

**First Presbyterian Church
Hackettstown, NJ**

February 1, 2026



PRELUDE

Emmanuel

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Unity Chime Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God says, "Be still and know that I am God."

The whir of this life leads us to this holy place in the presence of God and one another.

We ask for stillness we want to

praise you for your goodness and mercy be lifted up by your presence listen to the wisdom of your spirit and be ready to act with abiding love.

***HYMN**

Live into Hope

772

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15,
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

*HYMN

Come! Live in the Light!

749

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and love of the Lord! We are called to be the light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. (Refrain)

Refrain

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. (Refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)

*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

I Will Serve Thee

Gaither

***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** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* **753**

Make me a channel of your peace. Where
there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where
there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and
where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where
there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where
there is darkness, only light, and
where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so
much to be consoled as to console, to be
understood as to understand, to be
loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It
is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in
giving of ourselves that we receive, and in
dying that we're born to eternal life.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a sign of hospitality we offer gluten free bread for communion.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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)

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Jen Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Greeting: Kathy Maier & Kathy Slater

**The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
Barbara Henning & 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 feel 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!

Missed sharing your offering in person? Donate online by clicking [donate](#).

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

By order of the Session, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown, NJ is called to meet for their annual meeting **TODAY, February 1**, after worship to conduct the following business:

- To receive the 2026 budget for information
- To receive the 2025 Annual Reports
- To elect elders to the Session, deacons to the Board of Deacons, members to the Personnel Committee and Nominating Committee, and a member to the Heaven Sent Board of Trustees.
- Vote on Terms of Call for Rev. Erin Hayes Cook for 2026

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

By order of the Session, the corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown, NJ is called to meet directly following the congregational meeting **TODAY, February 1**, to conduct the following business:

- Report of corporate officers
- Election of corporation officers for 2026

Public notice of this meeting will be posted to two consecutive Sundays.

Donna Erickson
Clerk of the Session

NEW MEMBERS

Would you like to officially join the church? Have you already been a part of the community and are ready to say yes to being a member? You are invited to come to an in person meeting. We will discuss our church, what it means to become a member and how you might become more involved. Dates have been rescheduled for **February 22**.

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, our Unity Chime Choir plays an original arrangement of the praise song *Emmanuel*. This piece was written in 1976 by Robert McGee when he was an associate pastor at a Seattle, Washington church. Our Senior Choir sings Dave and Jean Perry's anthem, *Grant Us Peace* which includes the words *Dona Nobis Pacem*. The timeless Latin *Dona Nobis Pacem* text is set seamlessly with an English verse singing of understanding, kindness and hope for humankind.

FEBRUARY SECOND SUNDAY

Valentine's Day is coming soon, and our Second Sunday program will be centered around that theme. Mrs. Ratti will be helping us make a very special Valentine's craft, and we'll be making homemade valentine cards that will be delivered to area nursing homes for distribution. Be sure to sign up!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING- 30 YEARS!

We now know that the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks will be playing in the Big Game on **February 8**. Here at FPCH, we'll be having our own event: the Souper Bowl of Caring where all donated funds will be donated to our Board of Deacons for use in our Little Pantry. We also encourage everyone to dig out the jerseys, shirts, or sweatshirts from YOUR favorite team (pro, college, high school, or rec!) to wear to church that day.

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 coordination Geof Gohlich or via the app. For more information see our flyers in the sanctuary or Ray Sookhoo.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding by the Christ candle on the dais. This morning, he has moved, and if you look closely, you'll be able to see Stewie by crayons.

SAVE THE DATE - ASH WEDNESDAY

Please be sure to join us on Wednesday, **February 18** for our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:30pm.

FYI-INFORMATION

1/25/26	In Person Attendance	00
Snow Storm	Virtual Attendance	210
	Offering	\$945.55

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Sunday	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm	FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Thursday	7:30-8:30 pm	Sr. Choir rehearsal

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - February 1 - 7, 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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