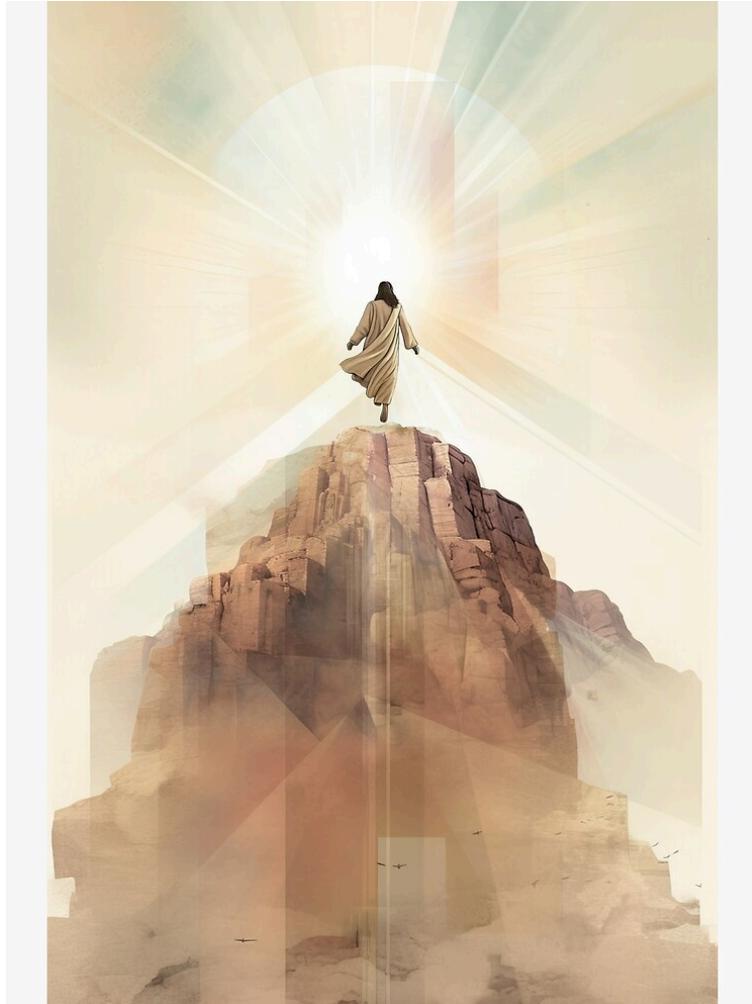


First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

February 15, 2026



PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

Thompson

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus has given us a new commandment:

We are commanded to love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us,

So we ought to have love for one another.

By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

By our love for one another.

Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

Worship God by loving one another.

***HYMN**

Standing on the Promises

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Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Refrain

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that can not fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Standing on the promises I can not fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM:

My Savior and My God

Althouse

Senior Choir

My life, my love I give to thee, thou Lamb of God who died for me. O may I ever faithful be, my Savior and my God. O thou who died on Calvary, to save my soul and set me free, I'll dedicate my life to thee, my Savior and my God.

I'll live for him who died for me, how richer then my life will be. I'll bow to him on bended knee, my Savior and my God.

My life, my love I give to thee, thou Lamb of God who died for me. O may ever faithful be, my Savior and my God. I'll live for him who died for me, how richer then my life will be. I'll bow to him on bended knee, my Savior and my God. I'll live for him who died for me. My Savior and my God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *This is My Commandment*

John 15:12

This is my commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full. This is my commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full; that your joy may be full. That your joy may be full. This is my commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full.

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

Rev. Mindi

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to

stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

***HYMN**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my
flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that
in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I can not
close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and
feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and
from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Tim Tate

We believe in a God who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people. We believe in Jesus Christ who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit who leads

and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love. We believe in the harvest and the call for laborers to receive and respond, sharing light and life with the world. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Chapel Bells at Dawn*

*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** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **837**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

***RESPONSE** *God Welcomes All* **399**

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

POSTLUDE *How Great Thou Art* **Swedish Folk Melody**

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Al Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Pattie Huff

Greeting: Pat & Geof Gohlich

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

Richard Clegg & 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 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!

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? You are invited to come to an in person meeting. We will discuss our church, what it means to become a member and how you might become more involved.

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD!

Join us on Ash Wednesday, **February 18** at 6:00pm. Bring yourself, family, and friends as we gather in the Chapel for dinner, discussion, devotionals and the imposition of ashes. We will sit around tables and share "Something Good" with discussions and songs. Please be sure to sign up on the poster in the sanctuary to bring soup, chili, bread, salads, and/or desserts.

MARCH SECOND SUNDAY!

On March's Second Sunday, **March 8**, we'll be enjoying "Minute to Win it Games". Be ready to have some silly fun! Be sure to preregister on the sign up sheet on the information table.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, **March 14th** at 5:30pm. If you would like to assist please contact Carl Erickson. Extra hands are always appreciated.

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.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding by one of the (many) footballs in the church. This week, our stewardship mascot has moved, and you can find him near purple flowers.

FYI-INFORMATION

2/8/26	In Person Attendance	88
	Virtual Attendance	166
	Offering	\$2,474.00

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

February 15 - 21, 2026

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Sunday	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Monday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Office Closed - President's Day
Tues/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Tues/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 - February 15, 21, 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	6:00 pm	Tell Me Something Good Gathering
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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