

First Presbyterian Church



Hackettstown, NJ

January 10, 2021

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

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal God,

at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made,

and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **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

**Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us
part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we
may rise to new life,**

Lord, have mercy.

one God, now and forever. Amen.

and live together in grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With joy, let us draw water
From the spring of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SERMON

Leadership

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.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

(See the Service at the end of the bulletin)

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN Standing in the Need of Prayer

It's me oh Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer, Oooo.

'It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer".

Not my mother, father, sister, or brother, but it's me oh Lord.

'It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer".

Not the Deacon, not the Elder, but it's me oh Lord.

'It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer".

Not the stranger, not the neighbor, but it's me oh Lord.

'It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer".

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING MEETING DATES / EVENTS

FYI-INFORMATION

1/3/2021

Virtual Attendance 377

1/3/2021

Weekly Offering \$1,247.75

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH Jan 11-16, 2021

Monday-Friday 9am-12:00pm

Church Office

NO visitors - staff only.

Monday-Friday 9am-12:00pm

Heaven Sent Nursery School

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel Jan 11-16, 2021

Sunday

Not Meeting at Chapel Venture Crew

Not Meeting at Chapel AA Step by Step

Monday

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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SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

January 10th, 2020

THE LITANY OF GIFTS

There are varieties gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS TO BE *ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Session, Class of 2023 Mark Slachetka
Dottie Kappers

Deacons, Class of
2023 *Pat Gohlich
Jackie Hammel
Gilles Djongang
Lorinda Ravo

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ALL

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I DO.**
- Do you accept the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique

and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's word to you? **I DO.**

- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God. **I DO. I WILL.**
- Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I WILL.**
- Will you be governed by our churches polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among our colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I WILL.**
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I WILL.**

RULING ELDERS:

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share

in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church,
and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I WILL.**

DEACONS:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern,
and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I WILL.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION:

Do you members of the church, accept Mark and Dottie as ruling elders, Pat, Gilles, Jackie and Lorinda as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **WE DO.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church? **WE DO.**

ORDINATION PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION