

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



November 2, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, whose name causes our spirits to lift in love, we reach back in our memories and call to mind the people who have joined your company of saints.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Thank you God, for their witness in our lives. Thank you for their sustaining prayers, their laughter, their love, and for their stories that keep us moving in this race of faith.

We praise you God for putting people in our path to show us who you are. Now let us celebrate the Holy One, whose name is above all names. Lift up our voices in praise!

***HYMN**

We Praise You, O God

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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gentle Shepherd

Bill & Gloria Gaither

Senior Choir with Pastor Erin

Gentle shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to come and help us find our way. Gentle shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.

There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day. Gentle shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day. Gentle shepherd, come and lead us, for we need to help us find our way. Yes we need you to help us find our way. Gentle Shepherd.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *This is the Day*

Psalm 118:24

This is the day (**echo**) that the Lord has made (**echo**), we will rejoice (**echo**), and be glad in it (**echo**).

(ALL TOGETHER) This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day (**echo**) **(ALL TOGETHER:)** That the Lord has made.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ephesians 1:11-23, Daniel 7:9-19

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

*HYMN

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

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In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earths, 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

It is Well With my Soul

Bliss

*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.

***COMMUNION HYMN** *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven* 511

vs. 1-3

Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
“Come! The banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
as the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!
come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia!
taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMNFor All the Saints* vs. 1-3**326**

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon
you, and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace
forever.

POSTLUDE*Lift High the Cross***Nicholson**

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: Ryan Van Orden

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jean Zetterberg

Greeting: Bruce & Ellen Bergman

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

Al Cruts & Barbara Hall

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 by the
pumpkins in the Halloween photo station. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has
moved again. The Stew's Clue is photograph.

COMMUNITY DINNER

We will begin our monthly Community Dinner on Saturday, **November 8th** at 5:00pm in the Chapel. This is a free dinner for those who are in need of company or a warm meal. If you would like to assist with the dinner please see Ryan Van Orden or Carl Erickson.

NOVEMBER'S SECOND SUNDAY

On **November 9**, our Second Sunday activity will be "All About Thanksgiving" with Mrs. Bergman. Be sure to sign up on the registration form on the information table in church. You'll be making a Thanksgiving decoration, hearing stories, and talking about what this holiday means!

VETERAN RECOGNITION

We will recognize our Veterans on Sunday, **November 9th** during worship.

TODAY'S MUSIC

In the Senior Choir's anthem, "Gentle Shepherd", the words of Psalm 23 are beautifully illustrated in this Bill and Gloria Gaither anthem that first premiered over 50 years ago. This lovely arrangement includes Pastor Erin speaking the beautiful words of this beloved Psalm in the middle of the anthem. Next Sunday, a dear friend of this congregation, Mrs. Jessica Pomeroy, the music teacher at Tinc Road Elementary School, and the former Hackettstown High School choral director will be subbing for Lorinda and she and her family are attending the US Bands Nationals competition in Allentown Pennsylvania at which the Hackettstown High School marching band will be competing in the Group IIA category.

THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

You are all invited to come over to the chapel on Sunday, **November 16** right after worship. We would like to thank you for all you do to support our church by offering a yummy brunch. During our time we will have an opportunity to hear what we are thankful for and find out what adventure we hope to journey on next!

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

On Sunday, **November 16th**, The Hackettstown Community Band will hold a free concert in the church at 3pm. We are excited to have them as it is their first time performing here. Many of their members are also part of Stone Soup Symphony who has performed here for many years. This special performance will feature a lively mix of popular music from film and stage, beloved patriotic selections, and a heartfelt tribute to our Veterans. The afternoon promises an inspiring and entertaining program celebrating community, creativity and gratitude for those who have served our nation. Admission is free and freewill donations are gratefully accepted.

DEDICATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS

We will be submitting our 2026 Commitment Cards on Sunday, **November 23rd** during worship. Please remember to bring in your cards and they will be collected during the offertory.

Did You Know...?

Soon you will be able to purchase gift cards from the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown?

The First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown will soon be offering ways you can purchase gift cards for different retail stores and restaurants with a portion of the sale going to the church.

More Details Coming Soon

Information regarding this program, including how to purchase, will be available soon



Did You Know...?

About the Christmas Joy Offering?

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need.

Consider donating to the Christmas Joy offering this season!

Contact a member of the session for more information



FYI-INFORMATION

10/26/25

In Person Attendance

85

Virtual Attendance

114

Offering

\$2,114.21

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

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

November 2 - 8, 2025

Worship
Joyful Noise Bells rehearsal
Unity Chimes rehearsal
Church Office Open
Heaven Sent Nursery School
FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - November 2 - 8, 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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