

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

GOD IS FOUND
NOT IN THE **WIND**
NOR IN THE **EARTHQUAKE**
NOR IN THE **Fire**
...but in a still, small voice.

(KINGS L. 19:11-12)

June 22, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen

***HYMN** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* **716**

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM:

God Bless Us Everyone

Violet Tischler, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, (Repeat) let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel (NO!), I'm gonna let it shine (Repeat) let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives— to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. 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 LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-15
Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

*HYMN

When Hands Reach Out

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When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty
of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and
praise and thankfulness, we thank you, God, that
hands can sing, you bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you,
God, for Christ our friend. In him, our healing
can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
ways that others know, we thank you, God, that
we have learned your love's a gift, and never earned.

Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you
well and offer praise. When all are joined as
one, we'll be your able, strong community.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lisa Frenz

Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world
came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light
from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from
lifelessness. In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of
God came to us. Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and
walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified,
died, and was buried. He rose from the dead and speaks to us
today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves. In the stillness
of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and
the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the
unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.

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.

*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*CLOSING HYMN

Christ Be Beside Me

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Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be
behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be
below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all
around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my
sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on
all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

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Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, almighty Spirit come;
come, come, come.

POSTLUDE

Sonatina #2

Jean Latour

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Jen Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Greeting: Jose & Della Irby

Video: Erin or Gabe Roguso

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

Sandy Archer & Barbara Henning

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!

SUMMER SUNSHINE STATION BAGS

During the summer months, we are happy to provide “Summer Sunshine Station” bags for our kids to use during worship. We invite kids to take a bag when they arrive at church, and enjoy using the contents. When church is over, please return the bag, clipboard, crayons, and explanatory note to the front pew and feel free to keep everything else inside. There will be a new bag each week!

TODAY’S MUSIC

This morning, we welcome **Blessing Anyangwe** who is filling in at the piano for Lorinda as she and Al are in Virginia for a family event. Blessing is a new graduate of Mt. Olive High School, where she was this year’s valedictorian and also a member of the award winning Mt. Olive Robotics team. She’ll be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall. Thank you Blessing, for sharing your talent with us.

Our anthem is being provided by piano student, **Violet Tischler**, who will be playing “God Bless us, Everyone”. Violet just finished 4th grade, and in addition to playing the piano is also an avid dancer who appeared in the NJCYB production of “The Nutcracker” last December. We also thank Violet for sharing her music with us this morning.

Next Sunday, we’ll be having another “Name That Hymn” opportunity, so if you haven’t already done so, be sure to add a slip with your favorite to the box on the piano!

STEW’S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding by the Sunshine Station bags. Today he’s near the swimming pool! Hope you find him!

JULY’S SECOND SUNDAY

Kids! Be sure to sign up for our **July 13th** event. Nadia and Betsy Hanson will be leading the program which will be centered on the story of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.

STOCKING THE PANTRY

If you’re out shopping this week and want to help us fill our Little Pantry, we welcome any and all donations, and our highlighted item for next week will be **Breakfast Items**: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, etc.

Did You Know...?

You Can Donate Online!

Donations can be made directly on the church website.

General Offering

Donations are used for the general mission of the church

Building Fund

Donations are used to maintain facilities

Per Capita

The 2025 Per Capita is \$43.50 per member

Consider donating today!

Visit FPCHackettstown.org for more information.

Did You Know...?

The First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown has an annual backpack program?

What is the backpack program?

Each summer, the church collects backpacks and other school supplies that will be donated to local families in need.

Consider donating today!

Contact Donna Erickson for more information on how you can help.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/15/25	In Person Attendance	67
	Virtual Attendance	76
	Offering	\$2,381.43

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

June 22 - 28, 2025

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Saturday		Somerset Patriots baseball game

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 22 - 28, 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



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