

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
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2009 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“O Perfect Love”

Joseph Barnby, 1889
Brass Choir

“Old-Time Religion”

arr. Jeff Anderson
Brass Choir

INTROIT

“Let the Words of My Mouth”
(Psalm 19:14)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold, even much pure gold.

They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*

“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus than to do it. We accept more readily the ways of the world than the strange way of the cross. We love the lovely and lovable. We promote our own interests more easily than deny them. We seek our own gain before that of others. We aim to save our lives, not lose them. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to be faithful regardless of the cost, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP (Please sign the red “friendship pads” at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those near you and greet them after worship.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨		Anne Gordon
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 21: 1-4	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 259
ANTHEM	<i>"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"</i> (American Spiritual)	arr. K.L. Scott The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	2 Corinthians 5: 1-10	Pew Bible pgs. 168-169
SERMON	"Home at Last"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Peacemaking Offering	John Sprout
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>"Panis Angelicus"</i> (Handchime soloist, Becky Young)	arr. Arnold Sherman Bell Choir
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
HYMN #376 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	The Benediction	W.C. Tomer Bell Choir
POSTLUDE*	<i>"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

Welcome to Bring a Friend to Church Day! It's also the day of the **Annual Homecoming Picnic** which is always enjoyed by all. We will be enjoying the picnic in the new courtyard. We hope that each of the **friends in our midst** will feel most welcome here in worship and fellowship. May our enthusiasm for the church home we love be felt by all on this special day!

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:

The Flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sutton and family in memory of Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton and Elsie Sutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fryer. Flowers are also given in memory of Jeanne and Ernest E. McKenrick by Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

Head Usher is Kay Hansen and Ken Eiker.

After Service Greeters are Helen Davies and Arlene Duran.

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; Mary Lou Kerr; 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; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Becky Huselid's mother, Billie Wheeler Farmer; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter, Nancy Varga and Andy and Flo Kremann on the death of Andy's father.

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: Ruth Blackmer and Diane Cox on September 13 and Betty Borgeson on September 18. **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

Transitions Networking Group: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Room 1

Focus: Maintain a spiritual base while going through career and job transition. This new group is starting September 18. Coffee and donuts/fruit will be provided. The group will be facilitated by church member Charlie Ernst and sponsored by the Outreach Committee.

This is an opportunity to connect with others going through job change and sharing information about jobs, opportunities and resources. It will feature expert speakers and guests, and provide Scripturally-based resources focused on career and life changes. Everyone is welcome to attend

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.

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 next week, 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.

~~ 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 ½-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: Fletcher Presbyterian Church in Western North Carolina had a vision that the church would become a leader in mission giving. During confirmation in 2004, two boys asked why their church did not have a cross on top. From this occasion of "a little child shall lead them" came the decision to create a Memorial and Mission (M & M) fund with half of the gifts used to add a steeple and a cross to the bell tower and the other half to underwrite support for a member who felt called to Malawi with a presbytery mission team. The \$5,000 goal was reached in four weeks. The steeple went up in 2005 and in 2008 the congregation sent an elder on his fourth trip to Malawi. Contributions to the M & M Fund continue and consequently Fletcher has been able to double its support of missionaries in the past year and challenge other congregations to join in the joy of mission giving. Fletcher is a church of 70 members and had been a mission chapel for almost its entire history.

SKEET'S PANTRY

This October it will be a year since I started my volunteer work at the food pantry. Thank you for 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!

~~ OUTREACH COMMITTEE ~~

Cranbury Coffee House

September's Coffee House was on Friday, September 11. We hosted our first show featuring Barbecue Bob and His Only Friends. Bob happens to be a regular attendee of our church. Thanks to all who came out to hear a side of Bob that we hadn't heard before!

October's Coffee House will be on Friday, October 9. Remember a portion of the proceeds of the Cranbury Coffee House go towards the Deacons' Benevolence Fund and Skeet's Pantry.

If you have any questions please go to the website at www.cranburycoffeehouse.com for further information.

~~ 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.

Exercise Schedule

September 14, September 17, September 21, September 24

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 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.

~~ 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: 9/13(Team #3) - 9/20(Team #4)

~~ 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 deep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if you r child becomes restless.

USHERS GUILD: The Ushers Guild is 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 (609)655-0081 or email: knj08512@comcast.net

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities in September

- 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**
- 9/27 **6:30- 8 p.m. (Note new time!) Youth Group Parents' Meeting in Fellowship Hall & Youth Games outside.**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 13 - September 20, 2009

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 1:00p-3:00p Youth Group Pool Party @ the Waciegas' 8:00p-9p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
Monday 14	Church Office Hours 9 - 4) CPNS First Day of School 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 15	9:00a Bulletin Material 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 16	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00 Boy Scout District Mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 17	Newsletter Info Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 18	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Sat. 19	
Sunday 20	9:15a Christian Education begins for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a-1:00p Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser 11:30a Parents Mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Mtg-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn 8:00p-9p Cranbury Scout Band Practice