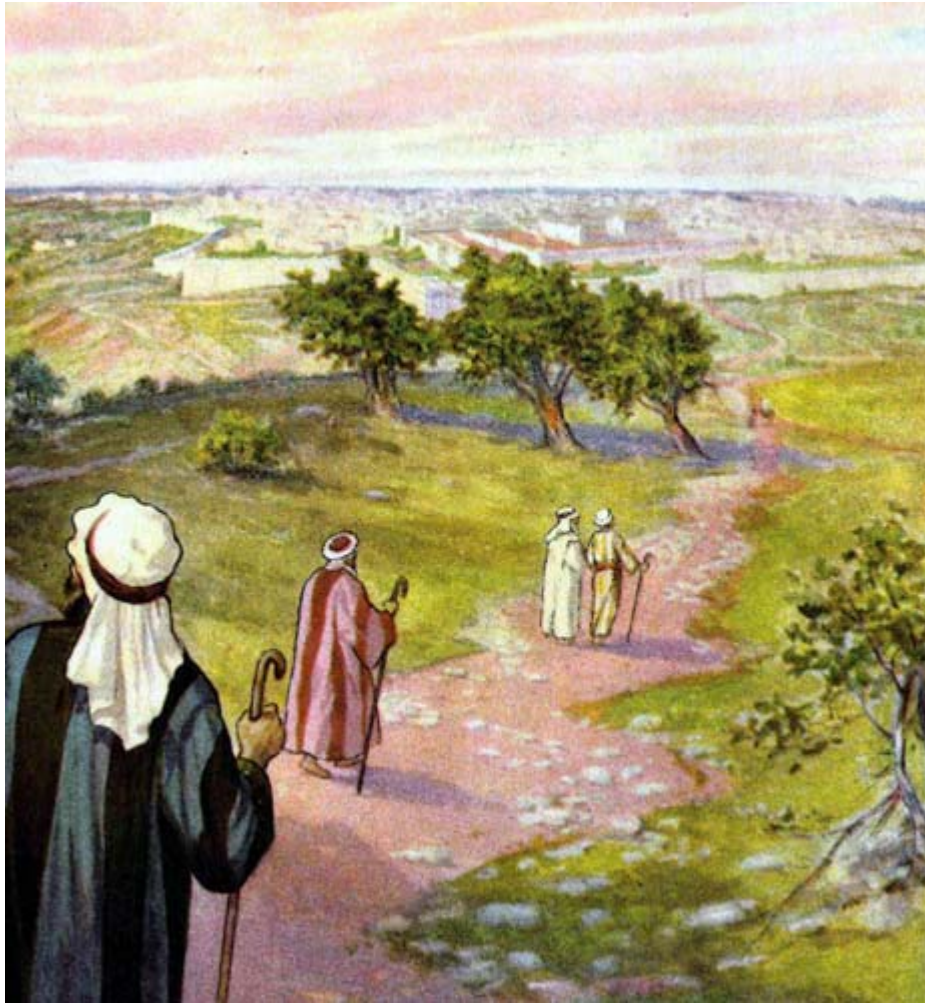


First Presbyterian Church



Hackettstown, NJ

October 18, 2020

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me. Jesus is waiting for us to reach out. Let us join together and reach out to our God.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small.

In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glorious father, please let your ears always be attentive to our prayers. Holy Spirit, continue to teach us how to love you, Jesus, our brother, and our father, God. Please touch the hearts of those who do not adore the Lord, and help them to love him with all their hearts, souls, and strength. Please remind each of us of the many things that God does for us daily and help us to spend more time in praise and adoration. Help us to be a thankful congregation to reflect the glory of God by the way we live our lives. Holy Spirit, help us to always be mindful of your presence in

our daily lives and help us to be quick to respond when you quicken us to action.

Lord God, great and marvelous are your works! Just and true are your ways. Who will not fear you and glorify your name? You alone are holy! All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed. In Jesus name, Amen.

NURTURING FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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 OF SIN

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build a relationship with You and with those you have given us on earth.

In Jesus name, Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven
And be at peace. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22 :15-22

15. Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians, 'teacher', they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not ?

18. But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me ? 19. Show me the coin used for paying the tax '. They brought him a denarius 20. And he asked them, 'Whose image is this ? And whose inscription ?

21. 'Caesar's', they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

22. When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

SERMON Paying the Emperor What Costs. Charles Lee

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come! I come

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Today's Guest Preacher is Mr. Charles Lee.



ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER
TAKE OUT ONLY
SATURDAY OCT. 24th, 3 to 5 pm

Buyers should plan to enter the Community Center's driveway to order and pay, then exit. Meals will be delivered to your car in front of the Chapel. If you can help with collecting money, putting together meals, etc., contact: Donna Erickson at 908-637-6007 or 908-303-1941, or by email t donna_erickson@hotmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TO RETURN WEDNESDAYS
@7:00PM

Adult Bible Study sessions will resume on Wednesdays starting October 14th ending Nov. 18th. Due to concerns over COVID-19, sessions will be virtual via ZOOM. You will need the ZOOM app on your tablet or smartphone, or join via your laptop computer with a link to ZOOM. Information needed to join the ZOOM meeting will be sent before next weeks session. The meeting number and password are being updated: The study guide will be available on the church website or sent by email on request. If you would like to join this monthly Bible Study, please contact the church office, or Ryan VanOrden.

Dear Church Members,

We will be having in-person worship on Sunday mornings. Please check email sent Aug. 26th for the information you will need to prepare and participate in worship services in person. The Worship Committee has worked very diligently preparing this information in accordance with the Presbytery and State guidelines.

If you are in need of a copy of these guidelines and procedures please email (fpchnj@gmail.com)
or call church office (908-852-4011)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES / EVENTS

FYI-INFORMATION:

10/11/2020	In Person Attendance	18
	Virtual Attendance	215
10/11/2020	Weekly Offering	\$3,123

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH Oct. 19-24, 2020

Monday-Friday	9am-12:00pm	Church Office <u>NO</u> visitors - staff only.
Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	Heaven Sent Nursery School NO visitors – staff only
Wednesday	7pm	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom (For information contact R. VanOrden or Church Office)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel Oct. 19-24, 2020

Sunday	Not Meeting at Chapel	Venture Crew
	Not Meeting at Chapel	AA Step by Step
	Not Meeting at Chapel	Boy Scout Troop 158
	Not Meeting at Chapel	Girls Troop 143 Scout
Tuesday	Not Meeting at Chapel	NA Change or Die
Wednesday	Not Meeting at Chapel	AA Sober Living Book
	Not Meeting at Chapel	Stone Soup Symphony
Thursday	Not Meeting at Chapel	AA New Beginnings
Friday	Not Meeting at Chapel	Colonial Musketeers



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