

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



November 9, 2025

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

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

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thought and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

OPENING PRAYER

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.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, like the Israelites we scream, is there enough? We try to grab all that we can because we are scared. Instead of greeting the day with gratitude we step into the fear of losing what we have. Turn our hearts to you so we may live as if there is enough food, shelter, and resources for all. Help us see that when we give we proclaim that in you there is always enough. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's grace is more than sufficient. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:11-16

SERMON

Myth There is Not Enough

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

***HYMN**

Though I May Speak

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Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Sanctified Art

We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are. We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good and celebrates every step we take in that direction. We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties and is gentle with our concerns. And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love. The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners, but we know love has no limit. So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

***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 FOR THE PEOPLE

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

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Let us with a gladsome mind praise the
Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies
shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all commanding might, filled the
new made world with light: for God's mercies
shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed; with full
measure, meets their need: for God's mercies
shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the
Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies
shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: MaryAnn Simmons

Guest Musician: Jessica Pomeroy

Video: Erin Roguso

Greeting: Pat Butts & MaryAnn Simmons

***The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:
Ruth Barth & Barbara Henning***

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 one of the pictures on the communion table. Did you find him? This week, Stewie has moved again. The Stew's Clue flag.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today, a 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 which includes 16 award winning bands from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Virginia.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

Today's communion table is decorated with the hats from the different branches of services that represent the United States and our heroes. We salute you all and thank you for your service! Special thank-you to the Hackettstown American Legion Women who donated the flowers this morning in honor of our Veterans.

NOVEMBER'S SECOND SUNDAY

TODAY, our Second Sunday activity will be "All About Thanksgiving" with Mrs. Bergman. Join us even if you forgot to sign up on the registration form. You'll be making a Thanksgiving decoration, hearing stories, and talking about what this holiday means!

THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

You are all invited to come over to the chapel next 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

Next 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.

CREATIVE FLOW - Monday, November 17th

9:30 am – 4:30 pm - *Sanctuary & Seed* (1600 Washington Valley Road; Martinsville, NJ)

Presenters: Linda Condon, LMHC, MPS, MA, TEP, Amy Clarkson, MMT, MT-BC, TEP

Workshop Fee: \$125 - Register by November 1st

contact amy@creativeflowtherapy.com with questions or financial support needs

FYI-INFORMATION

11/2/25	In Person Attendance	110
	Virtual Attendance	120
	Offering	\$5,654.40

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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Tuesday	6:30 pm
Thursday	6:30-7:15 pm
	7:30-8:30 pm

November 9 - 15, 2025

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - November 9 - 15, 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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