Wednesday	7:30-9:00 pm	Stone Soup Symphony
Thursday	10:30-11:30 am	AA New Beginnings
Friday	Storage use only	Colonial Musketeers



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