

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



May 19, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*



THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of truth, **open our eyes to your presence.**

Comforter, **come and mend our broken hearts.**

Holy disruptor, **shake up the injustice of this world and the hatred in our hearts.**

Holy Fire, **purify our intentions and burn away the sin that tries to hold us back.**

Holy wind, **stir in us the joy of freedom we find in Jesus!**

***HYMN**

In Christ Called to Baptize

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In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the lifegiving gospels; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

God of Great and God of Small
Joyful Noise Bell Choir

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Kwake Yesu Nasimama***832**

PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION:

***Kwake, Yesu nasimama, (n)dee yay (m)wamba nee sa la ma.
(n)dee yay (m)wamba nee sa la ma. (n)dee yay (m)wamba nee sa
la ma.***

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

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

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Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**PRESENTATION****QUESTIONS****THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM****WELCOME**

**Kenzie Mae Carpenter, with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome
you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for
we are all one in Christ.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy one, we confess we try to keep the Holy Spirit caged like a bird. We are afraid of what her power might do. She might ask us to speak boldly. She might transform our hearts and do what seems foolish to others. We are afraid of speaking the truth in love. Stop us from holding back the power that is within us. Give us courage to let the Spirit loose in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

ANTHEM: *No Eye Has Seen* *Allen*
Senior Choir

Who can know the depths of His wisdom, who can trace the works of His hand? Who can fathom His thoughts or His ways? Who can know Him? Who can understand?

REFRAIN: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind conceive what God has in store. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, but by His spirit it will be revealed to all who love the Lord.

We can hold a hope that is living, we can stand on a rock that is firm. We can trust in His thoughts and His ways, We can know Him, we can know His Word. **REFRAIN**

Praise to our God who is able, to give more than we can ask. Praise to our God for His power. To Him be the glory forever and ever, amen!

REFRAIN

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 104:24-34

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

HYMNSpirit of the Living God***288**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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***As the Wind Song****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***May the God of Hope Go With Us***765**

May the God of hope go with us every day, 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**

RESPONSEGo to the World! V. 1***295**

Go to the world! God into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

POSTLUDE*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit***Serving Our Congregation Today*****Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook******Worship Leader: Justin Simmons******Music Director: Lorinda Ravo******Video: Geoff Gohlich******Greeting: Jean Zetterberg & Maddox Fucetola******The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:******John O'Brien & Katy Groover*****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 our Joyful Noise Bell Choir, featuring our youngest instrumental musicians, play an original arrangement of Natalie Sleeth's hymn, "God of Great and God of Small". This will be the last performance this "season" by this ensemble and we are so grateful for the love and support of this congregation for the children in our midst. The Senior Choir sings "No Eye Has Seen", a Pentecost anthem from the cantata "Come and See" by Nan and Dennis Allen.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding on the world map that we use for our children's message each week. Were you able to find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew's Clue is **BALLOON!**

CURRENT EVENTS

PENTECOST - SPECIAL OFFERING - TODAY

The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start- a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. We will be collecting today, 40% of the offering will stay in our congregation for our youth, 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteers with the PCUSA, 25% goes to youth ministries for 12-18 year olds and 10% will go to "Educate a Child, Transform the World". You can give via envelope or online pcusa.org/give/pentecost.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study begins this Wednesday, **May 22** at 6:30pm. We will continue using the book *From Widows to Warriors* which are women's stories from the Old Testament. You are welcome to join even if you have not attended in the past. Please read pages 70-74 for this week's study. All are welcome!

BE PART OF THE CHOIR ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

It has long been the tradition of our Senior Choir to sing "*America, the Beautiful*" on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Next Sunday, **May 26**, we invite **ALL** who are interested (kids and adults alike) to join the choir in singing this beautiful and inspiring hymn. To make it even easier, you'll be singing the very familiar melody for all three verses, so you'll already know it! Any who are interested can meet Lorinda in the choir room following today's service, or she'll meet with you at a mutually convenient time if you can't make it this morning!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Each year we count it a blessing to represent our church in Hackettstown's Memorial day parade. The parade is on Monday, **May 27**. Come walk with us and share in a special event for the community. There is a sign up sheet on the table by the `dais, or let Michele Cameron know. If we do not have sufficient volunteers to walk in the parade, we will not be able to participate, so please sign up if you are able.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, **June 2** as we will welcome our confirmation students to a life with Jesus and a member of our church. Their mentors will introduce them to our community as we pray with and for them.

FYI-INFORMATION

5/12/24	In Person Attendance	100
	Virtual Attendance	118
	Offering	\$1,508.90

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:05 am	Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Sunday	11:20 am	Unity Chimes rehearsal
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Heaven Sent Nursery School

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - May 19-25, 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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