

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
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2009 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Es ist das Heil uns kommen her”* **Anon.**
Organ

INTROIT *“They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Rosanna Anderson**
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

HYMN # 483 (Hymnal)* *“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, forgive us for the many ways we fail you. You invite us to commit ourselves to your never-failing care, but trust is difficult for us. You ask us to reconcile broken relationships, but we avoid that demanding work. You call us to live a new life, bold in love and faith, but we are timid. In these and many other ways, we resist your rule in our hearts. Forgive us, O God, in your mercy. Through your Spirit accomplish your will in us, strengthening us for your service and leading us in your grace, we pray through 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 ✠		Janice Parker
SCRIPTURE	Exodus 14: 19-31	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 61
ANTHEM	<i>Consecration</i>	John Ness Beck The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Mark 4: 35-41	Pew Bible pg. 39
SERMON	“Domesticating Jesus”	Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>Air</i>	Anon. Organ
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN # 241 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Behold the Goodness of Our Lord”</i>	

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN # 243 (Hymnal)* *"We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Threefold Amen* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *"Gott der Vater wohn' uns bei"* **Samuel Schedit**
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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Communion Servers are Craig & Bev Gilbert and Andy & Flo Kremann.

The Flowers are given in loving memory of Richard G. Wagner by Leah Moy and family. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Liz Callaway's parents, Thomas and Stella Ericson, and brothers, Thomas, Jr. and David Ericson.

Head Ushers are George Arsnow & Rick and Nancy Norland.

After Service Greeters are Marie Perrine and Walter Wright.

Coffee hour today is hosted by Deanna and Tori Anderson.

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; Rose Eller's niece, Ruth Ann Magnani; Becky Huselid's mother, Billie Wheeler Farmer; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter, Nancy Varga; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; family and friends on the death of Sandy Majeski from Senior Exercise Group; and church treasurer, Art Pellichero.

We pray for all 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 & 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: Helen Davies on September 6, Ruth Blackmer and Diane Cox on September 13. **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 should secure a copy. Those who want to read in preparation for class may 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 ~~

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY!

Next Sunday, September 13, will be a very exciting day in church! It's the first Sunday after the summer and we'll be thrilled to be back together as a church family. It's 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 cpnschool@comcast.net or check the CPNS portion of the church website.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Part of the Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery, the Capital Presbyterian Church in the Washington, DC metro area is a faith community in which members give a Love Offering the last Sunday of every month, a custom that has been going on for ten years. The offering is for those in need and recipients include prisoners, the poor, refugees and disaster victims. The church is small, not wealthy, and does not have a permanent building in which to worship, but rent space each week. They hope to build a sanctuary and are slowly collecting money for

this purpose, but nothing is allowed to interfere with the monthly Love Offering for those in need.

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 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 (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 is a great mission of our church which is run totally by volunteers. For this program to continue, we need your help. We could use a few people who are not senior citizens. If you would like to volunteer, please call the coordinator, Connie Bauder, or the church office.

Senior Fellowship needs people to help with transportation on day trips. The church van holds 14 people and we usually have about 18-24 people per trip. Could you take 3 or 4 church members in your car? We'll reimburse any costs. Our trips are usually on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10:30 or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Fellowship also needs members on the programs and trips planning committee. We meet at 10 a.m. about 6 times a year to select trip destinations or program speakers. We make a yearly schedule and plan the details. Committee members help by setting tables, distributing beverages and assisting people as needed or acting as chaperones. You don't need to help with all the trips, just what you can fit in your schedule.

SENIOR CENTER

On Friday, September 11, please join us for luncheon at noon to be followed by a program on energy efficiency from PS&G at the Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome. YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 x. 244 no later than Monday, September 7. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

~~ 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: 9/6 (Team #2) - 9/13 (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.

USHERS GUILD: The Ushers Guild is still in need of new 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 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 ~~

September 6, 2009 - September 13, 2009

Sunday 6	10:00a Worship w/communion 11:00a Fellowship 11:45 Library Committee - Library
Monday 7	(Labor Day) Church Office Closed
Tuesday 8	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:30p Youth Ministry Comm.- Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Lib. 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 9	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 10	9:00a Session Material Due 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00p CPNS Parent Info Session set-up - FH 7:00p CPNS Parent Info Program-FH 7:30p Nominating Committee Mtg-Library 7:30p B&G Meeting-Room 1 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 11	CPNS Open House-Classrooms 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 7p-9:30p The Cranbury Coffee House-FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Sat. 12	(Cranbury Day)
Sunday 13	8:00a-8:45a New teachers meeting - FH 8:45a-9:30a Returning teachers mtg. - FH 9:30a-9:55a room set-up, teams meet 10:00a Worship and Bring a friend 11:00a Homecoming Picnic 1p-3p Youth Group Pool Party @ the Waciegas' 8:00p-9p Cranbury Scout Band Practice