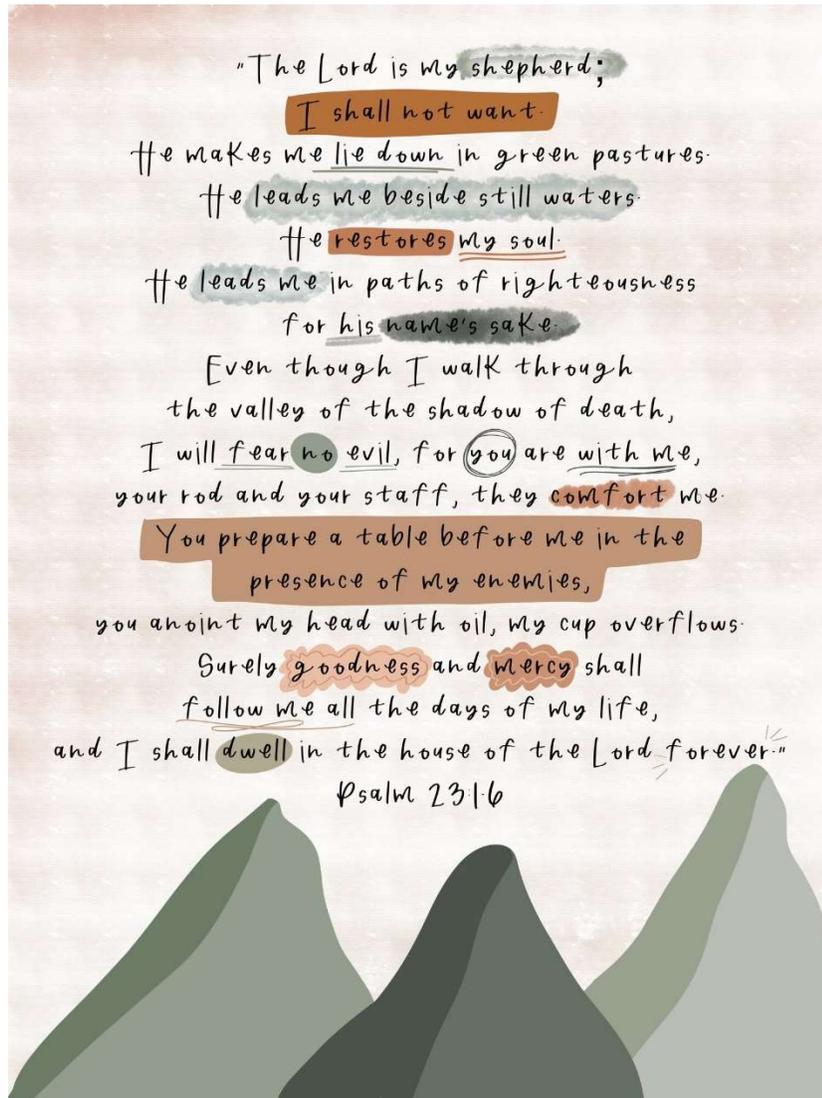


First Presbyterian Church



Hackettstown, NJ

May 8, 2022

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Strengthening families;

Sowing friendships;

Serving community;

In the name of Jesus Christ

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Morning" from Peer Gynt Suite arr. Ravo Unity Chimers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside-
like this time, now-
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

***HYMN # 472** *Kumbyah*

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 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!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Open unto me, light for my darkness
Open unto me, courage for my fear
Open unto me, hope for my despair
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow
Open unto me, strength for my weakness
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness
Open unto me, love for my hates
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

LITTLE LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR *Rise and Shine*

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

Good shepherd, we have wandered. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other

voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without acknowledgement. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of siblings who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joy is ours in Jesus Christ for he is our shepherd! We are forgiven and made new by Jesus Christ.

All: Amen, we are beloved children of God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM: *The Lord Will Be My Shepherd* *Besig* *Senior Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and

they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

SERMON

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

HYMN #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

2 We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the

brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata Scarlatti

*Serving Our Congregation Today
Preaching: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook
Worship Leader: Ryan Van Orden
Music Director: Lorinda Ravo
Greeting: Bruce & Ellen Bergman*

*The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for
our friends:
Mary Brodt
and
Shirley Pennington*

Clothing Drive for Community Dinner

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for the generosity of our congregation that has made it possible to offer gently used fall/winter clothing and new socks at all of our church's free community dinners. Beginning this month, we would like to begin distributing gently used **spring/summer apparel**, including lightweight jackets and other items, along with **NEW** socks. **There will be a collection bin in the sanctuary on Sundays in May,** and we appreciate your assistance with this outreach ministry.

FYI-INFORMATION

5/1/2022	In-Person Attendance	96
	Virtual Attendance	82
5/1/2022	Weekly Offering	\$4,895

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH May 9-14, 2022

Sunday	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00am	Joyful Noise Bell Choir
	11:30am	Unity Chimers Rehearsal
Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	Church Office Masks optional
Monday-Friday	9am-12pm	Heaven Sent Nursery School
Thursday	6pm	Upward Rehearsal
	6:30pm	FPCH Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30pm	FPCH Sr. Choir Rehearsal

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel May 2-7, 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 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

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