

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



July 6, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of creation, we give you thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain.

Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands,
and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit,
that we may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace, as we wait for the completion of your creation. Let us worship God.

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: (Refrain)

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
(Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
(Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
(Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
(Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Do Lord, Do Remember Me*

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun (Repeat 2X)
Way beyond the blue.

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (Repeat 2X)
Way beyond the blue.

When I start to stumble, Lord, You're the one I call (repeat 2X)
Way Beyond the blue.

Do Lord, O do Lord.....

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation:
Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned water we groan with creation:
Have mercy on us.

Giver of live in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with
creation: **Have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of rising seas, we groan with creation:

**Have mercy on us. Giver of life, forgive us and make us agents of
healing for the good of your creation, through Jesus Christ our
Lord we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the waters of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know
that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share that blessing with
others and care for this good earth, that creation may declare God's
glory. **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 LESSON

Genesis 1:20-22

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

HYMNO God, In a Mysterious Way***30**

O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.
You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill,
you treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will.

O fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.
You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' 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***This Holy Feast****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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**COMMUNION HYMN***Eat This Bread***527**

"Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
never be hungry. Eat this bread;
drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a sign of hospitality we offer gluten free bread for communion.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...(Pastor continues)

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.

WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS *Think on These Things/At The Table of the Lord.*
Deborah Gulick Shepherd, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

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Let us with a gladsome mind praise the
Lord who is so kind: (Refrain)

Refrain

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all commanding might, filled the
new made world with light: (Refrain)

All things living God does feed; with full
measure, meets their need: (Refrain)

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the
Lord who is so kind: (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE**

Blessed Assurance

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This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: MaryAnn Simmons

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Greeting: Pete & Carol Miller

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

Ruth Barth & Bruce Tischler

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!

NEWSLETTERS

Those of you who have your Newsletter sent to your homes, please be sure to pick up your Newsletter this morning if you haven't already. We are trying to be good stewards of our finances by saving almost \$2.00 per Newsletter that is sent. Those that are not picked up this Sunday will be mailed. Thank you.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

If you want to get to know the Bible and the folks in our community then join us for summer Bible Study starting next week, Wednesday, July 9 at 6:30 pm. No books are needed for this round! Questions let Pastor Erin know.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding by the Second Sunday sign up sheet. This week's clue is piano.

JULY'S SECOND SUNDAY

Kids! Be sure to sign up for next week's Second Sunday event. Nadia and Betsy Hanson will be leading the program which will be centered on the story of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's special music is being provided by soloist Deborah Gulick Shepherd, who will be singing during the distribution of the communion elements. She'll be singing, *Think on These Things* and *At The Table of the Lord*.

Next Sunday, we'll be pleased to welcome back Jessica Pomeroy who will be subbing for Lorinda while she and Al attend their nephew's wedding in Boston, Mass. Jess is an elementary music teacher at the Tinc Road School in Mount Olive.

FYI-INFORMATION

6/29/25	In Person Attendance	62
	Virtual Attendance	89
	Offering	\$1,269.68

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

July 6-12, 2025

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel -July 6-12, 2025

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
Saturday	7:00 pm	12 Steps



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