

# **First Presbyterian Church**



**Hackettstown, NJ**

**August 14, 2022**

## **Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church**

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

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 136*

Give thanks to God who is good,  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

Whose love expands with the expanding universe-  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

Whose breath gives life to matter-  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

Who animates life with spirit-  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

Who bends the universe towards justice-  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

Who holds the whole world and our hearts-  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

Give thanks to God, who is good-  
**whose mercy endures forever.**

**\*HYMN #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies**

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

### **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility  
and hospitality with power to transform our world.  
Give us the grace to love those things that please you  
and the courage to live them to your glory. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **THE 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**

#### **CONFESSION**

*Arianne Braithwaite Lehn*

**Compassionate Creator,  
I recognize in myself persistent struggles...  
The same old failures...  
The things I get too tired to confess again..  
The things I've hidden for so long  
I've convinced myself they're  
Not so wrong after all.  
Carve in me a deeper kindness.  
May the pain others caused--  
Even pain they don't know about-  
Teach me a compassion  
I would not have learned otherwise.**

**Nurture a supportive space in me,  
That I might give others a soft place  
To land with sore hearts-  
Just as you've done, God, for me.  
Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do not worry; the Lord is near.

God hears our prayers with compassion  
and with abundant, steadfast love.

**Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### **\*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.**

**ANTHEM: *How Great Thou Art*      arr. K.L. Phillips  
Ved Fernandez, violin**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:4-13**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **8** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. **10** I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for

me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. **11** Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. **12** I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. **13** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**SERMON**      **Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook**

**HYMN #316 Where Charity and Love Prevail**    tune: **St. Anne**

1 Where charity and love there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound

2 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.  
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one

3 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease,  
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

4 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

5 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored by God's name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *A Brief Statement of Faith*  
***God is faithful still. We trust God.***

We trust God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
And makes everyone equally in God's image,  
Male and female, of every race and people,  
To live as one community.

***God is faithful still. We trust in God.***

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

Accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
And threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
***God is faithful still. We trust in God.***

**\*OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY *Duet***

**\*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 DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory***

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and  
praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these  
days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy  
control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and  
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy  
kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us  
wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**RESPONSE #539 *We Will Go Out With Joy***

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;

we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;

we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**     *Trumpet Voluntary*

***Serving Our Congregation Today***

***Preaching: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook***

***Worship Leader: Deborah Shepherd***

***Music Director: Lorinda Ravo***

***Greeting: Pat & Geoff Gohlich***

***The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:***

***Rose Green and Roger George***

**SECOND SUNDAYS FOR KIDS**

**TODAY**

**following church (11:30-1:30)**

**SUPER SOAKER SUNDAY!**

Get ready for plenty of laughter and fun!

## **Bible Study is Back**



### ***In Defense of Kindness***

*Wednesdays at **6:30 pm** until August 24  
Conference Room join in this journey*

**TODAY**

### **Last Day Collecting for Backpack Program**



We are in need of backpacks, notebooks (spiral-bound, 3-ring with wide ruled filler paper, and composition books), rulers, glue sticks, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, zippered pencil bags or cases, crayons, colored pencils, colored markers, children's scissors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The filled backpacks will be distributed to families involved with the NJ Department of Children and Families in Warren County.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission.  
Any questions, contact Donna at 908-303-1941.

### **MUSIC TIME**

The FPCH Ringers Chime Choir and the Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 1 for the upcoming year. Chimes rehearse from 6:30-7:15 pm, and Senior Choir rehearses from 7:30-8:15. All are welcome to be part of these ensembles: there are NO auditions, and we understand if you can't make it to every rehearsal. For more information, please speak with Lorinda

## **Board of Deacons**

It's getting closer! The FREE MARKET will be held in the chapel on Saturday, September 17 (set up on Friday Sept. 16). We'll welcome all donations EXCEPT: electronics, large furniture, baby car seats, baby cribs. As the end of summer draws to a close, clean out that basement, that attic, those closets, and donate your items to the Board of Deacons. All donations will be given away FREE at the Sept. 17 event in the chapel. We'll welcome the help of volunteers on both Friday and Saturday (times TBA)-you don't have to be a Deacon to help us out with this wonderful event. We hope you can store your donations until drop off/set up day, but if you need to clear them out before Sept. 16, talk to one of the Deacons and we'll try to help out. Thanks to all.

## **WE WANT YOU!**

The Nominating Committee of the Congregation will be conducting its work over the next few months. Each year the "*NomCom*" meets to discern the next class of leaders for the church. People are called to serve based on their gifts and each board has differing functions. Deacons are engaged in ministries of compassion and service, and Elders are responsible for discernment and governance. We are also looking to fill seats on our nominating and personnel committees.

Please contact Jen Aquino ([Aquino.jennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:Aquino.jennifer@hotmail.com)), chair of nominating, know of someone who might serve in any of these roles in the life of the church, or if you are interested in serving. Names will be considered by the Committee.

## FYI-INFORMATION

8/7/2022	In-Person Attendance	53
	Virtual Attendance	102
8/7/2022	Weekly Offering	\$3,516

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH Aug. 15-20, 2022

Sunday	10:00am	Worship
Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	Church Office Masks optional
Tuesday	6:30pm	Deacons Mtg. Conference Rm.
Wednesday	6:30pm	Bible Study Conference Rm. In Defense of Kindness
Thursday	6:30 pm	PR committee Conf. Rm.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel Aug. 15-20, 2022

Sunday	4:00-9:00pm	Venture Crew
Monday	10:30-11:30am	AA Step by Step
	7:00-9:00pm	Jazz Band
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 158
	7:00pm	Girls Troop 143 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



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