

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



February 4, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

She determines the number of the stars; she gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; she casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. She covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

You Walk along Our Shoreline

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You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM: *Sing Praise* Ravo
Joyful Noise Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Santo, Santo, Santo* **595**
Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora. Mi corazón te sabe decir:
Santo eres, Señor. (Holy, holy holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My
heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM: *Change my Heart/Lord, Be Glorified* **Espinoza**
Senior Choir

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart,
O God, may I be like you. (REPEAT)
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me,
this is what I pray.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today. In your church, Lord, be glorified. In your church Lord, be glorified today.

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 40:21-31

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from Re:worship

People of God, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to one hope when you were called one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:1-6)

Remember that at one time we were without Christ, strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought to Christ. For he is our peace, He came and proclaimed peace to us who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we all have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. (Eph. 2:11-14; 17-19)

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Jesus Calls Us

***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.

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

ELDERS: Bill Cors, Geof Gohlich, Sharol Heil

DEACONS: Kathy Maier, Lorinda Ravo, Jackie Hammel

***COMMUNION HYMN** *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* **500**

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;

Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a sign of hospitality we offer gluten free bread for communion.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...(Pastor continues)

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.

WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* **853**

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oo-oo

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oo-oo

We are marching in the light of God.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 738**

O Master let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

POSTLUDE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Bill Cors

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jan Courtright

Greeting: Kathy Slater & Bev Saunders

The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:

Sandy Archer & Barbara Hall

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Interested in joining our church as a member? We would love to talk more with you about our ministry here. Feel free to fill out a visitors card and hand it to one of our ushers or Pastor Erin and we will make sure to reach out to you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, our youngest instrumental musicians are playing "Sing Praise" on their "junior sized" handbells. Our Senior Choir shares John F. Wilson's creative pairing of two Sunday School songs: "Change My Heart" and "Lord Be Glorified". You might recognize "Change My Heart" as the Venezuelan piece Ved Fernandez taught our Little Lights Sunday School Choir to sing in Spanish last spring. Next Sunday, we'll welcome our Little Lights singing the Argentinian song "Santo, Santo, Santo."

STEW'S CLUE!

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

CURRENT EVENTS

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.

SCOUT SUNDAY

The Scouts who we sponsor through the church will be joining us next week for worship and sharing their stories about their Eagle Scout projects.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Next Sunday, we'll be participating again in the Souper Bowl of Caring. (Oh, and maybe enjoying the football game between the Chiefs and 'Niners.) FPCH has been part of the Souper Bowl for decades now, and we're happy to continue our support. Break out those jerseys, tee shirts, sweatshirts and represent for your favorite team, and then bring at least 1 food item and at least \$1 for the Souper Bowl. You'll be able to "vote" for the team you think will win the big game with your cash donations, and then we'll see how accurate FPCH is!

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

Our Deacons have made their first deliveries to Hatchery Hill, Willow Grove, and Central School of your generous donations of kids' hats, mittens, scarves, gloves. We are so grateful to all who have been in a position to provide these warm and cozy winter items to children who are going without. We will continue to collect for a couple more weeks.

FEBRUARY SECOND SUNDAY

Today is the last day to sign up for next Sunday's Second Sunday where we'll be making candles. Please be sure to preregister on the sheet in the front of the church so that we have enough supplies for everyone!

LOOKING AHEAD

WANDERING HEART SEASON OF LENT

Come to our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, **February 14** at 7 PM. During the service we will confess and offer our hearts to God as we enter into the season of Lent. We will impose ashes during the service.

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.

FYI-INFORMATION

1/28/24	In Person Attendance	72
	Virtual Attendance	N/A
	Offering	\$8,092.37

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
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm	FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Thursday	7:30-8:30 pm	Sr. Choir rehearsal

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - February 4 - 10, 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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