

# First Presbyterian Church

## The Wedding at Cana



**Hackettstown, NJ**

**January 16, 2022**

**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**

Look, here is the Lamb of God!

**Jesus calls us: Come and see.**

The Lord is about to do a new thing.

**Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.**

There are varieties of gifts, services and activities,

**But there is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.**

**DEDICATION LITANY OF NEW BANNERS**

Written by Deborah Shepherd

L: Today, we receive and dedicate the two new banners which adorn our sanctuary.

**C: May we rejoice in their beauty.**

L: They were purchased by our Board of Deacons, using money that had been donated to our Memorial Fund in memory of friends, family members and loved ones.

**C: May we give thanks for these gifts.**

L: We accept these memorial banners as a sacred trust and will guard and use them reverently in memory of those who have completed their journey here on earth, and are now reunited with our Heavenly Father.

**C: May we feel connected to those who have gone before.**

L: We dedicate these banners today, with the prayer that they bring joy, understanding, and comfort to all who gather here.

**C: May we feel happiness and comfort.**

Let us pray:

**Most loving God, without you no words or works of our have meaning. Accept these gifts as symbols of our devotion. Grant us**

**your blessing, as we have consecrated these gifts to your glory, that they may be an enduring witness before all our people.**

**\*HYMN #267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing, vs. 1-3**

1 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!

2 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!

3 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 forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Almighty God, your Son our savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illuminated by your Word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other Ministers of God's grace.

**CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the

blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offences, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON     Corinthians 12:1-11**

**12** Now concerning spiritual gifts,<sup>[a]</sup> brothers and sisters,<sup>[b]</sup> I do not want you to be uninformed. **2** You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. **3** Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. **4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## **John 2:1-11**

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Dn. Jeanette Hile**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

*I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise**

verses 1,2,4

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

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

4 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!

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

### ***Serving Our Congregation Today***

*Preaching: Rev. Dn. Jeanette Hile*

*Worship Leader: Pat Butts*

*Music Director: Lorinda Ravo*

*Greeting: Peg Russack and Lou Getty*

# NOTICE

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session moved to call the Annual Congregational Meeting of First Presbyterian Church for Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately after worship for the following:

- Receive the 2022 Budget, for information only;
- Receive the 2021 Annual Report;
- Elect three members to the Session Class of 2024  
for a three-year term;
- Elect three members to the Deacons class of 2024  
for a three-year term;
- Elect 1 member to the Deacons class of 2022  
for a one-year term;
- Elect three members to the Personnel Committee  
for a one-year term;
- Elect four members and two alternates to the Church  
Nominating Committee for a one-year term;
- Elect congregation member to serve on the Heaven Sent Nursery  
School Board of Trustees
- Hold a meeting of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church;  
and
- To discuss any other information to properly come before this  
congregation. Public notice of this meeting will be posted on two  
successive Sundays.

Donna Erickson,  
Clerk of Session

## **Bible Study**

Will be held on Wednesday, January 19th via ZOOM (ID is below). We will be covering the parable of the ten bridesmaids from the gospel of Matthew. Please contact Ryan VanOrden for the link to the videos and the questions.

ZOOM ID is 728 059 2407

## **MUSIC NOTES!**

The FPCH Ringers returned to their chimes on Thursday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 pm. Our student chime and bell choirs will have rehearsals following Sunday School: Joyful Noise Bell Choir first, followed by the Unity Chimers. And current and prospective members of the Upward Ensemble should see Mrs. Ravo for their new music. All are welcome to be part of our music program—come to a rehearsal and give it a try!

## **Need Your Help**

The 2022 Directory is in the process of being updated.

If you wish to update your information for the directory, please email ( [fpchnj@gmail.com](mailto:fpchnj@gmail.com)) or phone ( 908-852-4011) the church office before January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## **The Worship Committee is Looking for a Volunteer**

We are looking for folks who would be interested in being a **substitute camera operator for our live-streaming on Sunday mornings**. We'll provide the training and the equipment, and you get a front row seat to the service! If you are able to help out on the Sundays when our regular camera person is not available, please contact Geof Gohlich or the church office at 908-852-4011. Thanks!

## **Sunday Worship Service is now truly OPEN**

Service on begins at **10 am**, with the live stream broadcast **9:50 am**.

Masking is required for all in-person attendance.

For a full copy of the Covid-19 policy please contact the church office.

## **SHARE OUR SMILES**

We want to let our church family share the joys that they have with our congregation. Send you good news to Pat Gohlich at [gohlich73@gmail.com](mailto:gohlich73@gmail.com). We'll share your smiles during our morning announcements in the service! Help us celebrate with you!

## FYI-INFORMATION

1/9/2022	In-Person Attendance	Cancelled
	Virtual Attendance	Cancelled
1/9/2022	Weekly Offering	\$6,140.28

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH Jan. 16-22, 2022

Sunday	Following Sunday School	
	Joyful Noise Bell Choir followed by the Unity Chimers	
Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	Church Office
		Visitors must wear masks
Monday 1-17	Closed	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Tuesday-Friday	9am-12pm	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Thursday	6:30pm	FPCH Ringers Rehearsal

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel Jan. 16-22, 2022

Monday	10:30-11:30am	AA Step by Step
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 158
	7:00pm	Girls Troop 143
		Scouting BSA
Tuesday	7:30pm-9pm	NA Change or Die
Wednesday	7:30-9:00pm	Stone Soup Symphony
Thursday	10:30-11:30am	AA New Beginnings
Friday	Storage use only	Colonial Musketeers

## FOR PASTORAL CARE,

Call the church office at: 908-852-4011.  
Church Web Site: [www. fpchackettstown.org](http://www.fpchackettstown.org).  
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