

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



May 11, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

Mother's Day

May 11, 2025

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour



THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love.

AMEN.

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM:*My Lord, What a Mornin'*

Senior Choir

(REFRAIN) My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground, lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (REFRAIN)

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (REFRAIN)

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
(REFRAIN)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*As the Wind Song***292**

Indonesia and New Zealand

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.

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 *adapted from a Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*
Deliver me, O Jesus, from the desire to be esteemed, from the desire to be honored, from the desire to be praised, from the desire to be preferred to others, from the desire to be approved, and from the desire to be popular. Deliver me, from the fear of being humiliated, from the fear of being despised, from the fear of being forgotten, from the fear of being wronged. Grant me the grace to love as you have loved us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Joy is ours today, 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

John 17:1-15, 16-23

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

***HYMN** *Womb of Life and Source of Being (vs. 2-4)* **3**

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us
second birth, you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth. Priest who shares our
human struggles, Life of Life and Death of Death, risen
Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner,
be our friend. When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend. Labor with us;
aid the birthing of the new world yet to be, free of
servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit,
Only Son: we would praise your name forever,
one in three and three in one. We would share your
life, your passion, share your word of world made new, ever
singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **based on John 17**

We believe in the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — who creates, redeems, and sustains all things in love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who revealed God's grace, and who prayed that we may all be one, as he is one with the Father.

We believe that the Church is called to embody Christ's prayer: to be a people united in love, grounded in truth, and led by the Spirit of reconciliation.

We are called to honor the dignity of every person, to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Christ prayed, "That they may all be one... so that the world may believe." We confess our divisions, and we commit to a unity that does not erase difference, but reflects God's inclusive love.

We believe the Scriptures bear witness to the living Word, and that God still speaks—through Scripture, tradition, reason, experience, and community.

Guided by the Reformed tradition, we affirm that the Church must always be reformed according to the Word and Spirit of God.

We confess our part in systems of injustice, and we strive to be agents of healing, so that the glory of God may be known on earth as in heaven.

Jesus said, "This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Chorale Nunc Dimittis

***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**

God of Our Life

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God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,

we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.

With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,

and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *Lord, Be Glorified* **468**
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified, In your world, Lord, be
glorified today.

POSTLUDE *Majesty* **Hayford**

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Gabe & Erin Roguso

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Greeting: Jean Zetterberg & Maddox Fucetola

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

Sandy Archer & Bruce Tischler

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!

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, our Senior Choir sings the heartfelt Spiritual *My Lord! What a Mornin'*. As the hymn notes in our Glory to God hymnal, "This Spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the end times as recorded in Matthew 24: 29-30 and Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases. This lovely song was popularized by the Fish Jubilee Singers.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the daffodils on the dais. This week, he's moved to a camera. Hope you find him!

MEMORIAL DAY ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for some assistance in serving iced beverages and breakfast sandwiches during the Memorial Day Parade. There is a sign up sheet in the front of the sanctuary. We are also looking for people to represent the church by marching in the parade that day. There is also a sign up sheet if you would like to participate. Thank you!

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.

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.

OUR KIDS NEED YOU - CAN YOU ASSIST?

As you know our Christian Education Program has been growing tremendously and that means we are in need of another volunteer or two.

If you are interested in sharing your gifts, we are looking for volunteers willing to help our children grow in their faith. Can you give up one hour a week of your time to give them a foundation for their faith journey? We have the curriculum, complete with lesson plans and ideas - but we need people to bring them to the children. We would even welcome volunteers to be "co-teachers", so you would be in class two weeks a month instead of every week.

We have great kids - and it's terrific that we're growing. We just need another adult or two to help us continue to grow! Won't you consider joining FPCH in this mission to teach our children each Sunday from September through the first two weeks in June?

If interested, please email Pattie Huff at the church office or you can see MaryAnn Simmons or Pastor Erin one Sunday after worship so that one of us can share the details about this program. If you would prefer, you could email either person at maryann.simmons3@verizon.net or revehayes@gmail.com. Thank you.

FYI-INFORMATION

5/04/25	In Person Attendance	78
	Virtual Attendance	146
	Offering	\$5,517.46

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

May 11 - 17, 2025**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - May 11 - 17, 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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