

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2009 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Jeremiah Clarke
Brass Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Lift up your heads, O gates!

Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord of hosts is the king of glory.

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)*❖

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Most gracious and loving God, how much more could we ask of you, how much more could you give us, than you have given us in Jesus Christ? Yet we confess that we have not claimed the fullness of your grace to us. We place our hope in material things instead of in your spiritual blessing. We neglect to serve you with all our strength. We love those whom we choose, instead of those whom you call us to love. From these and all our sins, holy God, free us and forgive us. Make our hearts thrill once more to the calling of your voice alone. Fulfill your will in us and through us, that the world would see in us a witness to your power and glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP (Please sign the red “friendship pads” found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠		Rosellyn Cassidy
SCRIPTURE	II Corinthians 3: 17 - 4: 6	Bob Kane Pew Bible pg. 180
ANTHEM	“ <i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i> ”	Afro American Spiritual Brass Choir
SCRIPTURE	II Corinthians 4: 7-18	Pew Bible pgs. 180-181
SERMON	“ <i>The Weight of Glory</i> ”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*❖	“ <i>Here I Am, Lord</i> ”	
COMMISSIONING OF THE GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM		(see insert)
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory	“ <i>Just A Closer Walk</i> ”	arr. Don Gillis Brass Choir
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	“ <i>Doxology</i> ”	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #391 (Hymnal)*❖	“ <i>Take My Life</i> ”	
BENEDICTION*		
POSTLUDE*	“ <i>Gott des Himmils und der Erden</i> ” (<i>God of Heaven and Earth</i>)	A. Hesse Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND/❖CONGREGATION SUMMER MUSIC REQUEST

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Jessica Burk, Roselynn Cassidy*, Natalie Cassidy*, Palma D'Angelo, Hillary Foster, Doreen Grand Jean*, Laura LaBassi, Deborah Mara*, Maureen Naturile, Pearl Ramsay, Jill Rumpf*, George Stewart*, Peter Stewart*, Fran Stewart*, Barrie Sutton*, Maryanne Sutton*, Jason Trenkle* and Wade Wegner*, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

(*First Presbyterian Church Family)

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love your neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to these brothers and sisters as mission workers in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these volunteers to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE

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BLESSING

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Visitors! We hope that you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Childcare providers for the infant nursery are Linda Protinick and Taylor Panconi, and for the toddler nursery Bob Mills and a student assistant. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! "Worship bags" containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers are given by Pat Scott in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Hunt.

The Head Ushers are Kay Hansen and Ken Eiker.

Coffee hour today is hosted by Larry and Margo Wegner.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the "chain" of church members who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please contact the church office at 395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Ruth Davison; Jean Dunham; Elizabeth Hagerty; Judson Hagerty; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Diane Smith; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson's father, Robert; Heather Chesna; Phyllis Dyke's sister, Joyce Lepore & brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Sandy Majeski from Senior Exercise Group; Drew Oakes; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; and Gretchen Stults' daughter, Ann Schwartz.

Prayer Requests in the Bulletin: In order to keep the prayer request list up to date we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.

Please remember family & friends in our nation's service: Colonel John Bartolotto (US Army), Elsie & Russell Sutton's son-in-law; Lt. Nick Brunetti (USMC), Tracey Yeager Brunetti's husband and Jeff & Diane Yeager's son-in-law; Adam Frick (US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen's cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75th Ranger Regiment), Janet & Paul Furchak's son; Colonel Martha Lenhart (US Army), Jim & Barbara Cox's daughter-in-law; Greg McAvoy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer's grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army Specialist), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Mentes (9th Cavalry Troop), Pat & Bill Leonard's son-in-law; Major Douglas Miller (US Air Force), George & Audrey Smith's nephew and Anna Wahler's grandson; Colonel Daniel Shanahan (US Army), Leslie Vandenberg's cousin; and Jason Stuart (Specialist NJ Reserve), Cathy Vogen's friend.

- Please be sure to sign the "**Pipeline to Session**" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

Birthday of Distinction: Warren Perrine on July 19. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Class during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

We're taking a break for the summer. We look forward to Dr. Mitchell's new series in the fall, September 20 to October 18.

Adult Education at Other Times

Cranbury Men's Bible Study 7:30pm @ The Inn

We'll resume in September with something new from the *Book of Confessions*. Thanks to Clifford Anderson and Mike Kasper!

Martha's Circle Women's Bible Study: First Monday of the Month at 1:30 pm in the Library

Thanks to Rose Eller for her faithful, insightful leadership of our group. In September, we'll begin a new study.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

New Superintendent: Please join the whole CE committee in prayerfully considering if God may be calling you to be our next Superintendent. If you would like to know more, please contact Pam Mills, Chair, or Pastor Rosanna through the church office or the directory. We look forward to working with the new person(s) in this very meaningful role.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

IMPORTANT! Please Read! Thank You In Advance!

As of August 30, I will be stepping down as the "Coordinator" of Coffee Hour. I am asking you to start praying now so that God can pick the person that He wants for the job. I will gladly do different "coffee hours" but we need someone to serve as the coordinator. Thank you in advance for being the ONE. God knows you are out there and so do I!!!

God bless you, Doreen Grand-Jean

~~ CPNS ~~



CPNS has begun registration for the school year 2009-2010. As a Christian Nursery School our goal is to guide your children in the appropriate ways to get along with others, to be self-confident and respectful individuals, to make decisions, to be creative, to solve math problems, to love reading and writing, and most of all to love to learn.

In addition to our regular classes, we also offer enrichment programs for any child whether enrolled in CPNS or not. You may have a child attending a Cranbuddies program or even a local 1/2-day kindergarten program that you would like to enrich their learning opportunities. We welcome everyone! To receive registration information, please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at cpnschool@comcast.net or check CPNS portion of the church website.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kansas, learned about the civil war in El Salvador and the village of Los Talpetates which tried to survive with unsafe drinking water, no medical assistance, inadequate nutrition, and a school with only the first grade. In 1992, five members from the church traveled to Los Talpetates to explore working with the people there, and a partnership was begun. Groups from the church and the village visit each other every summer. Trinity helps fund the school which now includes eight grades, a safe water system has been installed, electricity has been brought in, computers are set up, and a Woman's Health Center provides basic services. And in Trinity Church, mission giving has increased!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE:

Through the initiative of some very adventuresome church members (chaired by our very own George Conley) and in an effort to unite the church and town communities, we are excited to announce the creation of The Cranbury Coffee House. Session unanimously approved this wonderful outreach effort which will benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacons' Benevolent Fund.

The coffee house is a venue to showcase local musical talent with musical genres such as Jazz, Folk, Acoustic Rock, String Quartet, Barbershop Quartet, Open Mike, Oldies & Brass Band. Opening night is Friday, September 11, 2009. This once a month event will be held on the second Friday of each month through June 10, 2010.

We really look forward to a fun community meeting place & shared fellowship. Come help in the planning process! Join us in launching this fabulous project with your creative ideas to make this a "must attend" monthly event! Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the church library.

For more information please contact George Conley cell: 609-577-7201, e-mail: geolive60@aol.com

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown. We are keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on it, please call Connie Bauder at 395-1215.

PLEASE HELP

Here is a service opportunity for you. You do not need to be a senior. Senior Fellowship needs a few people to help us with transportation when we go on day trips. The church van only holds 14 people and we usually have about 18-24 people who wish to go on any given trip. We need volunteers who will take 3 or 4 church members in their car to and from our destination. We will reimburse any costs that you incur. Our trips are only on weekdays, usually Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We usually leave at 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. In order for this mission of the church to continue, we need the support of members of the congregation. If you can help us out with this need, please contact Connie Bauder or the church office.

Senior Fellowship needs a few additional members on the programs and trips planning committee. We meet during the day (10:00 a.m.) about 6 times a year to select destinations for trips or speakers for programs. After a schedule for the year is worked out, we then plan the details. Members of the committee help to execute the programs by setting tables, distributing beverages and assisting individuals as necessary or acting as chaperones on trips. You do not need to help with all the trips, just commit to what you can fit in your schedule. Senior Fellowship is a great mission of the First Presbyterian Church which is run totally by volunteers. For this program to continue, we need enough volunteers to run our programs. We could use a few people who are not senior citizens. If you would like to volunteer, please call Connie Bauder the coordinator of Senior Fellowship or the church office.

CRANBURY SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

On Friday, July 17, please join us for luncheon @ noon to be followed by a program called Show and Tell at the Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. Bring a reassured item and share its story with the group. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome.

YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday, July 13. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

KNITTING GROUP - Starting in September! Learn to knit or bring your knitting. If you are interested call 395-0900 X244

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Double your money! Offerings received by our church are used to support the mission and ministries of the church, including community-based organizations that may be eligible for matching gifts from some companies. Consider using your employer's matching gift program for some or all of your offering. Contact Ken Gordon if you have any questions.

Did you know that you can use direct deposit from your bank account to the church for your offering? Please contact the Church Office for the Church's Bank Account and Routing Number to set this up.

Counting Team Today: Team #2
Counting Team Next Week (July 19): Team #3

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to take advantage of our nursery if you have children age 5 and under. If you prefer to keep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

ASSIST with VBS! Talk with any of the 3 directors of this year's "Son Rock Kids' Camp"- Susan Mavoides (655-1126), Claudette Guy (409-8553), or Leslie Vandenberg (936-0678).

GOING to TASK: *Thanks very much to the youth and parents who went this past Thursday!* Youth ages 13 and up are

invited to serve a meal at TASK, **Thursday, August 6.** We meet in the church parking lot at 2:30 pm and return by 5:30 pm. Please wear closed toed-shoes, t-shirt and jeans. Contact Anne Gordon if you can help out. (The church office will be closed at 2:30 p.m. that day.)

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: "Missions 101" at Ocean Grove, NJ On July 26, 27, 28 and 29 a group of 24 youth and adults will go on a new adventure in serving the Lord- here on the Jersey Shore. This popular program sold out quickly. It is organized by the staff at the historic Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. Our group will meet and share in fellowship, worship, and service projects in the nearby areas such as Neptune with youth groups from many other churches. **Let's support our Youth Mission Team with prayer!**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

JULY 12, 2009 - JULY 19, 2009

Sunday 12	10:00a Worship w/Guatemala Mission Team Commissioning 11:00a Fellowship
Monday 13	9:00a-12(noon) CPNS Summer Program 6:00p B&G Picnic Meeting @ John Kirkenir's home 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 14	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:00a-12(noon) CPNS Summer Program 12(noon)-2p CPNS- Library 7:30p Guatemala Packing -FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 15	9:00a-12(noon) CPNS Summer Program 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Coffee House Planning Meeting - Library
Thursday 16	9:00a-12(noon) CPNS Summer Program 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing
Friday 17	9:00a-12(noon) CPNS Summer Program 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 11:00a Guatemala Mission trip departing (VAN) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 18	8:00a-1:00p Eagle Scout Ceremony-FH (GC) 8:00a Furniture move
Sunday 19	10:00a Worship w/Installation of Church Officer 11:00a Fellowship