

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



March 10, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

In The Garden

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

On our worst days,

God is good.

On our best days,

God is good.

When life is consistent,

God is good.

And when life turns on its head,

God is good.

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

God is good. God is here. God is love.

Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

REFRAIN

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (REFRAIN)

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
(REFRAIN)

The peace of Christ make fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
(REFRAIN)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in a God of second chances,

a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.

I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds. This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

At Calvary

***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
upon 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 known, what
e'er that idol be, help me to tear it
from thy throne, and worship only thee.

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *Go with Us, Lord* **748**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming
day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE *Worthy is the Lamb*

Liturgy by A Sanctified Art | Rev. Sarah Speed | www.sanctifiedart.org

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Al Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Geof Gohlich

Greeting: The Roguso Family

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

Haeja Kim & 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!

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning we welcome Mrs. Michelle Litwin, the music teacher at both Hatchery Hill and Willow Grove Schools as our guest musician. A clarinet major at The College of New Jersey, she is playing Ron Harris' contemporary arrangement of the song on which our Lenten theme is based: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing". Next Sunday, our music will be provided by our Senior Choir and our Joyful Noise Bell Choir.

STEW'S CLUE and MORE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the by one of the candles This week's clue to find Stewie is **HYMNS**. Can you find him? And Pastor Erin has hidden this week's symbol for our Lenten study somewhere in the sanctuary. It looks like a dot with an eyebrow over it and it's on a red teardrop background-have you seen it

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MARCH 24

In the season of lent, we follow Jesus' example; walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them. We are the church, together; and we are there with those who need us. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

CURRENT EVENTS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Lenten Bible Study on Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm We will use the study from Wandering Heart, no book to purchase.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower order forms are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please see one of today's greeters if you'd like one.

CHOIR CONCERT TOMORROW!

Pastor Erin's alma mater, Albright College's Chamber choir will come to our sanctuary to share a concert tomorrow night, **March 11** at 6:30 pm. It is open and free to all!

MARCH SECOND SUNDAY

TODAY, we'll be enjoying a Movie Matinee as we watch the animated film "Lion of Judah". (Rated PG) We'll have our "bagel time" lunch, and then see the movie, so if you'd like, bring along a blanket, pillow, stuffie, and we'll provide the popcorn!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28 - Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm, service with communion.

March 31 - Resurrection Sunday, 10 am worship, decorate the Easter flower cross, No Sunday School, kids' Easter worship bags provided.

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that in 1861, the cornerstone for this building that you're sitting in was laid, and the church was dedicated in 1862? The construction cost \$18,000 and the congregation had 400 members. However, the congregation dates back to the pre-Revolutionary era when the first building and cemetery were erected on the site at 291 Main Street where our "chapel" is now located. The original building was sold in 1819, and a second church was built and was used until the current sanctuary was completed.

FYI-INFORMATION

3/3/24

In Person Attendance	95
Virtual Attendance	305
Offering	\$6,804.40

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday	11:05 am
Sunday	11:20 am
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon
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Monday	10:00 am
Wednesday	6:30 pm
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm
Thursday	7:30-8:30 pm

March 10 - 16, 2024

Worship
Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Unity Chimes rehearsal
Church office open
Heaven Sent Nursery School
Lenten Bible Study
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FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Sr. Choir rehearsal

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - March 10 - 16, 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



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