First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



June 29, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wellspring Liturgy

Lord God, Creator of all; you created us to be your People;

a people free to love and to serve you with all our minds, with all our hearts and with all our strength.

So we come to worship our God, leaving behind all that binds us: **our doubts and our fears; our darkness and our hopelessness.** Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of all: you came as a child, gathered into the loving embrace of a family.

As an adult, you shared love, laughter and tears with those whom you knew as friends and the love of the Father with all who would receive it.

So we come to love and to honor you,

celebrating the companionship of those you have called to be your disciples.

Gracious Spirit, Inspirer of all; brooding over us gathered here; eternally breathing Life into all of creation; endlessly giving, endlessly comforting.

So we come to be still in your presence; to hear in the silence the whisper of God breathing life into our souls; deepening our unity in the very life of God.

*HYMN O Master. Let Me Walk with Thee

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O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer; dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that send a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE If You're Happy and You Know It If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it.

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

.....stamp your feet

....shout Amen!

.....do all three

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

Alice Shuman

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Lord, we pray that the fruit of Your Spirit may grow in us.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Lord, help us to destroy any passions or desires that turn us away from you.

Transform our sinful natures and teach us Your way.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Lord, walk ahead of us and help us to follow you. Lord, walk beside us and hold us up in difficult times. Lord, walk behind us and protect us.

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Lord, help us not to think too much of ourselves. Lord, help us not to make those around us angry. Lord, help us to rejoice with our sisters and brothers in their joys, and keep us from envy. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

How good it is to know the goodness of the Lord. Thank you Jesus we are forgiven, 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.

NAME THAT HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:13-25

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

Rev. Dn. Jeanette Hile

*HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West

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In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but, one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.

Join hand, disciples of the faith, whate'er our race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet South and north. All Christly souls are One in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*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

Just As I Am

*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, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing 546
Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with
joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us,
O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE Blessed Assurance

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.

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POSTLUDE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Dn. Jeanette Hile Worship Leader: Deborah Gulick Shepherd Music Director: Lorinda Ravo Greeting: Pattie & Dennis Huff Video: Jean Zetterberg

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

Ruth Barth & 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!

WELCOME JEANETTE HILE

We are so pleased to welcome a dear friend of this congregation, Rev. Deacon Jeanette Hile, to lead worship this morning.

SUMMER SUNSHINE STATION BAGS

During the summer months, we are happy to provide "Summer Sunshine Station" bags for our kids to use during worship. We invite kids to take a bag when they arrive at church, and enjoy using the contents. When church is over, please return the bag, clipboard, crayons, and explanatory note to the front pew and feel free to keep everything else inside. There will be a new bag each week!

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, we again get to choose someone's favorite hymn. If you have not already done so, remember to fill out a blue slip that's on the piano, and add it to the blue box. Perhaps your favorite will be chosen today!

STOCKING THE PANTRY

If you're out shopping this week and want to help us fill our Little Pantry, we welcome any and all donations, and our highlighted item for next week will be **Snack Items:** granola bars, fruit pouches, crackers, etc.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding under the umbrella by the swimming pool. This week, he's moved, and his clue is "sign up". Hope you find him!

JULY'S SECOND SUNDAY

Kids! Be sure to sign up for our **July 13th** event. Nadia and Betsy Hanson will be leading the program which will be centered on the story of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/22/25	In Person Attendance	57
	Virtual Attendance	143
	Offering	\$1,691.43

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH		June 29 - July 5, 2025
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 29 - July 5, 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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