

# First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

January 25, 2026



DISCIPLESHIP  
PATHWAY

**PRELUDE**

*Standing on the Promises*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 27**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall we fear? The LORD is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

**One thing we ask of the Lord; this we seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**

For God will hide us in God's shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal us under the cover of God's tent; God will set us high on a rock.

**Now our heads are lifted up above our enemies all around us and we will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; we will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**\*HYMN**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

**726**

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use faith you've found to re-shape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me."

**OPENING PRAYER**

## CHILDREN' S MESSAGE

### 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

#### A Sanctified Art

God, you tell us to cultivate compassion, but too often we hold grudges and keep score. You tell us to cultivate justice, but too quickly we forget that we belong to one another. You tell us to let go of judgment, but we find stones are too easy to throw. You tell us to let go of what others think, but so easily we hold our worth in another's eyes. Guide our feet, our hearts, and our minds to a better world. Forgive us when we lose our way. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*HYMN

*Just As I Am*

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Just as I am, without one plea but that thy  
blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me  
come to thee, (Refrain)

#### Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a  
conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears  
within, with out, (Refrain)

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome,  
pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise  
I believe, (Refrain)

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken  
every barrier down; now to be thine, yea,  
thine alone, (Refrain)

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**    Matthew 4:12-23, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

#### SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

edited Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Jesus Calls Us*

**720**

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our  
life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice  
soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus call us from the worship of the  
vain world's golden store, from each idol that would  
keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
pleasures, "Christians, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior,  
may we hear they call, give our hearts to thy  
obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

## **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*RESPONSE***O Christ, Surround Me***543**

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

**POSTLUDE** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**Serving Our Congregation Today**

***Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook***

***Music Director: Lorinda Ravo***

***Video: Erin Roguso***

***Greeting: Jen & Al Aquino***

**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 **next Sunday, 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 **next Sunday, 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

## **THIS YEAR'S PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**

Several have asked about the amount for the 2026 Per Capita. The Presbytery of the Highlands has set this year's amount at \$44.00 per active member. If you receive offering envelopes, there is an envelope in your box specifically to use for your per capita offering.

## **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? Then join us for new members class in January. You are invited to come to all three in person meetings. We will discuss our church, what it means to become a member and how you might become more involved. Join us in February

## **DEACONS COLLECTING HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND MITTENS FOR LITTLE HANDS**

Today is our last day to collect NEW gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for the children in area schools. Thank you all for your generosity in helping us help others. The donated items will be delivered this week to the school nurses for distribution.

## **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!**

By the end of today, we'll know which teams are going to 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.

## **FYI-INFORMATION**

1/18/26	In Person Attendance	3
Snow storm	Virtual Attendance	145

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**

**January 25 - 31, 2026**

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Sunday	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Sunday	11:30 am-1:30 pm	Second Sunday
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

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - January 25 - 31, 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



### **FOR PASTORAL CARE,**

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