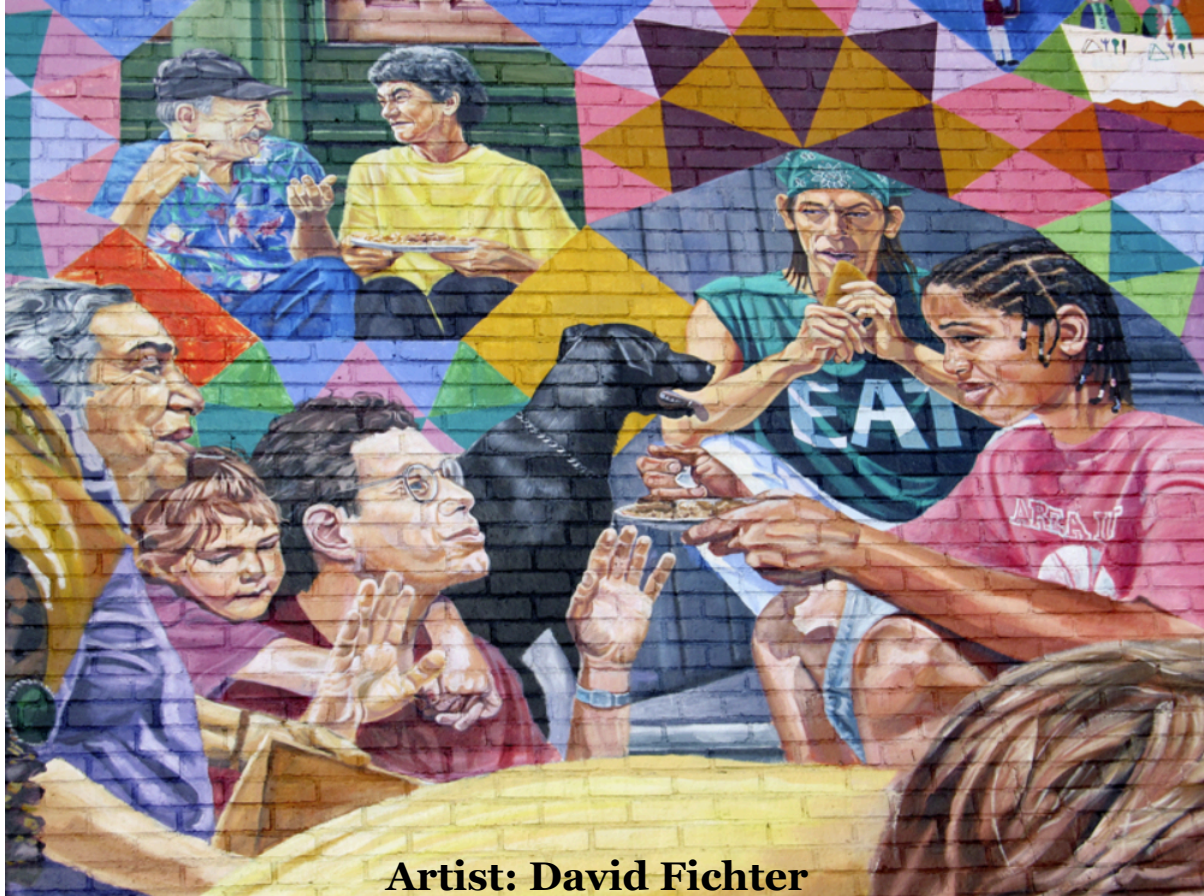


# **First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ**



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**October 5, 2025**

**Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church**

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

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise.

**May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us.**

We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves.

**We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*O for a World*

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

*We Come to Your Table*

Senior Choir

We come to Your table, O Lord, we come; we come to Your table, Lord  
Jesus. We bring our burdens, doubts and fears. O Lord, in mercy, hear us.

We come to Your table, O Lord, we come; we come to Your table, Lord  
Jesus. We bring our sorrow, grief and pain. O Lord, in love, be near us.

We come to seek Your presence, Lord; in holy communion we meet You.  
We need Your healing love and peace. O teach us to receive You!

We leave Your table in joy, O Lord; Your flesh and blood have restored us. Your spirit fills us with Your love, and grace and peace enfold us. And grace and peace enfold us.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**     *In Everything Give Thanks*     **Rettino**

Ephesians 5:20

In everything give thanks, in every situation. Lift your voice and sing, and praise God from your heart. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing and shout "Hallelujah". Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Lift up your voice and sing.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

**Psalm 137, II Timothy 1:1-14**

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook**

**\*HYMN***In Christ There is No East or West***318**

In Christ there is no east or west, in  
him no south or north, but one great fellowship  
of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their  
high communion find; his service is the  
golden cord close binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what  
e're your race may be. All children of the  
living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in  
him meet south and north. All Christly souls are  
one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

## OFFERTORY

*This Holy Feast*

### \*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.

### \*COMMUNION HYMN      *We Come as Guests Invited*

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We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;  
the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living our ever present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,  
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:  
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,  
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*As a sign of hospitality we offer gluten free bread for communion.*

## INVITATION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**(Pastor continues)

**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.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN** *May God Support You All Your Days* vs. 1,4 **548**

May God support you all your days, in times of gladness and in need. May God remember you with grace and bless your every word and deed.

Our hope is in the Holy One. The swift and strong will surely fall, but you will stand with God alone, who hears and answers when you call.

## **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*RESPONSE**     *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*                      **Card**  
The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.

**POSTLUDE**             *We've a Story To Tell to the Nations*

### **Serving Our Congregation Today**

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

***Worship Leader: MaryAnn Simmons***

***Music Director: Lorinda Ravo***

***Greeting: Pam Venturini & Kathy Slater***

***Video: Pattie Huff***

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

***Linda Burroughs & 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!

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your support of our Confirmation Class by decorating your home with the beautiful mums that our youth have sold. Please remember that you may pick up your mums at Best's Fruit Farm today thru **October 8th**.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Your October Newsletter is ready for you to pick up at the signup table (if you have your Newsletter printed). We are trying to be good stewards of our finances, so please pick up your Newsletter today and save the church \$2.00 per copy by not having to mail it. Thank you!

## **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - TODAY**

On World Communion Sunday we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. Through participation in this offering our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world.

**25% of the offering stays with local congregations**

**25% of the offering stays with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions**

**50% of the offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.**

## **THIS WEEK'S MUSIC**

Today, our Senior Choir sings James Clemens' anthem, *We Come to Your Table*. This communion piece intricately weaves solemnity and celebration. Next Sunday, our FPCH Ringers Chime Choir will be playing an arrangement of "The Church's One Foundation".

## **OCTOBER'S SECOND SUNDAY**

Join us on Sunday, **October 12 from 11:30-1:15 pm** for Second Sunday. We will be welcoming magician "Jungle Dave" ([Junglemagicshow.com](http://Junglemagicshow.com)) that day. The program will be held in the chapel, and because we anticipate a large audience, we will provide beverages (water and juice pouches) but ask that all attending bring their own lunch. Lunch in the chapel will begin at about 11:30, and Jungle Dave's show begins at noon. The sign up sheet is on the information table in the front of the church.



## **2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The 2025 Nominating Committee, Pete Miller, Jonathan Gohlich, Torey Ravo, Erin Roguso, Mark Slachetka, and Cathy Van Orden, will meet Tuesday, **October 7** for the purpose of nominating members to the 2026 committees. If you are interested in a position with either the Session, Deacon, Personnel or 2026 Nominating committees or would like to nominate someone please notify any 2025 Nominating Committee member. Thank you.

## **STEW'S CLUE!**

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie, our stewardship mascot, last week? This week, he's hiding by a basket.



## **CREATIVE FLOW - Monday, November 17th**

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

*Sanctuary & Seed*

1600 Washington Valley Road; Martinsville, NJ

Presenters: Linda Condon, LMHC, MPS, MA, TEP

Amy Clarkson, MMT, MT-BC, TEP

Workshop Fee: \$125 - Register by November 1st

*contact amy@creativeflowtherapy.com*

*with questions or financial support needs*

Join us for this interactive opportunity to explore Biblical stories in ways that invite playfulness and curiosity. We will dig together and listen for voices that are silent or on the margins, breathing life into the spaces between the lines of Biblical text. We will introduce Bibliodrama techniques for individual reading and group facilitation.

## **FYI-INFORMATION**

9/28/25	In Person Attendance	112
	Virtual Attendance	95
	Offering	\$3,512.68

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**

**October 5-11, 2025**

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm	FPCH Ringers rehearsal
	7:30-8:30 pm	Sr. Choir rehearsal



## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - October 5-11, 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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