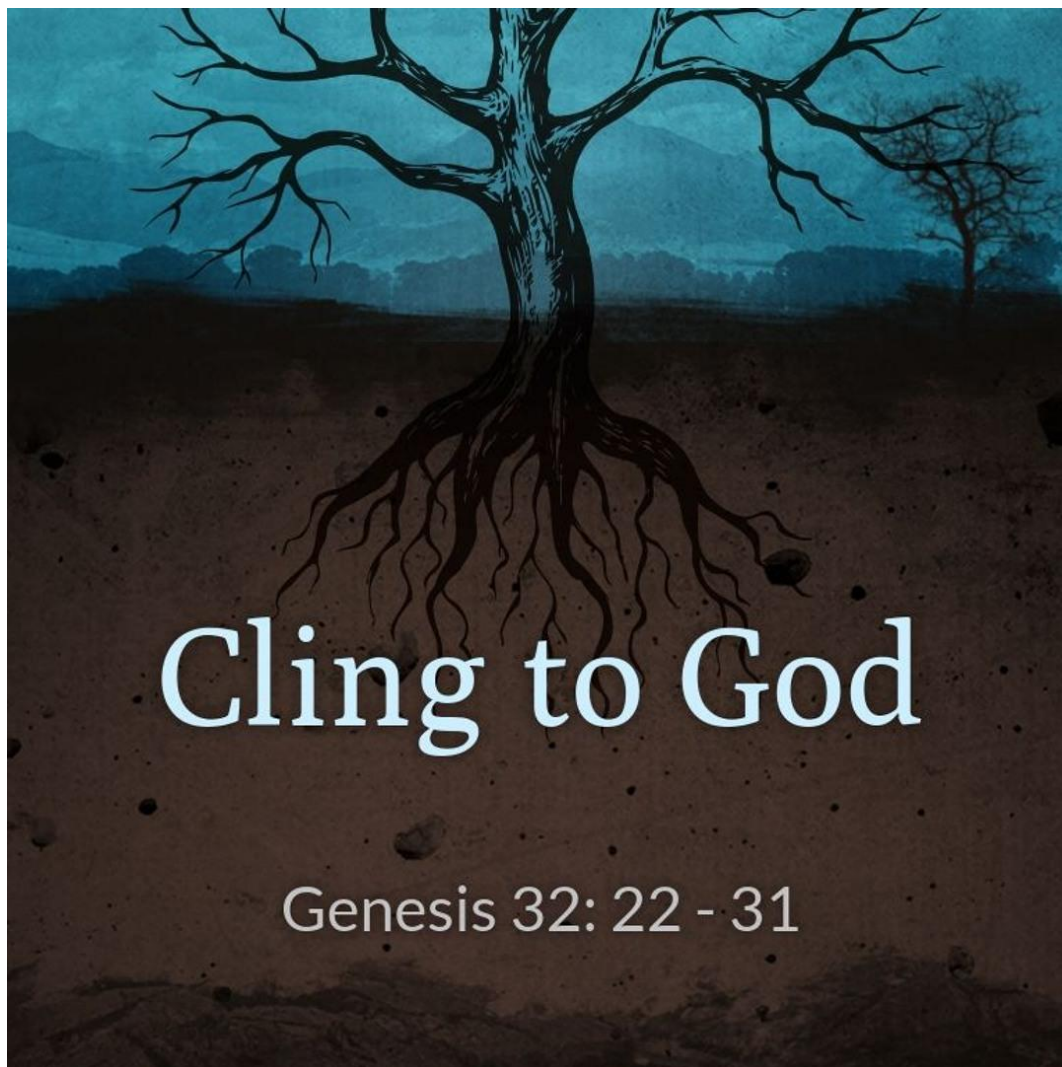


**First Presbyterian Church
Hackettstown, NJ**

August 2, 2026



10th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Wm. Walford

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come wrestling Spirit who calms the waters and stirs our souls.

May we be attentive to God's abounding love.

We remember that a life of faith means we wrestle with God.

May we be present to the powerful love of God and ready for the adventure before us.

***HYMN Come, Thou Almighty King**

#2

Come thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be. Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see
and to eternity love and adore.

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

ANTHEM: *Air on a G String*

JS Bach

Mrs. Michelle Litwin, Clarinet soloist

Arr. Brundrett

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A summer of Action (songs)

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy!

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
(where?) down in my heart, I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart
(where?) down in my heart to stay.*

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart.....

*I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of
my heart.....*

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy.....

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Arianne Braithwaite Lehn

Patient One, I can be so reluctant...so resistant...I can hear your call, then flee in the other direction. I can receive vision, then hide from its hope. I can see your sweet grace, then whine it's not fair. I can stand so ready to judge those around me, when my ground is no higher than theirs. And, then, Patient One, you come again. You come to my fearfulness, arrogance, and boundary line with your mercy, compassion, and steadfast love. You come to my small vision with an eye, a word, a touch that can swallow the universe in love. You come and share how forgiveness is always an unlocked door: What lies behind it might be unexpected, but it promises to unbind my hurt with welcome, strength, and affirmation. So, Patient One, please restore in me some love, trust, and hope... a clear picture of what my life might look like if everyone were a sister and brother...because they are. Open my relentless grip on what I've always known and been that I might embrace the callings before me here and now, 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 LESSON

Genesis 32: 22-31 on page 29
Isaiah 55: 1-5 on page 644

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

***HYMN Guide My Feet**

#741

Guide my feet, while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand.....

Stand by me.....

I'm your child.....

Search my heart.....

Guide my feet.....

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY Andante Religioso

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 DEDICATION**

***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 LORD'S PRAYER

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 GOD BE WITH YOU**

#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 will 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 will 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**

Praise the Lord together singing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Majesty*

Hayford

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

Worship Leaders: Pat Butts

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jan Courtright

Greeting: Jan Courtright & Sharon Heil

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

Brenda Zellars & Fred & Sandy Sentner

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!

THIS MORNING'S SOLOIST

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Michelle Litwin back to our church as the soloist for this morning's anthem. Mrs. Litwin, a graduate of The College of New Jersey, is the music teacher at Hatchery Hill and Willow Grove Schools here in Hackettstown. She also plays clarinet with the Whitehouse Wind Symphony in Flemington, and is a private clarinet instructor. Michelle grew up and was confirmed in this church and we are always so pleased when she is able to share her talents with us.

She will be playing a piece by J.S. Bach, "Air on a G String" that will likely be very familiar to you. Often used during wedding ceremonies, this piece was thought to have been written about 1720, and is known for being serene and contemplative. Next week, Sunday school student, Violet Tischler will be our soloist.

AUGUST SECOND SUNDAY! - AUGUST 9TH

Are you ready for next Sunday's 5th annual Super Soaker Sunday? Be sure to preregister on the sign up sheet and come prepared to have fun and get WET! Towels are recommended. The sign up sheet is on the information table in front of the church. Water guns will be provided for those who need them.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner will be held next Saturday, **August 8** at 5:30pm. If you would like to assist please contact Carl Erickson at carl_ericksonjr@hotmail.com. Extra hands are always appreciated.

RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Help support the mission of our church by purchasing gift cards. Over 700 of your favorite companies participate and FPCH gets a percentage of every gift card purchased (at no additional expense to you) with Raise Right. You can purchase online, with our coordinator Geof Gohlich or via the app. For more information see our flyers in the sanctuary.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? This week, Stewie thinks you should look around a swimming pool.

Scan here to donate:



FYI-INFORMATION

7/26/26	In Person Attendance	61
	Virtual Attendance	110
	Offering	\$2,595.78

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH - August 2 - 8, 2026

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	8:00 am	Parking lot repaving Parking lot will be CLOSED
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Saturday	5:30 pm	Community Dinner

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - August 2 - 8, 2026

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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