

First Presbyterian Church



Hackettstown, NJ

September 13th, 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

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

HYMN

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its, righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that
proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, Alleluia

PRAYER OF ADORATION Exodus 15:11

Who among the gods
is like you, Lord?

Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?

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 Belhar Confession 10.6

We reject any doctrine which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

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

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

SERMON

Upside Down

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 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*God be with you 'till we meet again.
By His counsels guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you.
God be with you 'till we meet again.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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 (908-258-4011)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES / EVENTS

FYI-INFORMATION:

9/6/2020	Virtual Attendance	356
8/31-9/6/2020	Weekly Offering	\$1,940

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH Sept. 14-19, 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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel Sept. 14-19, 2020

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

FOR PASTORAL CARE,



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