

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



February 11, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Medley of Gospel Favorites

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts of God with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name!

For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal, and God's faithfulness has no end.



***HYMN**

O Love That Wilt 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 cannot 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.

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Santo, Santo, Santo*

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*Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora. Mi corazón te sabe decir:
Santo eres, Señor. (Holy, holy holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My
heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, 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 *written by Beth Merrill Neel*

Holy God, hear our prayer: for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; we pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Nothing shall separate us from the love of God. Siblings in Christ believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Amen!

***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 50:1-6
Matthew 4:1-11**

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

HYMNLord, I Want to be a Christian***729**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHSarah Speed, A Sanctified Art*

We believe in a God who hears our prayers, who knows the shape and form of our weariness. We believe in a God who wants joy and delight for us, not just survival and existence. We believe in a God who looks ahead, who is not done dreaming for the world—a God who sends hope in the form of people and change, movements and Spirit. And so we return to this space. We bring our joy and our weariness like two sides of the same coin, and we trust that God is already at work. Yes, we believe in a God who hears our prayers. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION**OFFERTORY***Offertory in A flat****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.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the basket for the mittens and hats. This week's clue to find Stewie is **PANTRY**. Hope you find him!

SCOUT SUNDAY

We welcome the Scouts and their families from the scout troops sponsored by FPCH to worship this morning. We're delighted that you're here.

CURRENT EVENTS

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today, we are participating again in the Souper Bowl of Caring. (Oh, and maybe enjoying the football game between the Chiefs and 'Niners.) FPCH has been part of the Souper Bowl for 24 years, and we're happy to continue our support. At the end of the service, you can "vote" for which team you think will win tonight's game by placing your donations into the soup pot on the communion table for your team. All donations will be given to our Board of Deacons to continue their support of our free Little Pantry.

SECOND SUNDAY TODAY IN THE CHAPEL

Parents, please take note of the ending time for today's Second Sunday event in the chapel. Our candle making activity will end at 1:30 pm.

WANDERING HEART SEASON OF LENT

Come to our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, **February 14** at 7 PM. During the service we will confess and offer our hearts to God as we enter into the season of Lent. We will impose ashes during the service.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Lenten Bible Study on Mondays at 10 am (starting February 26) and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (starting February 21). We will use the study from Wandering Heart, no book to purchase.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower order forms are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please see one of today's greeters if you'd like one.

**DEACONS COLLECTING HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND MITTENS
FOR LITTLE HANDS**

Our Deacons have made another delivery to Hatchery Hill, Willow Grove, and Central School thanks to your generous donations of kids' hats, mittens, scarves, gloves. So far, we have donated almost 150 articles of outdoor clothing to help the children in our schools stay warmer. Our collection will end next Sunday morning.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That members of our Board of Deacons keep in touch with our homebound members with monthly cards, letters, phone calls and visits?

LOOKING AHEAD

CHOIR CONCERT ON MARCH 11

Pastor Erin's alma mater, Albright College's Chamber choir will come to our sanctuary to share a concert on Monday, **March 11** at 6:30 pm. It is open and free to all! Join us for dinner beforehand with the students.

FYI-INFORMATION

2/4/24	In Person Attendance	109
	Virtual Attendance	146
	Offering	\$4,630.18

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

February 11 - 17, 2024

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Sunday	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Sunday	11:30-1:30 pm	Second Sunday in the chapel
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Mon/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 11 - 17, 2024

Monday	10:30-11:30 am	AA Step by Step
	7:00-9:00 pm	Jazz Band
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 158
	7:00 pm	Girls Troop 143 BSA
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



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