

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
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2009 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Psalm 116

Anthonie van Noordt
Organ

Entrée et Entrée Nouvelle, Bouree d'Orange

Anthony Pointel
John Burkhalter, English flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Come, gather together and let us give God praise.

Let us sing of God's love and God's amazing grace.

May we give God praise for God's forgiveness and mercy.

Let us sing of God's justice and compassion.

May we give God praise for all the wondrous acts from God to all the earth's people.

Let us sing of our praises to God and worship God with our hearts and minds fully.

HYMN #108 (Hymnal)*

"Christ Is Alive!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that in attitude and action this week, we have been less than you created and called us to be. We have forgotten your blessings toward us and in so doing, have failed to be a blessing to others. We have taken for granted the limitless depth of your love and forgiveness, and in so doing, we have withheld love and forgiveness from others. In our misguided efforts to maintain control, we have clung to bitterness, hurt, anger and disappointment, rather than letting go in faith and trust, releasing ourselves to the healing and cleansing power of your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for our willingness to settle for so much less than you desire to give us and to do in us. Restore us to right relationship with you and with one another, for the sake of your Son, our Lord and Savior, 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 ✨

Lori Kleppe

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Lil Conley
Pew Bible pg. 735

SPECIAL MUSIC

Concerto

Christiaen Herwich
John Burkhalter, English flute

SCRIPTURE

John 12: 20-33

Pew Bible pgs. 106-107

SERMON

“Just In Time Grace”

Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Anderson

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Courant

Johann Schop
John Burkhalter, English flute

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #343 (Hymnal)*

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Tocatta

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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).

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 in loving memory of Scott, Willis and Earl Applegate by Grace, Stacey, Will, Austin, Catherine, Cynthia, Mike, Kai and Téa.

Head Usher is Kay Hansen.

Coffee hour today is hosted by the Deacons.

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 Scirroto; Becky Huselid's mother, Billie Wheeler Farmer; 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; family and friends on the death of 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 (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; and Colonel Daniel Shanahan (US Army), Leslie Vandenberg's cousin.

- 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: Mary Borger on August 30, Ted Zimmerman on September 2 and Helen Davies on September 6. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Fall Adult Sunday School Series: In David Brainerd's last letter to his brother John in Cranbury, he encouraged him to "read Mr. Edwards..." by which he meant to read Jonathan Edwards. So, we will follow David Brainerd's advice. Dr. Mitchell will teach a 5-week series on Jonathan Edwards. We will use *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* published by Yale University Press. Participants are responsible for securing a copy of the book, perhaps at amazon.com. Those who want to read in preparation for class may want to get *Jonathan Edwards for Armchair Theologians*. It is a good introduction to Edwards' life and work, published by Westminster John Knox Press.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7-8:30 pm, The Cranbury Inn All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting, starting on September 20. We'll begin a new study on *The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

Martha Circle Women's Bible Study: First Monday of the Month, 1:30 pm in the Library All women are welcome to attend! Our first meeting for the year will be on Monday, September 14. Our new study for the year is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, the new Horizons Presbyterian Women's Bible study. Join us for fellowship, Bible study and prayer, with the discussion led by Rose Eller. She can be reached at 655-9175.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR UPDATE:

God is Good, as of today, August 30, I am stepping down as coffee hour coordinator and the Lord has provided Lola Madsen and Helen Dickerson for a 6 month period. This will now be a two person job so as not to be on one person's shoulders. I thank the Lord first of all and now Lola and Helen for answering this call. Thanks, girls.

In His love, 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 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 cpnsschool@comcast.net or check the CPNS portion of the church website.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: A sad thing took place in Prague's Jewish Quarter on November 10, 2007 when an international contingent of neo-Nazis vowed to disrupt this area. But many Christians and Jews assembled to recall the night in 1938 when the Nazis wrought such havoc on Jewish communities. Prayers and speeches were given by clergy, politicians and concentration camp survivors, and the

assembly was blessed by the sound of the shofar, an assembly that had gathered despite the presence of bands of young men in black and the riot gear-clad police. Hatred was rejected that night and the God's call through the prophet Micah to justice, kindness, and humility was evidenced.

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 pantry. Claire of Charmed by Claire and the Cranbury Girl Scouts held a bake sale and a food drive to which they donated all their proceeds and collections to our church. 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 from your garden or the store for Skeet's Pantry on **Thursday, September 17**. There will be a collection box on the side porch of the church office. Many thanks from the Skeet's Pantry Crew!

~~ NEWSLETTER ~~

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) 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!

~~ 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

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.

~~ 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 Teams: 8/30(Team #1) - 9/6(Team #2)

~~ 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.

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

USHERS GUILD: The Ushers Guild is in need of members. Free training, no meetings and great working conditions. Easy schedule - only one Sunday service every other month. If you can help, please contact Kay Hansen at (609)655-0081 or email: knj08512@comcast.net

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities in September

- 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.
- 9/27 6:30- 8 p.m. Youth Group in Fellowship Hall with Music led by Youth and Tom Senko, Discussion and Activity led by Bob Gregory

~~ CALENDAR ~~

August 30, 2009 - September 6, 2009

Sunday 30	10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship
Monday 31	9:00a - 2:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 1	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:00a - 2:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Room 1 7:15p Christian Education Meeting-Church Office (upstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting- Library 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 2	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Library
Thursday 3	8:00a-2:00p CPNS Teachers Meeting-FH/Kit/Lib. 2:30p - 6:15p Mission team serves at TASK (VAN) (Office Closed 2:30p-3:00p) 7:00p Worship Meeting - Library
Friday 4	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 1:00p-3:00p Piano Tuning- Sanctuary 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Sat. 5	9:00a-4:00p Cemetery Workshop - Cemetery/FH
Sunday 6	10:00a Worship with the Lord's Supper 11:00a Fellowship 11:45 Library Committee - Library