

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

July 12, 2026



PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mason

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here, longing for some small word of good news.

Here we are, out of habit, out of longing, out of despair, out of hope.

We gather here, longing for a drop of courage, a crumb of faith.

Here we are, carried by holy love, even in a time of hate.

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

ANTHEM:

Duet #3 for Flute and Violin

Thompkins

Karen Cramer, Flute & Ved Fernandez, Violin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A Summer of Action (songs)

This is My Commandment

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

*(REPEAT)

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

Holy and Loving God, we long to be good people of faith, and good citizens of the world. Yet all the bad news bombarding us every hour of every day has worn us down. We long to care for those who are hurting, and we are called to care for those causing the pain. We confess our hearts are not that large. The rage and hate threaten to overwhelm the blessings and love you send. Our hearts cry out: What is the way of faith? And Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments: Try to love your neighbor, even those who are filled with hate. Try to love yourself, even when you are filled with despair. And try to trust that God loves all of us, in our brokenness and in our longing to be whole, in Christ.

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

John 14:15-21

SERMON

Love in the Time of Hate

Rev. Amy Schacht

***HYMN**

Though I May Speak

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Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **Adapted from Romans 8:31-38**

Will anything separate us from the love of God?

No. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

I am convinced that nothing in life, or in death,

Nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation

**Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Boellman

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* **307**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people

pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its

bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ assail

his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our

hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to

thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness rich in

glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils
we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our
glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, severing thee whom we adore.

***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 *May the God of Hope God Go With Us* Argentina

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preaching: Rev. Amy Schacht

Worship Leader: Jen Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Pam Venturini

Greeting: Jen & Al Aquino

***The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
Richard Clegg & Ruth Barth***

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!

NEWSLETTER - Last Chance to Pick-up

If you have your Newsletter mailed to you, please be sure to pick up your copy this morning at the signup table. We are trying to be good stewards of our finances, so by picking up your copy it saves the church \$2.00 per copy. Thank you.

TODAY'S SECOND SUNDAY!

What does the verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17 have to do with Second Sunday? TODAY, from 11:30-1:30, we'll be making something new out of pieces from something old. Come and learn about mosaic art! If you didn't get a chance to preregister, you are still VERY welcome to attend. We'd love to see you.

STEW'S CLUE!

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

THIS MORNING'S SPECIAL MUSIC

This morning we are grateful to have Karen Cramer and Ved Fernandez sharing their talent with us as they provide our anthem. Karen, a flautist, is recently retired, and enjoying traveling with her husband. Karen is a member of the Hackettstown Community Band. Ved is a teacher at Willow Grove School in Hackettstown, and plays the violin with the Stone Soup Symphony. Both Karen and Ved volunteered to provide our special music this morning, and we are grateful to both of these talented women! They will be playing the third of Darian Thompkins "Three Duets for Flute and Violin".

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.

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FYI-INFORMATION

7/5/26	In Person Attendance	53
	Virtual Attendance	71
	Offering	\$3,853.01

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

July 12 - 18, 2026

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:30-1:30	Second Sunday
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 12 - 18, 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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