

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



July 14, 2024

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

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

You created the day and the night, O God;

You set the sun and the moon in their places;

You set the limits of the earth; You made summer and winter.

We praise you today for the mighty works of your hands!

***HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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(REFRAIN)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. **(REFRAIN)**

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: **(REFRAIN)**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. **(REFRAIN)**

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. **(REFRAIN)**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us to know you that we
may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose
service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever,
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Commandment #4

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

This is the Day

This is the day (echo), that the Lord has made (echo). We will rejoice (echo) and be glad in it (echo). (ALL TOGETHER): This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God, 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 89:20-37
Psalm 52**

STORYTELLING

Bill Cors

HYMNImmortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***12**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
in all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angles adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION**OFFERTORY**

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***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 FOR THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN** *O for a Closer Walk with God* **739**

O for a closer walk with God, a
calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine up
on the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet
messenger of rest! I hate the sins that
made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have know, what
e'er that idol be, help me to tear it
from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my alk be close with God, calm
and serene my frame; so purest light shall
mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *We Will Go Out with Joy* **539**

We will go out with joy in the Spirit, we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit, we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *A Charge to Keep I Have* arr. Young

Serving Our Congregation Today

Sharing this Morning: Bill Coors

Worship Leader: MaryAnn Simmons

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jan Courtright

Greeting: Beverly Saunders & Kathy Maier

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

Katy Groover & Shirley Roe

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!

STEW’S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the Commandment poster. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew’s Clue this week is Jesus and children.

SECOND SUNDAY

Today’s Second Sunday will be meeting HERE in the conference room for lunch, and in the music room for game time. No need to travel to the Chapel for today’s event!

FREE MARKET COLLECTION

The Deacons are continuing to collect diapers (any size) and wipes to be distributed at the Free Market in September.

2024 BACKPACK PROGRAM

We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies from July 21st through August 11 th . We are in need of backpacks, note books (spiral-bound, 3-ring with filler paper, and composition books). Most of the children who receive the backpacks are in elementary and middle school, so we would appreciate that the notebooks and filler paper be wide-ruled. We will also be collecting rulers, glue sticks, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, zippered pencil bags or cases, crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, children’s scissors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The filled backpacks will be distributed to families involved with the NJ Department of Children and Families in Warren County. Any questions, contact Donna Erickson.

FYI-INFORMATION

7/7/24	In Person Attendance	71
	Virtual Attendance	150
	Offering	\$3,594.90

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am
Mon/Wed & Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon

July 14 - 20, 2024

Worship
Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 14 - 20, 2024

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



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