

# **First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ**



**Camp Ministries**

**August 17, 2025**

**Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church**

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

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to the lakeshore, where Jesus calls us to deeper waters and abundant life.

**We come, ready to listen, to learn, and to follow.**

Look around at the beauty of creation: the sky, the water, the earth teeming with life.

**We marvel at God's abundant provision and give thanks for the gifts of creation.**

God calls us to be stewards of this world, to care for the land, the waters, and all living things.

**We answer God's call with open hearts and willing hands, ready to serve.**

Jesus invites us into community, where we are transformed by God's grace and sent out to share God's love with the world.

**Together, we embrace this holy calling, trusting in God's presence to guide us.**

Let us worship the One who provides, sustains, and calls us to follow.

**With joy and gratitude, we worship God, Creator of heaven and earth!**

**\*HYMN**

*Kum ba Yah*

**472**

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba ya, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah!.....

Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah!.....

Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah!.....

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Boom Chicka Boom*

Leader: I said a boom chicka boom

**Congregation: I said a boom chicka boom**

L: I said a boom chicka boom

**C: I said a boom chicka boom**

L: I said a boom chicka rocka chicka rocka chicka boom.

**C: I said a boom chicka rocka chicka rocka chicka boom.**

L: Uh huh     **C: Uh huh**

L: Oh yeah     **C: Oh yeah**

L: Sunday School

**C: Sunday School**

L: AMEN!

**C: AMEN!**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator God, You have filled the world with beauty and abundance, yet we often take Your gifts for granted. We exploit the earth's resources and fail to care for the land, the waters, and all living things. Forgive us for our neglect and greed, for treating Your creation as ours to own rather than a trust to steward. Christ, who calls us to cast our nets into deeper waters, we confess that we often resist Your invitation. We cling to comfort, avoid risks, and ignore the ways You transform and send us out to share Your love. Forgive us for our hesitation, our apathy, and our failure to follow where You lead. Holy Spirit, who forms us in community, we confess that we have not lived as one body in Christ. We have overlooked the needs of others, turned inward, and forgotten that You send us to love and serve. Forgive us for our selfishness and for failing to reflect Your grace to the world. renew us, O God. Restore us to right relationship with creation, with one another, and with You. Empower us to care for Your world and share Your love, so that all may know Your abundant life. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. 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.

## **“NAME THAT HYMN”**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**STORIES ABOUT CAMP MINISTRIES** Harper Ravo, Camper

Elise Bates Russell, Executive Director of Camp Johnsonburg

### **SERMON**

**Rev. Erin Hayes Cook**

## **\*HYMN**

*I've Got Peace like a River*

**623**

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (REPEAT)

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (REPEAT)

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (REPEAT).

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, Who made all things good and entrusted them to our care. We believe that all creation reveals God's glory, And that we are called to steward the earth, nurturing its beauty, protecting its resources, and working for justice in all things. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, who calls us into community, transforms our lives, and sends us out to share God's love with the world. Through His life, death, and resurrection, we are reconciled to God and to one another. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live as faithful disciples, equipping us to serve and to care for creation, to reflect God's love in all that we do. We believe that the church, as the body of Christ, is called to be a witness to God's kingdom, a place where all people may experience God's love and grace, and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God is at work in the world, calling us to deeper faith, deeper relationship, and deeper care for all that God has made. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## OFFERING INVITATION

**OFFERTORY**      *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*      *Civilla D. Martin*

### \*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 THE PEOPLE

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* **300**

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: **(Refrain)**

### Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;

we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,

and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **(Refrain)**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,

and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **(Refrain)**

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

**\*RESPONSE**      *Come! Live in the Light!*      **749** (Refrain)

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are  
called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

**POSTLUDE**      *Standing on the Promises*      **R. Kelso Carter**

## **Serving Our Congregation Today**

***Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook***

***Music Director: Lorinda Ravo***

***Greeting: Pat Butts & Janette Hendershot***

***Video: Erin Roguso***

***This week the cards on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:  
Sandy Archer & John O'Brien***

## **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!

## **THANK YOU FOR SHARING!**

Thanks to Harper Ravo, a confirmation student and proud Johnsonburg camper for sharing her story today. And thank you to Elise Bates Russell, the Executive Director of Camp Johnsonburg for sharing about the amazing ministry that is just 20 minutes away. For more information you can talk with her or [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org).

## **TODAY'S MUSIC**

This morning, we'll be enjoying another "Name that Hymn" Sunday for our anthem. We'll be choosing someone's favorite hymn from the blue box on the piano for the congregation to sing during this morning's service. Next Sunday, Lorinda, Torey, and Harper Ravo will be singing as a trio for our anthem.

## **NEW MEMBERS CLASS**

If you want to learn more about becoming a member here at FPC we would love to host you for a new member's class. You will meet with Pastor Erin, get to know people in the congregation, and find out where God is leading us together. It will be right after worship today. Join us on **September 7 for the next class**. Our hope is for you to come to two sessions. We are looking to welcome people to membership in September.

## **STEW'S CLUE!**

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding in the treasure chest at the front of the church. This week, Stewie is trying to hide from you. His clue this week is pantry. Hope you find him.

## **SEPTEMBER'S SECOND SUNDAY**

On **September 14**, members of the Hackettstown First Aid and Rescue Squad will be coming to tell us about what they do, let us see their equipment, and teach us about the importance of First Aid! Be sure to bring a stuffie to use as your "patient"! The sign up sheet is on the information table in the front of the church.

### **BACKPACK PROGRAM 2025**

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to donate 52 backpacks filled with school supplies to the Department of Children and Families. The backpacks will be distributed to needy children in Warren County. A special thanks to Ellen Bergman and Geof Gohlich for helping to load the backpacks into the car so they could be delivered. Thank you for supporting this ministry of the Church.

### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

As you gather items for the upcoming Clothing Drive in October please be aware of a change in what they will accept. They will no longer accept blankets, quilts, or comforters. Thank you in advance for your donations.

### **FYI-INFORMATION**

8/10/25	In Person Attendance	81
	Virtual Attendance	130
	Offering	\$1,600.40

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**

**August 17-23, 2025**

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Mon/Fri	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Church office open
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Session Meeting

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - August 17-23, 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



### **FOR PASTORAL CARE,**

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