

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ

May 17, 2026



PRELUDE *Here on Jesus Christ, I Will Stand*
(Kwake Yesu Nasimama)

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great and loving God,

Your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give;

Your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised.

Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear.

Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word,

**That we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through
Jesus Christ, who lives with you now and always in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever, Amen.**

***HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* **624**

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all care to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:

O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.

O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee:
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM:

Servant of All

Matthew 20:26

Little Lights Sunday School Choir

If you want to be great in God's kingdom, learn to be the servant of all.
If you want to be great in God's kingdom, learn to be the servant of all.

Learn to be the servant of all, learn to be the servant of all. If you want to be great in God's kingdom, learn to be the servant of all.

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

O God, forgive us for the times when we ignore our sinfulness. Help us to understand that the times we recognize we have fallen short of the standards of love and patience and honesty are opportunities for growing or lessening the growth of your spirit within us. Teach us to recognise that we can never fall out of your loving. Help us to find ways to heal where we have hurt, build where we have damaged, begin again and again in love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Oh God, you accept us as we are and love us still. It is through your loving that we have the desire and the strength of confidence to let your spirit grow in us, 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 LESSONS Ephesians 1:15-23 & Acts 1:6-14

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes Cook

***HYMN**

Come! Live In the Light!

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Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

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.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

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.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other, as sisters and brothers united in love.

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Shorter Catechism

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit? That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

***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.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* **542**

God be with you till we meet again; loving
counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care
enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen
wings protecting hide you, daily manna still
provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's
perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms
around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's
banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave
before you: God be with you till we meet again.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Everyone loves a parade, right? Well, this year, FPCH will once again participate, but we need your help in one of four ways:

1. March in the parade - carry one of our banners or distribute our flyer about our church and its missions
2. Help take orders and serve customers who purchase our breakfast sandwiches, drinks, or baked goods
3. Collect money from our customers
4. Volunteer to provide homemade baked goods, water bottles, or other goodies

If interested, please sign up for any of these activities on the sheet located on the table next to the dais. You can work a shift of one hour, you can work the entire time we are there, you can help set up tables in the morning, or you can just drop off your donation. ANY ASSISTANCE IS GRATELY APPRECIATED. We hope to see you at the parade on **May 25th**, rain or shine. Questions? See Michele Cameron or any member of the Public Relations Committee. Thank you.

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.

JUNE SECOND SUNDAY!

Our **June 14th** Second Sunday will feature making beaded and braided creations using pony beads, perler beads, and even learning to make braided friendship bracelets.

STEW'S CLUE!

Kids (and grown-up kids too), did you find Stewie last week? This week, Stewie thinks you should look by a cross.

FYI-INFORMATION

5/10/26	In Person Attendance	81
	Virtual Attendance	115
	Offering	\$2,305.24

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

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

May 17 - 23, 2026

Worship
Church office open
Heaven Sent Nursery School Session
Confirmation rehearsal
FPCH Ringers rehearsal
Sr. Choir rehearsal
Confirmation rehearsal
"Redd up" the church for Pentecost

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel - May 17 - 23, 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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