

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



July 7, 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

adapted from GA 226 liturgy

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,

and endurance produces character,

and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Remember your baptism, and be thankful. **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Commandment #3: *You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain. (Exodus 20:7)*

Praise God's Holy Name, Alleluia

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Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
(Repeat)

Praise God's holy name, alleluia! Praise God's holy name, Alleluia!
(Repeat)

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 *adapted from GA 226 liturgy*

We belong—body, mind, heart, and soul—to a God who loves us, even when we mess up. This God is a God of faith and hope. Let us now open ourselves to be healed and forgiven by this lifegiving Creator. *Flames of the Spirit, 74*

We believe that we are called in the Spirit to account for the hope that is within us through Jesus Christ, and believe that justice shall prevail and peace shall reign.

We commit ourselves to seek a global covenant for justice in the economy and the earth in the household of God.

We humbly confess this hope, knowing that we, too, stand under the judgment of God's justice.

We acknowledge the complicity and guilt of those who consciously or unconsciously benefit from the current economic global system.

We recognize that this includes both churches and members of our own Reformed family and therefore we call for confession of sin.

We acknowledge that we have become captivated by the culture of consumerism and the competitive greed and selfishness of the current economic system.

This has all too often permeated our very spirituality.

We confess our sin in misusing creation and failing to play our role as stewards and companions of nature.

We confess our sin that our disunity within the Reformed family has impaired our ability to serve God's mission in fullness.

We join in praise to God, Creator, Redeemer, Spirit, who has "brought down the mighty from their thrones, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands." Accra Confession (excerpts)

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts. It is with great joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness of our sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace! With great joy, we are made alive!

Thanks be to God. Amen. Flames of the Spirit, 74

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 LESSONS

Romans 5:1-5

Hebrews 11:1

SERMON

Holding on to Hope

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

***HYMN**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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Give to the wind thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way. Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and
to command. So shalt thou, wondering,
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast
Truth declare, and publish with our
Final breath thy love and guardian care.

***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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mason

***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.

***COMMUNION HYMN**

Come to the Table of Grace

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Come to the table of grace. Come to the
table of grace. This is God's table; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace. Come to the
table of peace. This is God's table; it's
not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a sign of hospitality we offer gluten free bread for communion.

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...(Pastor continues)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Deborah Gulick Shepherd, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *May the God of Hope Go with Us* **765**

May the God of hope go with us everyday, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***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

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: James Tischler

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jean Zetterberg

Greeting: Nellie Creager & Janette Hendershot

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

Best Family (Passing of Bob Best) & Nancy Lawlor

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 between the Sunshine Station bags. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew's Clue is Commandment.

FREE MARKET COLLECTION

The Deacons are continuing to collect diapers (any size) and wipes to be distributed at the Free Market in September. If you are able, can you help us fill the pack & play in the front of the church?

PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 1 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

For the fall, we plan to divide our children into three classes: PreK-1, 2-5, and Confirmation class. We are in need of teachers for our Pre-K- 1 grade class. The Christian Education Committee will provide the curriculum and all materials for the class. We would love two or more people to teach. If you are compassionate, flexible, patient, creative and understanding, then we hope you will consider helping to guide our young children on their Christian journey. If you're interested, please let Pastor Erin or MaryAnn Simmons know.

SECOND SUNDAY

Kids, be sure to sign up for next week's Second Sunday-we'll be playing BINGO and BOARD GAMES! The sign up sheet is on the table in front of the church.

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, we thank Deborah Gulick Shepherd for providing special music during Communion. If you would like to provide some special music during church in these summer months, please be sure to speak with Lorinda.

PASTOR ERIN ON VACATION

Pastor Erin will be on vacation July 14-July 21. If you have a pastoral care concern please reach out to one of our deacons.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/30/24	In Person Attendance	48
	Virtual Attendance	124
	Offering	\$1,313.09

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Mon/Wed & Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Thursday	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office closed (July 4th)

July 7 - 13, 2024

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 7 - 13, 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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