

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



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June 8, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Seal Us, O Holy Spirit

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM:

Peace Like a River
Joyful Noise Bell Choir



CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Speed

On the day of Pentecost, the church was gathered together in one place. Could it have looked something like this?

Turn and look around you; notice the people who sit near you today.

On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God blew through the church like a howling wind. Could it have sounded something like this?

Respond by making wind noises with your mouth and by rubbing your hands back and forth.

On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as people came together seeing and hearing one another. Could it have felt something like this?

Respond by holding hands with family members seated close to you.

On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered there that day. And sons and daughters prophesied.

If you are someone's child, no matter your age, place one hand on your heart.

And young people saw visions, and old people dreamed dreams.

If you consider yourself wise in years, place a second hand on your heart.

Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this place for worship. May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole hearts. Amen.

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, never known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God, making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM: *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*

Senior Choir

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be. It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three. And I feel the same sweet Spirit that I've felt oft times before. Oh, surely I can say I have been with the Lord.

There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place. I've touched the hem of his garment and I can almost see His face. And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy. I know without a doubt that I have been with the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *When we learn, we grow.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, you showed up in dazzling light and in a still, small voice.

Many: You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger. You showed up on a long dusty walk to Emmaus.

You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways, so we should have known you might show up like a powerful wind and dancing fire, bringing with you the reminder of warmth, and the ability for us to hear one another.

We should have known, and yet we didn't. We don't.

Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, we can't see you. Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don't make room for you.

And like members of the early church community, we look for excuses to explain your presence away.

Despite our bad track record, we come to you today, asking that once more you might give us a second chance; we ask that once more you might pour your Spirit out on us.

For we are in desperate need of you and the mysterious ways you keep showing up. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, hear this good news: Despite our failings, God is here, and God has poured out God's spirit on all flesh. We are united, we are made clean, and we are free to dream new dreams for this broken world. Thanks be to God!

***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

**Genesis 11:1-9
Acts 2:1-21**

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

HYMNSpirit of the Living God***288**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. **(REPEAT)**

AFFIRMATION OF GIFTS**OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERTORY***Gentle Spirit****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 AND GRATITUDE TO OUR
TEACHERS*****CLOSING HYMN***Blest Be the Tie that Binds***306**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in

Christian love. The fellowship of

kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our
ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual
burdens bear. And often for each
other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us
inward pain; but we shall still be
joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we
shall be free; and perfect love and
friendship reign through all eternity.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come* **283**
Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, almighty Spirit come;
come, come, come.

POSTLUDE *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook
Worship Leader: Jonathan Gohlich
Music Director: Lorinda Ravo
Greeting: Bruce & Ellen Bergman
Video: Erin Roguso

The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
Dorothy Westpy & Linda Burroughs

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!

PENTECOST OFFERING

We will collect the Pentecost offering during our worship service today.

- 40% stays with our congregation to support our youth and children. This year we will put aside that money for scholarships for youth and children who would like to attend Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center.
- 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) who serve in communities around the world as they learn about Christian service.
- 25% supports ministries with youth including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- 10% is devoted to children at risk for education and safe havens.

See our bulletin insert for ways to give.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY!

Today we recognize our Sunday School Teachers and students. Please remember that Sunday School is now on summer break so the Sunshine Bags will be available to all students during worship.

NEWSLETTERS

Those of you who have your Newsletter sent to your homes, please be sure to pick up your Newsletter this morning if you haven't already. We are trying to be good stewards of our finances by saving almost \$2.00 per Newsletter that is sent. Those that are not picked up this Sunday will be mailed. Thank you.

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, we are using the song from Indonesia and New Zealand, "As the Wind Song", that our kids learned in May as our opening hymn. Next Sunday, we will be starting our summer special "What's your favorite hymn/stump Lorinda" as we'll have a "lottery" style drawing to sing someone's favorite hymn in place of an anthem. So put on your thinking caps, and get ready to hope that your favorite hymn gets chosen. The only requirement is that the hymn be in our "Glory To God" hymnal.

Our Joyful Noise Bell Choir plays an arrangement of the hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" for their last anthem of this school year, and our Senior Choir ends their season with the lovely "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place."

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in one of the stained glass windows. This week, Stewie is trying to hide near some numbers. Hope you find him.

JUNE'S SECOND SUNDAY

Kids, be sure to join us for Second Sunday today where we'll be making our own fidgets! It's not too late to join in the fun.

JOHNSONBURG CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Parents, grandparents and those who love kids and youth! You know how important it is for your children to learn skills for living in this world... and that doesn't stop in the summer! Research shows the value of a week at summer camp (especially faith-based summer camps like Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center) every year. **Visit Johnsonburg.org TODAY** and register for a week of camp so your child can make new friends, spend time away from screens, relax and run in God's creation, and worship outside this summer. It **WILL** make a difference in their life! Want to talk to someone? Call the Johnsonburg office today at 908-852-2349.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/01/25	In Person Attendance	88
	Virtual Attendance	122
	Offering	\$14,325.90

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**June 8 - 14, 2025**

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 8 - 14, 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

**FOR PASTORAL CARE,**

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