

The First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



October 12, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We approach God today with gratitude in our hearts, for our lives, this community and God's boundless love.

Soften the borders of our hearts, O God.

In a world that raises up anger and distrust,

we worship God who desires to reach the borders of hearts.

Jesus heals the edges of our humanity that are frayed and broken.

May he weave the broken pieces together in this space so that we might be whole and holy together.

***HYMN**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away where're thy healing beams arise. O Jesus nothing may I see. Nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

***OPENING PRAYER**

ANTHEM

The Church's One Foundation

FPCH Ringers Chime Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *In Everything Give Thanks* Rettino

Ephesians 5:20

In everything give thanks, in every situation. Lift your voice and sing, and praise God from your heart. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing and shout "Hallelujah". Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Lift up your voice and sing.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***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

Psalm 66:1-12, Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

***HYMN**

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

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With grateful heart my thanks I bring; before the
"gods" your praise I sing. I worship in you holy
place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and
grace together shine in your most holy Word divine.

I cried to you, and you did save; your word of
grace new courage gave. The kings of earth shall thank you
Lord, for they have heard your wondrous word; yes, they shall
come with songs of praise for great and glorious are your ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, you reign
alone in heavenly height; the proud in vain your favor
seek, but you have mercy for the meek. Through trouble
though my pathway be, you will revive and strengthen me.

You will stretch forth your mighty arm to save me
when my foes alarm. The work you have for me
begun shall by your grace be fully done. Your love
forever will endure: your mercy, Lord, is ever sure.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Offertory in A flat*

***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** *I Love to Tell the Story*

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do. (Refrain)

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.

POSTLUDE *We Will Go Out with Joy*

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: James Tischler

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Greeting: Pattie & Dennis Huff

Video: Erin Roguso

***This week the cards on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
Barbara Zellars & 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!

NEWSLETTER - LAST CHANCE TO PICKUP

Your October Newsletter is ready for you to pick up at the signup table (if you have your Newsletter printed). We are trying to be good stewards of our finances, so please pick up your Newsletter today and save the church \$2.00 per copy by not having to mail it. Thank you!

OCTOBER'S SECOND SUNDAY

Join us **TODAY** from 11:30-1:15 pm for Second Sunday. We will be welcoming magician "Jungle Dave" (Junglemagicshow.com) that day. The program will be held in the chapel, and because we anticipate a large audience, we will provide beverages (water and juice pouches) but ask that all attending bring their own lunch. Lunch in the **MUSIC ROOM** will begin at about 11:30, and then we move to the chapel for Jungle Dave's show which begins promptly at noon. Please feel free to join us even if you did not get a chance to sign up.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Today, our FPCH Ringers Chime Choir will be playing an arrangement of *The Church's One Foundation*. Next week, we will enjoy our Joyful Noise Bell Choir playing *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, and our Senior Choir will sing the beautiful song *The Prayer*, made popular by Celine Dion and Andrea Boccelli.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie, our stewardship mascot, last week? This week's clue to find him is chime.

FALL WORK DAY – OCTOBER 25th

“Clean - Up Clean - Up”

Fall has arrived and it is time for our annual Fall Church Work Day. Please bring your gifts for raking, dusting, window cleaning, organizing, etc. We will be working inside and outside; tools/supplies will be provided, but if you wish to bring your own, please feel free to do so. We will start at 10:00 A.M. and stay until the work is complete. Many hands make light work, so your help would be greatly appreciated!!!!



PHOTO STATION FUN ON OCTOBER 26

After worship on **October 26**, we will have a Halloween photo station in the rear of the church. Kids (and adults if you'd like!), wear your Halloween costumes that morning, and following church and Sunday School, our confirmation students will be happy to use your phone to take some fun family Halloween photos!

CREATIVE FLOW - Monday, November 17th

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Sanctuary & Seed

1600 Washington Valley Road; Martinsville, NJ

Presenters: Linda Condon, LMHC, MPS, MA, TEP

Amy Clarkson, MMT, MT-BC, TEP

Workshop Fee: \$125 - Register by November 1st

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with questions or financial support needs



Join us for this interactive opportunity to explore Biblical stories in ways that invite playfulness and curiosity. We will dig together and listen for voices that are silent or on the margins, breathing life into the spaces between the lines of Biblical text. We will introduce Bibliodrama techniques for individual reading and group facilitation.

FYI-INFORMATION

10/05/25	In Person Attendance	82
	Virtual Attendance	111
	Offering	\$6,801.40

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH - October 12-18, 2025

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells
	11:15 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
	11:30-1:15	Second Sunday-Jungle Dave magician
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Deacon Meeting
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm	FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Thursday	7:30-8:30 pm	Sr. Choir rehearsal

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - October 12-18, 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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