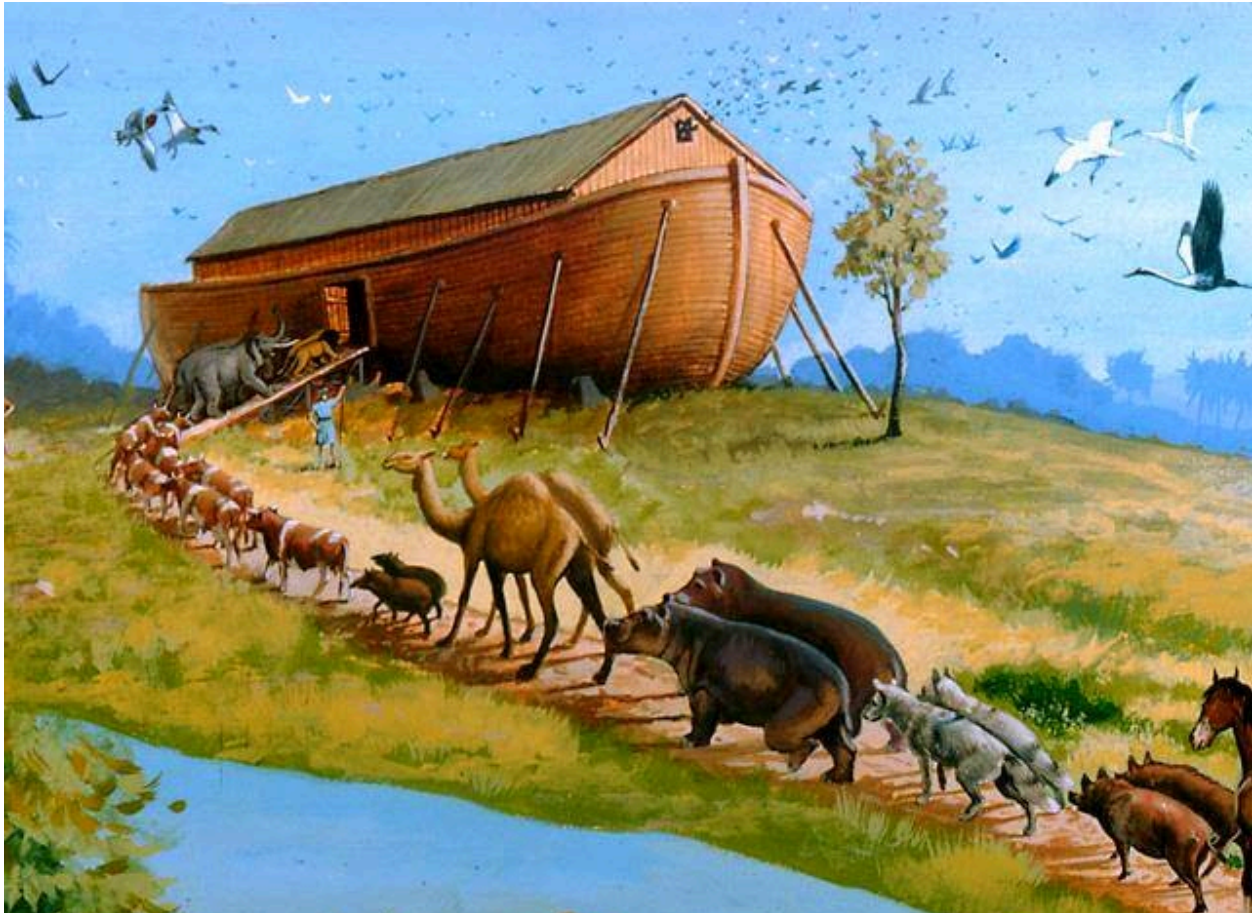


First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



July 13, 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

Come and see what the Lord has done,

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **12**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in accessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou reulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rabbi Harold Kushner

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect. Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows. Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly, so that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness, so that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors. Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you never break your promises to us. Yet we wait underneath rainbows waiting for the rain to fall on our heads. We look for clouds when you send us your grace. We confess we take life for granted. We forget your precious gifts. Restore to us the faithful hope of your promise of redemption no matter how high the waters rise. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

Genesis 7:1-10, 8:6-12

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

HYMNMake a Joyful Noise to God!***54**

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Come and see what God has done, great the blessing to the just:
walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.
Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
by whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our gifts deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*Lisa Frenz*

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and
all we don't see; who is Ruler of the universe: source of all
creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light
from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator;
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, breath of God moving
among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our
Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

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 OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMNKum ba Yah***472**

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

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

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

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING**RESPONSE***Blessed Assurance***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**Serving Our Congregation Today*****Preacher: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook******Worship Leader: Pat Butts******Music Director: Lorinda Ravo******Greeting: Sharon Styacks & Kathy Maier******Video: Erin Roguso******The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:******John O'Brien & Sandy Archer*****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.

TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning, we are pleased to welcome back Jessica Pomeroy who is subbing for Lorinda as she and Al are attending their nephew's wedding in Boston. Jessica, a graduate of Moravian College, was formerly the choral music teacher at Hackettstown High School, and now teaches at Tinc Road School in Mount Olive. She and her husband Sean are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters.

Next Sunday, Mrs. Michelle Litwin, music teacher at Hatchery Hill and Willow Grove Schools will be our guest musician. She will be playing Paul Shin's arrangement of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" on the clarinet.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? He was hiding by Mrs. Ravo at the piano. This week, Stewie is trying to hide again, and the clue to find him is "Under the Sea". Hope you find him.

JULY'S SECOND SUNDAY -TODAY!!

Kids, remember to stay for today's Second Sunday, led by Betsy and Nadia Hanson. You'll be having an event based on the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Second Sunday today will be from 11:30-1:30.

JOHNSONBURG CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Parents, grandparents and those who love kids and youth! You know how important it is for your children to learn skills for living in this world... and that doesn't stop in the summer! Research shows the value of a week at summer camp (especially faith-based summer camps like Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center) every year. **Visit Johnsonburg.org TODAY** and register for a week of camp so your child can make new friends, spend time away from screens, relax and run in God's creation, and worship outside this summer. It WILL make a difference in their life! Want to talk to someone? Call the Johnsonburg office today at 908-852-2349.

FYI-INFORMATION

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| 7/06/25 | In Person Attendance | 84 |
| | Virtual Attendance | 98 |
| | Offering | \$5,731.40 |

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH**July 13 - 19, 2025**

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - July 13 - 19, 2025

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| 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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