

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



June 9, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Medley of Sunday School Songs

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Teach us, oh Lord, your ways of grace and mercy,

And we will observe them to the end!

Remind us, God of our minds, that even if only two or three gather,

You reside among us with your whole self.

Guide us into the love of all people and things,

**For love is the fulfillment of your covenant. Let us worship the
rabbi, teacher, Christ.**

***HYMN**

God is Here!

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God is here! As we your people meet to
offer praise and prayer, may we find in
fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here as in the world around us, all our
varied skills and arts wait the coming
of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our
life-long need of grace; here are table,
font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching, here in
silence, as in speech, here, in newness
and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the
Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and
wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in
worship to explore what it means in
daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

How did I feel most connected to Sunday School? (Pre-Gr. 2)

Kwake Yesu Nasimama **832**

Little Lights Sunday School Choir

Kwake Yesu nasimama, (n)diye (m)wamba ni salama.

(Repeat this line 2X more)

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand, He's the solid rock of my life.

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

O Lord, your teaching is perfect, reviving the soul— yet we fail to receive the gift of grace you offer. Your testimony is sure, enlightening the mind— yet we fail to bear witness to your way of truth and life. Forgive us, God of grace. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORY TO GOD**

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Gloria gloria, in excelsis deo. Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

FROM OUR CHILDREN

I felt most connected to church this year when... (Elementary grades)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 19:13-15

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

***HYMN**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the holy manifestation of God as a human in Jesus Christ, whom his friends called Rabbi, Teacher. We believe in the power of his words to set the world aright. We believe in his fulfillment of the law and in the calling upon us to love; deeply, unashamedly, unreservedly. We rejoice in the callings of those who follow in his footsteps: teachers, helpers, encouragers, supporters. The ones for whom there is no higher calling than to bring up the faithful in the ways of Christ. The ones who follow us from birth to death with the love of Jesus stamped upon their hearts. We give thanks to the God of all of us who calls, equips, and guides them so that they may guide us. We believe the gathered body is one in Christ Jesus. No matter how many or how few, when two or three gather in Jesus' name, he is there. His presence, his body, his words guide us into all faithfulness.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

DOXOLOGY*658**

*Shen zhen mai hao, sheh zhen mai hao, shen zhen mai hao,
Ta dway wah zhen hao.*

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good;
God's so good to me.

FROM OUR CHILDREN

What kept me most connected to church? (Middle School grades)

GIVING THANKS FOR CHRISTIAN ED LEADERS**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE*****CLOSING HYMN** *Standing on the Promises***838**

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God. (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (REFRAIN)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (REFRAIN)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all.
standing on the promises of God. (REFRAIN)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

RESPONSEPeace of God Be with You***448**

As-salaamu lakum, As-salaamu lakum. Salaam, salaam,
As-salaamu lakum.

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.

Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

POSTLUDE*These Treasured Children***Serving Our Congregation Today*****Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook******Worship Leader: Jonathan Gohlich******Music Director: Lorinda Ravo******Video: Jan Courtright******Greeting: Pat & Geoff Gohlich******The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:******Carol Spitzer & Rose Green*****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 see Stewie last week? He was hiding by the Second Sunday sign up sheet. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew's Clue is camera. Next week, Stewie will be hiding somewhere else, and we'll also welcome our friend Sunny back to church!

TODAY'S RESPONSES

Our sung responses today will be songs that the children have learned this year on our "travels". For the response to confession, we'll be singing "Glory to God" from our trip to France. For the doxology following the offering, we'll sing "God is So Good" from China, and the closing will be the song from Egypt: As-salaamu lakum. The words to each of these are printed both in English and in the language the children learned, and we invite you to sing them in whichever language you'd prefer!

CURRENT EVENTS

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today, our Sunday School students end their 2023-24 "trip around the world". During this school year, the kids have visited 8 countries, learning about them and learning a song in the language of that country! The countries visited this year and the languages that we all sang in were: India (Punjabi), Egypt (Arabic), France (Latin), Argentina (Spanish), Democratic Republic of Congo (Shona), Great Britain (English), China (Mandarin), and Kenya (Swahili).

We want to give special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kshatri, and Mr. and Mrs. Tang for helping us learn Punjabi, Spanish, and Mandarin. Today the students will sing "Kwake Yesu Nasimama" in Swahili (and we invite you to sing along with us!) and they will receive their "passports" with memories of all the countries we've visited this year.

SECOND SUNDAY

Kids are reminded of today's Second Sunday Game Day in the chapel following worship. Even if you didn't have a chance to sign up, you're welcome to attend!

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

Come to our chapel on Saturday **June 15th** from 5-7pm. The meal includes fish and chips (French fries) provided by Tastefully British, homemade coleslaw, rolls and butter, beverages and dessert. **Cost is \$10 for kids under 12 and \$20 for adults.** Tickets can be purchased after church, by calling the church office, or by seeing Donna Erickson. Sit down and take-out are available. Make sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time, there will be limited tickets at the door. Sign-up sheets in the church are to help with set up, serving and clean-up. Bring your family and friends! We are happy to be able to host Tastefully British again after a few years' absence.

JOHNSONBURG COMMISSIONING

Next Sunday, June 16, we are pleased to host the entire summer staff of Camp Johnsonburg. They start their staff training that week. We will pray with and for them as they start off the summer walking alongside children and youth. Come and hear more about Camp Johnsonburg and as they help lead worship.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/2/24	In Person Attendance	121
	Virtual Attendance	203
	Offering	\$4,565.84

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

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

June 9 - 15, 2024

Worship
Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - June 9 - 15, 2024

Monday	10:30-11:30 am 7:00-9:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA Step by Step Jazz Band Boy Scout Troop 158 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 7:00-9:00 pm 7:30 pm	Colonial Musketeers Colonial Musketeers Sr. GA Meeting
Saturday	5:00-7:00 pm	Fish & Chips Dinner



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