

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



June 16, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

***HYMN**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elise Bates Russell
Executive Director, Johnsonburg

ANTHEM*My Lighthouse*

Johnsonburg Staff

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore (x3)

Verse

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore (x3)

Bridge:

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storm
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storm
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storm
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storm

Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Johnsonburg Staff

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Righteous God, we walk away when love calls our name. We confess we are bland, lost our flavor and distinctiveness. Blending in has become easier than standing out for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please forgive our complacent hearts, our inability to define whose we are. Show us the flavor of Your Spirit. Do not let us cheapen your grace or nullify your justice. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is ours today, every time we are truthful with God and ourselves. We remember, "God has prepared things for those who love God that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, or that haven't crossed the mind of any human being."

All: 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

Matthew Charles

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 13-17

Miranda Equibar Alonso

Matthew 5:13-17

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

***HYMN**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where this is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. (REFRAIN)

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life. (REFRAIN)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Brief Statement of faith, PCUSA

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up

the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Young

***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.

LITANY FOR COMMISSIONING JOHNSONBURG'S SUMMER STAFF

PASTOR: Camp Johnsonburg Summer Staff of 2024, you have come to the woods along the lakeshore.

STAFF: We have come...

from New Jersey

from England

from North Carolina

from Mexico

from Virginia

from Scotland

from Pennsylvania

from China

from Ohio

from Turkey

PEOPLE: You have come to the lakeshore,

STAFF: to play with children, laugh, listen and love.

PASTOR: You have come to lead.

PEOPLE: You have come to the forest,

STAFF: to grow, stretch, learn and be changed by God's presence.

PASTOR: You are ready.

PEOPLE: You have come to the meadows,

STAFF: to serve, live in community, worship and pray.

PASTOR: You are called.

PEOPLE: You have come to the lakeshore,

STAFF: and we have dropped our nets. We are prepared to follow.

PASTOR: May God bless you richly as you seek God's face and guidance in all you do this summer through the ministry of Camp Johnsonburg. May your mosquito bites be few, your campfires be bright, your hikes be successful, your campers be happy, your rest hours be quiet, your food be tasty and your impact be lasting.

***CLOSING HYMN Come! Live in the Light! - We are Called 749**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. (REFRAIN)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. (REFRAIN)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

RESPONSESend me, Jesus vs. 1***746**

Send me, Jesus; send me. Jesus send me,
Jesus; send me, Lord.

POSTLUDE*Wonderful Words of Life***Serving Our Congregation Today*****Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook******Worship Leader: Ryan Van Orden******Music Director: Lorinda Ravo******Video: Geoff Gohlich******Greeting: Bruce & Ellen Bergman***

***The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
Carol & Pete Miller (Sympathy for Carol's mom, Edna Ort),
Ivy Sookhoo***

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 by the livestream camera. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew's Clue is Sunflower.

JOHNSONBURG COMMISSIONING

Today we are pleased to host the entire summer staff of Camp Johnsonburg. They start their staff training this week. We will pray with and for them as they start off the summer walking alongside children and youth. We are excited to hear more about Camp Johnsonburg as they help lead worship.

HELP NEEDED FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY

Can you spare 5 minutes after today's service? We are hosting a recital by the Hackettstown High School Vocal Performance class tomorrow evening, and we need the dais cleared and the communion table moved. If you can stay and help us move the furniture, we'll welcome your assistance!

FREE MARKET COLLECTION

Beginning this Sunday and for the rest of the rest of the summer, the Deacons will be collecting diapers (any size) and wipes to be distributed at the Free Market in September.

SUNSHINE STATION BAGS ARE BACK!

Kids, the Sunshine State bags are back for the summer months, filled with a craft project, some coloring/puzzle sheets, and a special toy. You are welcome to take a bag, but please return the bag, clipboard, and crayons to the front pew at the end of church today so that they can be refilled with all new items for next Sunday.

MRS. RAVO’S SUMMER CHALLENGES

We have our first student who met the June/July summer challenge: to say the Lord’s Prayer from memory and a Dunkin Donuts card is in her future. Remember, as soon as you’re ready, kids, find Mrs. Ravo before or after church and say it for her (or have your grown-ups take a video of you saying it and send it to Mrs. Ravo).

PRAYER SHAWLS

Starting on **June 30th**, we will begin to offer our Prayer Shawls, blankets, etc. from the Yarn Girls each month that has 5 Sundays in it. If you know of anyone who is ill, mourning, or just needs a special hug, please see Deborah Gulick Shepherd.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/9/24	In Person Attendance	103
	Virtual Attendance	167
	Offering	\$3,272.40

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon
Monday	3:00-7:00 pm

June 16 - 22, 2024

Worship
Church office open
HHS Vocal student recital

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 16 - 22, 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
	7:00-9:00 pm	Colonial Musketeers Sr.
	7:30 pm	GA Meeting



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