

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



May 18, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Standing on the Promises

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

***HYMN**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously Reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desire's e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM:

On Wings of Love and Prayer **arr. Wagner**

Combined Unity Chime Choir and FPCH Ringers

Indonesia and New Zealand

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God. As the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.

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**

O God, forgive us for the times when we bemoan our sinfulness. Help us to understand the times we recognise we have fallen short of the standards of love and patience and honesty are opportunities for growing or lessening the growth of your spirit within us. Teach us to recognize that we can never fall out of your loving. Help us to find ways to heal where we have hurt, build where we have damaged, begin again and again and again in love, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!
We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS**Exodus 3:1-6****Colossians 3:15-17****SERMON***Finding God in the Ordinary***Jen Aquino**

HYMNBlessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!***839**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a
foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation,
purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. (Refrain)

REFRAIN

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior
all the day long; this is my story; this is my
song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of
rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending,
bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my
savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting,
looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*PCUSA**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

OFFERING INVITATION**OFFERTORY***Gentle Shepherd***Gaither**

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* **542**

God be with you till we meet again; loving
counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care
enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen
wings protecting hide you, daily manna still
provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's
perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms
around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's
banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave
before you: God be with you till we meet again.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *Lord, Be Glorified* **468**

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified, In your world, Lord, be
glorified today.

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory*

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Jen Aquino

Worship Leader: Al Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jean Zetterberg

Greeting: Pat Butts & Kathy Slater

***The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
John O'Brien & Ruth Barth***

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 Unity Chime Choir and our FPCH Ringers are combining forces to play "On Wings of Love and Prayer", Douglas Wagner's arrangement that skillfully combines the two hymns "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Next Sunday, for the Memorial Day weekend, our FPCH Ringers will play "American Medley" and our Senior Choir and members of the congregation will sing "America, the Beautiful".

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding by the live stream camera. Today's clue is chimes. Hope you find him!

JUNE's SECOND SUNDAY

On Sunday **June 8**, from 11:30-1:00 pm, we'll be making our very own fidgets! Be sure to preregister on the sign up sheet in the church so that we can have enough supplies for everyone.

WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO SING TOO!

Next Sunday, we invite any and all, kids and adults, who would like to join the Senior Choir in singing "America, the Beautiful". We'll run through the piece after church this morning-meet us by the piano and lift your voices in tribute to those military service members who gave the last full measure of devotion for our country.

MEMORIAL DAY ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for some assistance in serving iced beverages and breakfast sandwiches during the Memorial Day Parade. There is a sign up sheet in the front of the sanctuary. We are also looking for people to represent the church by marching in the parade that day. There is also a sign up sheet if you would like to participate. Thank you!

JOHNSONBURG CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Parents, grandparents and those who love kids and youth! You know how important it is for your children to learn skills for living in this world... and that doesn't stop in the summer! Research shows the value of a week at summer camp (especially faith-based summer camps like Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center) every year. **Visit Johnsonburg.org TODAY** and register for a week of camp so your child can make new friends, spend time away from screens, relax and run in God's creation, and worship outside this summer. It WILL make a difference in their life! Want to talk to someone? Call the Johnsonburg office today at 908-852-2349.

FYI-INFORMATION

5/11/25	In Person Attendance	85
	Virtual Attendance	76
	Offering	\$3,066.90

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

May 18 - 24, 2025

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - May 18 - 24, 2025

Monday	10:30-11:30 am	AA Step by Step
	7:00-9:00 pm	Jazz Band
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
	7:00-9:00 pm	Colonial Musketeers Sr.
	7:30 pm	GA Meeting
Saturday	7:00 pm	12 Steps



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