

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

July 26, 2026



PRELUDE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

What mysteries there are in God's world!

We, so sophisticated, stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen

From that small seed will grow a large shrub.

Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

God will use our gifts in miraculous ways. Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen.

***HYMN**

What a Friend We have in Jesus

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What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A Summer of Action (songs)

When the Saints Go Marching In

O when the Saints go marching in, O when the Saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine, O when the sun refused to shine, O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the sun refused to shine.

O when the trumpet sounds the call, O when the trumpet sounds the call, O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the trumpet sounds the call.

O When the Saints go marching in.....

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. Above all we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised. Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***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

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

SERMON

Rev. Dn. Jeanette Hile

***HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God make them every one. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

***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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forever more be thine!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* (Refrain) **839**

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.

POSTLUDE *Peace of God Be With You*

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Serving Our Congregation Today

Preaching: Rev. Jeanette Hile

Worship Leader: Al Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Dale Pritchett

Greeting: Della & Jose Irby

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

Carol Spitzer & 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!

AUGUST SECOND SUNDAY! - AUGUST 9TH

Are you ready for our 5th annual Super Soaker Sunday? Be sure to preregister on the sign up sheet and come prepared to have fun and get WET! Towels are recommended! The sign up sheet is on the information and sign up table in front of the church.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? This week, Stewie thinks you should look near diapers.

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 coordinator Geof Gohlich or via the app. For more information see our flyers in the sanctuary.

Scan here to donate:



FYI-INFORMATION

7/19/26

In Person Attendance

34

Virtual Attendance

110

Offering

\$1,202.29

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon

July 26 - Aug. 1, 2026

Worship
Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 26 - Aug. 1, 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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