

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

June 28, 2026



PRELUDE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Bradbury

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.

From age to age, we will proclaim your faithfulness.

***HYMN**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. (Refrain)

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE A summer of Action (songs)

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah, praise ye the Lord. (Repeat)

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah. Praise Ye the Lord.

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

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be God's people. Thanks be to God! 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

A True Welcome

Elder Laura Zhang-Choi

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of the new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you' nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*A Brief Statement of Faith**

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, peace, and community. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come!"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Just as I Am

Bradbury

*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 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* **313**

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* (Refrain) **839**

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.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Italian Hymn"

arr. Young

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preaching: Laura Zhang-Choi

Worship Leader: Mary Ann Simmons

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Gilbert Anyangwe

Greeting: Pattie & Dennis Huff

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

Brenda Zellars & Haeja Kim

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!

GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING

Laura Choi is our guest preacher today. She is currently a candidate for ordination in the PCUSA, waiting to receive a call. She and her husband, Rev. Stephen Choi, live in the Stewartsville area. She has a deep abiding love for people as evidenced in her advocacy work in education and throughout our denomination. We are blessed to hear her preach the word!

JULY SECOND SUNDAY!

What does the verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17 have to do with Second Sunday? On Sunday, **July 12**, from 11:30-1:30, we'll be making something new out of pieces from something old. Come and learn about mosaic art! Be sure to preregister on the sign up sheet on the information table.

2026 BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Church will be collecting backpacks and school supplies from **July 12th** through **July 26th**. We are in need of backpacks and note books (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, contact Donna Erickson.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

A special thank you to all of you who have donated to the Building on Generosity 2026 campaign. Our grand total is \$89,396.13.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? This week, Stewie thinks you should look near numbers.

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.

Scan here to donate:



FYI-INFORMATION

6/21/26	In Person Attendance	56
	Virtual Attendance	90
	Offering	\$6,257.60

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

June 21 - July 1, 2026

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 21 - July 1, 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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