

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

July 19, 2026



PRELUDE *Sing Glory to the Name of God* **Vaughan Williams**

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!

You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.

O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.

***HYMN** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* **267**

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice:

praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forever more: Alleluia! Amen!

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A Summer of Action (songs)

I'm Gonna Sing

African American Spiritual

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing (REPEAT 2X)

And obey the spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout!.....

I'm gonna clap when the spirit says clap!.....

I'm gonna jump when the spirit says jump!.....

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Betrice Wood

This is a moment given by God to confess our sins against each other, all that God has created, and God. Let us take this moment to account for the ways in which we have not embodied what it means to be created in the image of God. Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.

The God of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing. God is eager to show us the path home. Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, 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

Psalm 100

***HYMN**

"Hymn from the Box"

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:1-9

***HYMN**

"Hymn from the Box"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

United Church of Canada

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart. We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world. The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign. We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world. We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge. Through word, music, art, and sacrament in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Heleluyan, We Are Singing*

Muscogee Creek Hymn

***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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!* **17**

Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praises, each shining light!
Sing, planets in your orbits; sing stars all burning bright!
Sing praise, you winds and tempest, you driving rain and snow!
Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises! Sing praises, hill and plain,
you mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!
Sing praise, each fragrant flower; your fairest hues display.
Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing, glad array.

Sing praises, all you creatures in whom God takes delight:
you whales that roam the oceans, you eagles in your flight!
Sing praise, you sheep on hillsides, you cattle in the stall!
Though wordless, sing your praises to God who made you all!

Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ
to praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* (Refrain) **839**

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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Watts

Serving Our Congregation Today

Worship Leader: Deb Shepherd

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jan Courtright

Greeting: Bev Saunders & Pam Venturini

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

Jeff Newton & 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!

AUGUST SECOND SUNDAY! - AUGUST 9TH

Are you ready for our 5th annual Super Soaker Sunday? Be sure to preregister on the sign up sheet and come prepared to have fun and get WET! Towels are recommended! The sign up sheet is on the information and sign up table in front of the church.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? This week, Stewie thinks you should look by the school supplies!

RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Help support the mission of our church by purchasing gift cards. Over 700 of your favorite companies participate and FPCH gets a percentage of every gift card purchased (at no additional expense to you) with Raise Right. You can purchase online, with our coordinator Geof Gohlich or via the app. For more information see our flyers in the sanctuary.

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FYI-INFORMATION

7/12/26	In Person Attendance	59
	Virtual Attendance	149
	Offering	\$5,903.39

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

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

July 19 - 25, 2026

Worship
Church office open

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 19 - 25, 2026

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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