

# **First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ**



**June 15, 2025**

**Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church**

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

**PRELUDE**

*Softly and Tenderly*



**Happy Father's Day!**



**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

Before all began, God , Word, and Wisdom creating, calling, from the foundations of the deep

**Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

From the mountain tops Earth, fields and sea creating, calling from the foundations of the deep

**Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

To those who suffer God's love is given endurance blossoms from the foundations of the deep

**Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

Daily, God's delight you, me, every one given hope, grace, love as the foundation of our lives

**Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

Poured into our hearts that we may become Christ's hand and heart, love as the foundation of our lives

**Listen! Wisdom is calling!**

**\*HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**450**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my visions, O Ruler of all.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Rise and Shine*

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and (CLAP!!) give God the glory, glory  
Children of the Lord.

## **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**

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise each and every day.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

We are set free by the love of Christ, **Amen let us be joyful!**

### **\*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.

## NAME THAT HYMN

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31  
Romans 5:1-5

### SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

**\*HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **451**

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and  
set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy  
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me. Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will  
disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy  
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me. Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children  
thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy  
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me. Spirit divine!

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Bruce Prewer

**We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us. We believe the love-kingdom is like a mustard seed; sown in apparent insignificance, growing into magnificence for the greening of the world. We believe the love-kingdom is like yeast; inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life, expanding into enough bread for the world. We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a treasure; lost and rendered insignificant under the ground, now found with joy and thanksgiving. We believe the love-kingdom of God is like pearls; all others become insignificant when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found. We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us; where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry, rejoice with the angels of God. Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.**

## OFFERING INVITATION

### OFFERTORY

*Jesus Loves Me*

### \*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

**O God, give us wisdom.**

**O God, give us discernment.**

**O God, give us the will to be faithful.**

**O God, give us the power to love. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **353**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but  
wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)

#### Refrain

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his  
unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my  
anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the  
whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he  
then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in  
him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*RESPONSE *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come* **283**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

### **Serving Our Congregation Today**

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

***Worship Leader: Pat Butts***

***Music Director: Lorinda Ravo***

***Greeting: Pat & Geof Gohlich***

***Video: Jean Zetterberg***

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

***Bruce Tischler & Katy Groover***

### **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!

### **TODAY'S MUSIC**

This morning, we start our summer "Favorite hymn" moment. On summer Sundays where a soloist is not scheduled, we'll allow the congregation to choose a hymn that we'll all sing together. We're doing a "lottery" type drawing. On the piano, find a blue paper. Fill it out with your favorite hymn, drop it in the basket on the piano, and then hope your entry gets chosen. The only requirement is that the hymn be in our Glory to God hymnal. And yes...it can be a Christmas or Easter hymn!

Next Sunday, Blessing Anyangwe will be filling in for Lorinda at the piano as she and Al will be in Virginia, and Violet Tischler will be our soloist. Violet will be playing "God Bless Us, Everyone" on the piano.

### **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!

### **STEW'S CLUE!**

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? This week, he's hiding near Sunshine! Hope you find him.

## **JULY'S SECOND SUNDAY**

Kids! We're so glad that everyone enjoyed making different kinds of fidgets at our June's Second Sunday. Be sure to sign up for our **July 13th** event. Nadia and Betsy Hanson will be leading the program.

## **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 **Personal Care Items: soaps, shampoos, deodorants**, etc.

## **FYI-INFORMATION**

|         |                      |            |
|---------|----------------------|------------|
| 6/08/25 | In Person Attendance | 97         |
|         | Virtual Attendance   | 186        |
|         | Offering             | \$5,493.40 |

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**

**June 15 - 21, 2025**

|         |                    |                    |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday  | 10:00 am           | Worship            |
| Mon/Fri | 9:00 am-12:00 noon | Church office open |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm            | Session meeting    |

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 15 - 21, 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                |



## **FOR PASTORAL CARE,**

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