

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



June 30, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to the Lord, for God has shown us the wonders of God's love!

Love the Lord, all his faithful people! The Lord preserves those who are true to him!

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Let us worship the God of hope.

***HYMN**

Shall We Gather at the River

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Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (REFRAIN)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (REFRAIN)

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (REFRAIN)

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Commandment #2

Exodus 20:4

Come Bless the Lord

Come bless the Lord (echo) All ye servants of the Lord (echo)

Who stand by night (echo) in the house of the Lord (echo)

Lift up your hands (echo) in the Holy place (echo)

And bless the Lord (echo) and bless the Lord (echo)

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

Holy Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.

Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus.

You call us to have faith in your sustaining presence and power, but your call takes us beyond anything we can see or touch.

We fear placing our trust in things beyond our control.

We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with joy.

Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life.

Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Whenever we seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God forgives our faithlessness and strengthens us for the journey ahead. We are the heirs of God's promises. We are the children of God's compassion and mercy.

***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

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

SERMON

Hope in Happy Endings

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

HYMNSoon and Very Soon*

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Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (inspired by Romans 4:18) by Jan Richardson

Hope nonetheless.

Hope despite.

Hope regardless.

Hope still.

Hope where we had ceased to hope.

Hope amid what threatens hope.

Hope with those who feed our hope.

Hope beyond what we had hoped.

Hope that draws us past our limits.

Hope that defies expectations.

Hope that questions what we have known.

Hope that makes a way where there is none.

Hope that takes us past our fear.

Hope that calls us into life.

Hope that holds us beyond death.

Hope that blesses those to come.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

One Step at a Time

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Lorinda Ravo, Soloist

When something seems too hard to handle, too big to conquer, too far away to touch, when all your dreams begin to shatter and deep inside you, you're hurting, oh, so much, that's when it's time to say,
(CHORUS)

"I'm climbing my mountain, step by step. I'm climbing my mountain day by day. I'm climbing my mountain all the way. I'm climbing my mountain. I'm gonna make it! One step at a time, one step at a time, one step at a time, with Jesus by my side. One step at a time, one step at a time, I'm climbing my mountain, one step at a time."

Even though you might grow weary, don't grow discouraged, in our weakness God is strong. Remember this: he'll never leave you. He won't forsake you. He's your strength and He's your song. So sing and start to say (CHORUS)

*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 *To God Be the Glory*

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To God be the glory; great thing he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the lifegate that all may go in. (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (REFRAIN)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE**

Send me, Jesus vs. 3

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Fill me, Jesus; fill me. Jesus fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

POSTLUDE

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Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Justin Simmons

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Pam Venturini

Greeting: Kathy Maier & Pat Butts

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

Donna Annunziata & Eris-Marie Bunnel

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 on the Summer Challenge bulletin board. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew's Clue is Sunshine Station.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Starting today, we begin to offer our Prayer Shawls, blankets, etc. from the Yarn Girls. We will offer them 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.

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.

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER RESULTS

The Fish and Chips dinner on June 15, 2024 netted a profit of \$944.27 for the Church. Many thanks to all who helped set up, serve and clean up and to those who bought and sold tickets. We look forward to having Tastefully British next year but possibly earlier in the spring.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/23/24	In Person Attendance	55
	Virtual Attendance	71
	Offering	\$1,213.68

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)

June 30 - July 6, 2024

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 30 - July 6, 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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