

# **First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ**



**July 27, 2025**

**Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**440**

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.  
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**ANTHEM:**           *How Great Thou Art/It Is Well*           **arr. Dockery**  
Harper Ravo, trumpet

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Rev. Gord**

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

## So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

**But we do not trust enough that the spring is there. We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.**

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

**But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

For all the times we turn away from your Water, for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it, for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,  
**forgive us we pray.**

***...time of silent prayer...***

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life. Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life.

**Thanks and praise to God. 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

Numbers 20:2-11, John 4:11-26

## SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

**\*HYMN**                      *Open My Eyes, That I May See*                      **451**

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and  
set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy  
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will  
disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy  
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children  
thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy  
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers,  
protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to  
the end.

**The Church is holy; the Church is universal; It is the fellowship of  
God's children, called together from the whole of humanity to  
proclaim God's wonderful deeds.**

We believe that the reconciling work of Christ gives birth to a uniting  
Church, because Church unity is a gift from God and a goal we need  
to strive for.

**The unity of the Church must become visible so that the people  
around us can see how separation and hatred are overcome in  
Christ.**

## OFFERING INVITATION

## OFFERTORY

*Duet*

## **\*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**      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      **15**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices  
and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon  
with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts  
of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for  
your Lord to hear, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the  
shadows of the night, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such  
Blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for the love of God forgive, all who in pain  
Or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in  
The midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

### **\*RESPONSE**      *Blessed Assurance*      **839**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
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## **POSTLUDE**      *Lift High the Cross*

## **Serving Our Congregation Today**

***Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook***

***Worship Leader: Bill Cors***

***Music Director: Lorinda Ravo***

***Greeting: Sharon Pat Butts & Janette Henderson***

***Video: Jean Zetterberg***

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

***Barbara Hall & Barbara Henning***

## **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!

## **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

Join us on Wednesdays this summer in the conference room at 6:30 pm. No preparation needed. Come to share and learn together!

## **TODAY'S MUSIC**

This morning, our anthem is presented by a member of our confirmation class, Harper Ravo. She'll be playing an arrangement of two beloved hymns, "How Great Thou Art" and "It Is Well With my Soul". In September, Harper will be an 8th grader at Hackettstown Middle School, where she is a member of all of the HMS instrumental and choral ensembles as well as member of the Hackettstown High School Marching Band.

Next Sunday, Kazimir Tang will be providing our anthem as he plays "Amazing Grace" on the piano.

## **STEW'S CLUE!**

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the narthex of the church on one of the rocking chairs. This week, Stewie's clue is baptism. Hope you find him.

## **AUGUST'S SECOND SUNDAY - August 10th**

Oh my! It's time for our 4th annual "Super Soaker Sunday", the August Second Sunday event. Be sure to sign up in front of the church. Kids are welcome to bring their own water guns, but there will be plenty of soakers available to all participants. Be sure to wear swimsuits or other clothing that can get wet, and bringing towels is also advised! The sign up sheet is on the information and sign up table in front of the church.

## **2025 BACKPACK PROGRAM**

The Church will be collecting backpacks and school supplies from **July 20th** through **August 10th**. We are in need of backpacks and notebooks (spiral-bound, 3-ring with filler paper, and composition books). Most of the children are in elementary and middle school, so we would appreciate that the notebooks and filler paper be wide-ruled. We will also be collecting rulers, glue sticks, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, zippered pencil bags or cases, crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, children's scissors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The filled backpacks will be distributed to families involved with the NJ Department of Children and Families in Warren County. Any questions, call Donna Erickson.

### **FYI-INFORMATION**

7/13/25	Offering	\$1,840.40
7/20/25	In Person Attendance	56
	Virtual Attendance	114
	Offering	\$2,079.40

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**

**July 27 - Aug. 2, 2025**

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 27 - Aug. 2, 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 Step



### **FOR PASTORAL CARE,**

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