

**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.*)

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 23, 2009 10:00 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Sonata No. 8: Preludio & Allemande*

**Arcangelo Corelli**  
Jerry Yochelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)\* ❖

*"How Great Thou Art"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**God of majesty, in Christ your Son you have given us words of eternal life. Forgive us for taking too lightly this gift, for hearing your Word but not obeying your will; for treating your Word as just one among many; for choosing that which pleases us and ignoring that which challenges us; for allowing the noise of our busy lives to distract us from your loving voice; for keeping silent instead of shouting aloud the truth of your rule and the wonder of your love. For these and all our sins, forgive us, O God. From your boundless grace grant us to live according to your will, responsive to your living Word in Jesus Christ. 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 ✚

Margo Wegner

SCRIPTURE	Esther 1:1-9	Bob Kane Pew Bible pg. 444
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels)</i>	<b>Cesar Franck</b> Jerry Yochelson, violin
SCRIPTURE	Esther 1:10-22	Pew Bible pgs. 444-445
SERMON	“Vashti’s Refusal”	Rev. Rosanna Anderson

**THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #280 (Hymnal)\* ❖ *“Amazing Grace”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Sonata No 8: Sarabanda*

**Arcangelo Corelli**  
Jerry Yochelson, violin

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)\* *“Doxology”*  
Prayer of Dedication\*

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)\* ❖ *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\* *Sonata No. 8: Giga*

**Arcangelo Corelli**  
Jerry Yochelson

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

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 David Mills and a student assistant. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator ([MusicMomNJ@comcast.net](mailto: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.

**The Flowers** are given by Barbara and Arthur Danser in loving memory of his mother, Lydia Danser.

**Head Ushers** are Ginny Swanagan and Ken Ellsworth.

**Coffee hour today** is hosted by Dawn Arsnow.

#### 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:** Arlene Duran's sister, Dawn Bieinek; Phyllis Dyke's sister, Joyce Lepore & brother, Lou Scirrotto; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter, Nancy Varga; Andrew Kremann's father, Bill; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Sandy Majeski from Senior Exercise Group; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; and Gretchen Stults' daughter, Ann Schwartz.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community.

*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 (75<sup>th</sup> 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 Menten (9<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Birthdays of Distinction:** Helen Myer on August 23, Carl Allen on August 26 and Mary Borger on August 30. **Happy Birthday!**

#### ~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

**Fall Adult Sunday School Series:** In David Brainerd's last letter to his brother John in Cranbury, he encouraged his brother to "read Mr. Edwards..." by which he meant to read Jonathan Edwards. So, we will follow David Brainerd's advice. There will be a 5-week fall adult Sunday school class on Jonathan Edwards. The book we will use is *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* published by Yale University Press. Participants will be responsible for securing their own copy of the book. I suggest using amazon.com. Those who want to do some summer reading in preparation for the class may want to get *Jonathan Edwards for Armchair Theologians*. This is a good introduction to Edwards' life and work. It is published by Westminster John Knox Press.

#### ~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

**IMPORTANT - Coffee Hour Coordinator Wanted!** 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

#### BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY!

**Sunday, September 13**, will be a very exciting day in church. It is the first Sunday after the summer and we will be thrilled to be back together as a church family. It is also the date of the **Annual Homecoming Picnic**, which is always enjoyed by all. We will be enjoying the picnic in the new courtyard.

We are asking members to **bring a friend (or 2 or 3!) to church** with them on that day to share in worship and fellowship. Let's share our enthusiasm for the church home we love with the people we love by including them in that special day.

#### CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE

September's Coffee House is just around the corner, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11. We will be hosting our first show featuring Barbecue Bob and His Only Friends. Bob happens to be a regular attendee of our church. Please come out and hear a side of Bob that no one has ever heard before. During the intermissions there will be a full service kitchen managed by Cranbury Delights. The general menu will be homemade cookies and pastries, sandwich wraps, hot dogs, popcorn, coffee, tea, soda and water at an additional cost. Friday night's performance will be upbeat Rockabilly and Blues tunes.

Please come out and help support the local community outreach and remember a portion of the proceeds go towards the Deacon's Benevolent Fund and Skeet's Pantry.

If you have any questions please go to the web site at [www.cranburycoffeehouse.com](http://www.cranburycoffeehouse.com) for further information.

#### ~~ 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](mailto:cpnschool@comcast.net) or check the CPNS portion of the church website.

#### ~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

**A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** The United Kingdom and Ireland are concerned about energy, about "going green" even as we are. In response to this concern the Church of Scotland has employed an environmental climate change project officer. New initiatives are springing up at the local church level. One form of heating that takes heat from the cold, wet earth (sounds impossible, doesn't it?) and converts it into warmth is being used in Bankfoot Church in Perthshire and a new church hall in Bridge of Allan. New ground source heat pumps have been installed and this heating offers a low-carbon low-impact technology with no chimneys, no pollution, and little noise for heat year round. The installation costs are high but running costs are low. It's great to see churches taking the lead this way.

#### SKEET'S PANTRY

This October it will be a year since I started my volunteer work at the food pantry. After many years of service, Fran Stewart decided to go back into the work force. In the early spring, she called a meeting at Teddy's Restaurant to give the volunteers their final instructions. She assured everyone that the Holy Spirit is at work in Skeet's Pantry and that when one door closes another would open. Her belief that the Holy Spirit truly works through others was inspiring.

This past year, I have personally seen God's work through the generosity of the community and volunteers. For example, the Boy Scouts and the Cranbury mail carriers packed the pantry shelves with their food drives. United Stationery, Inc. held a food drive, sold hot dogs and donated everything to the party. Claire of Charmed by Claire also held a food drive and donated her wonderful cakes for a bake sale as well. In August, our VBS managed to collect a boat load of food. We cannot forget ALL the wonderful food donations dropped at Fellowship Hall and the wheel-barrow next to the church. All of you have made this a blessed year.

On the third Friday of every month, after we pack and distribute over 80 bags from the pantry, I find that the shelves are almost empty again. I don't worry because the shelves will not remain empty through the continuous kind works of donations, volunteers, and the Holy Spirit. Flo Kremann

**Fresh Vegetables Needed For Skeet's Pantry:** We will be collecting fresh produce for Skeet's Pantry. There will be a collection box on the side porch of the church office. Simple place your fresh produce in the container any time on **September 17**. Many thanks from the Skeet's Pantry Crew!

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~~ NEWSLETTER ~~

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**Update:** Starting in October the monthly newsletter will be sent electronically via email.

This change is due to changes in the way the Post Office is handling bulk mail and increases in cost of mailing the newsletter. If you have not already written your current e-mail address on a pew pad in church, please contact the church office via e-mail ([firstpresoffice@comcast.net](mailto:firstpresoffice@comcast.net)) and they will add your address to the email distribution. If you do not have access to email contact the church office (609-395-0897) and they will put you on a limited mailing list and we will also have a small supply left in the Narthex. Not only is this change good for the environment and the budget, it will help us to communicate more effectively with the congregation. Look for your first on-line edition in October!

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~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

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The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society is interested in rebuilding the Parsonage Barn c.1770 that was once a part of the Parsonage Plantation of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. The Parsonage Plantation of 150 acres was secured by a deed in 1759 and adjoined the earlier church property. In 2005, the timbers of this historic barn were dismantled and were put in storage with the NJ Barn Company. Society preservation funds and grant funds will fund most of the project of rebuilding the barn on Cranbury Neck Road near South Main Street where two other historic barns now stand. If you are interested in seeing the Parsonage Plantation barn rebuilt in Cranbury, please attend the Cranbury Township Committee meeting in Town Hall on Monday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

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**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**

Senior Fellowship needs a few people to help us with transportation when we go on day trips. The church van holds 14 people and we usually have about 18-24 people who wish to go on a 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 you incur. Our trips are only on weekdays, usually Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We usually leave at 10:30 or 11 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. In order for this mission of the church to continue, we need the support 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 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 our 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.

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~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

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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 Teams: 8/23(Team #4) - 8/30(Team #1)

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~~ WORSHIP ~~

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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.

**Flower Opening:** We have a flower opening on Sunday, September 20. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

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~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

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**Youth Group Activities - SAVE THE DATES!**

- 9/12 (Sat.)Cranbury Day with the Helene Cody Memorial 5K and 1 Mile Fun Race- Sign up to walk or run!
- 9/13 (Sun.) Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!  
10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Homecoming Picnic, 1- 3 p.m. Youth Group Ice Cream Sundae & Pool Party at the Waciegas' House
- 9/20 (Sun.)Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser for Camp Johnsonburg & Parents' Meeting.

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~~ SPECIAL NOTE ~~

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**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!** My husband Clifford and I wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to all the members and friends of the congregation for the wonderful Baby Shower you gave us. What a delightful surprise! We're overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness, generosity and all the encouraging good wishes for our baby-to-be. We look forward to reading all those charming books with the little one! Thanks especially to the Congregational Life Committee for the beautiful, festive coffee hour, to Janice Parker and CPNS for the lovely bassinet, to Pastor Lou and the office staff for their behind the scenes arrangements, and to everyone for keeping it a secret!

May the Lord bless all of you abundantly! Pastor Rosanna

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~~ CALENDAR ~~

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**August 23, 2009 - August 30, 2009**

<b>Sunday 23</b>	10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship
<b>Monday 24</b>	8:00p Al-Anon - Room
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material</b> 7:30p Deacons Meeting- FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wed. 26</b>	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
<b>Thurs. 27</b>	
<b>Friday 28</b>	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 1:00p 275 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force Mtg-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 29</b>	
<b>Sunday 30</b>	10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship