

First Presbyterian Church



Hackettstown, NJ

July 18, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, All 3 verses

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **[Refrain]**

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **[Refrain]**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus is coming!

Jesus is coming to parties where people celebrate.

Jesus is coming to hillsides where people listen.

Jesus is coming to sickrooms where people suffer.

Jesus is coming to an occupied territory where people long to be free. Today we join with crowds cheering for the heir of David on the road to Jerusalem.

Our hearts cry, "Hosanna," as we meet Jesus in worship today. "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 PSALM 25

1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore, will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. 12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed

shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thee unto me and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 O keep my soul and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6 :30-34,53-56

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once

recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

I Just Don't Have Time!

Charles Lee

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN: #834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOTE: **Sunday Worship Service in July and August to start at 9am**

GOOD NEWS: NEW SUNDAY SERVICE POLICY

Sunday service is now truly OPEN. Service will be held
in the CHURCH ALL SUMMER.

Services will begin at 10am for June
and 9am for July and August.

The Session has approved the new Sunday Service Policy from the Worship Committee and the Presbytery has agreed. The main points of the Policy are:

- Masks are not required for vaccinated people.
- We will use the honor system. No judging,
- No preregistration.
- No temperature checks.
- The balcony is open to all.
- We will still have social distance seating.
- The CDC recommends masks to be worn when singing.
- Communion will continue to be bring your own bread only.

For full copy of the policy please contact the church office

Backpack Program



The collection of **backpacks and school supplies** begins on **July 11th and continues through August 8th**. We need backpacks, 3-ring notebooks, filler paper, composition books, rulers, pens and pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, scissors, zippered pencil bags or cases, colored markers, crayons, erasers, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Any questions, contact Donna Erickson at (908) 303-1941.

Share Our Smiles

One of the things that we've been missing lately is the opportunity to share our joys with each other, so we're adding that to our worship service and newsletter! During the announcements in church, we'll be sharing those wonderful events, milestones, achievements, and then we'll also add them to our monthly newsletter. Do you have a new job, a wedding, a graduation, a new baby or grandchild, an award that's been received by a family member? We want to let our church family know so that they can share in that joy, and honestly, couldn't we all use the happiness of hearing GOOD news?

If you have good news to share, send it to Pat Gohlich at gohlich73@gmail.com and let us all celebrate with you!

Next Bible Study Wednesday, August 11th at 7PM.

This study we will be reviewing the Parable of The Good Samaritan from the Gospel of Luke. (Luke 10: 25 - 37)

More details contact: Ryan Van Orden: email ryovie@aol.com

SCRIPTURE: Read Luke 10: 25 - 37

VIDEO LINKS: <https://www.publicchristianity.org/youth-resource/the-good-samaritan-how-a-story-shaped-our-world/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8VRSFuFDGk>

FYI-INFORMATION

7/11/2021	In-Person Attendance	32
	Virtual Attendance	126
7/11/2021	Weekly Offering	\$3,185

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH June 18-24, 2021

Monday-Friday 9am-12:00pm Church Office
NO visitors - staff only.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel July 18-24, 2021

Monday	10:30-11:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm	AA Step by Step Boy Scout Troop 158 Girls Troop 143 Scouting BSA
Tuesday	Not Meeting at Chapel	NA Change or Die
Wednesday	Not Meeting at Chape 7:30-9:00pm	AA Sober Living Book Stone Soup Symphony
Thursday	Not Meeting at Chapel	AA New Beginnings
Friday	Storage use only	Colonial Musketeers



FOR PASTORAL CARE,

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