

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
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2009 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Meditation on “Vernon”* Steve Scott
Organ

Prelude on “Lasst uns erfreuen” Gerald Peterson
Organ

INTROIT *“The Lord is My Strength and My Song”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 118: 14) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Don Winchell
Those who delight in the law of God prosper like trees planted by streams of water.
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff driven away by wind.
God watches over the way of the righteous.
The way of the wicked shall perish from God’s sight.

HYMN #465 (Hymnal)* *“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Hear our prayers, loving God, for the parts of ourselves that will not fix: the rough edges and sharp corners in ourselves and others... the unruliness that we cannot quite control... the insecurity that breeds envy... the habits that become addictions... the opinions that become prejudices... the stubbornness of sin’s grip upon us. Free us from these and all our sins, and forgive us. Help us to trust your love more, to judge ourselves and others less, and to accept with joy and gratitude the forgiveness you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (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 ✚		Julia and AJ DeMarco
MINUTE FOR HISTORY	“Historic Nails”	Carlene Reyes
MINUTE FOR MISSION	“Mission Fair”	Carol Kientz
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 51: 1-12	Mr. Winchell Pew Bible pg. 520
ANTHEM	<i>“Whoever would be great among you” (Matt. 20: 26-28)</i>	Ron Nelson The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 4: 1-16	Pew Bible pgs. 193-194
SERMON	“We Are Family”	Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #439 (Hymnal)*	<i>“In Christ There Is No East or West”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Mr. Winchell
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory	<i>Pavane</i>	Gabriel Faure Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Mr. Winchell
HYMN #358 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Help Us Accept Each Other”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Fivefold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

We give thanks to God for the birth of
Theodore Maurice Anderson
on September 11, 2009
son of Dr. Clifford and Rev. Rosanna Anderson

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children
of God; and that is what we are.” I John 3:1*

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 in loving memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Young by Rebecca Young and Robin Drew.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

After Service Greeters are Paul and Janet Furchak.

Coffee Hour hosts are Joan Fraser and Ann Zimmerman.

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; Andy and Flo Kremann on the death of Andy's father; Helen Myer; Diane Smith; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: 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; and Dorothy Klotzbecher's daughter, Nancy Varga.

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: Everett Campbell on September 22. 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 started 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 p.m. in the Library All women are welcome to attend! 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 tonight, 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 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: We who have such ready access to water cringe at the thought of women and children having to carry gallons of water a mile each day from a well to their home. But that is exactly what people in Malawi were doing after all but one available well had failed. Into this sad situation stepped the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse. They joined with their sister presbytery of Korea to raise \$12,000 for the drilling of two new wells for the Blantyre area. People were touched by this need and \$18,000 was raised and three new wells were built. So, thanks to the determination of Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery to "do justice and love kindness" people of Blantyre received the vital gift of clean water.

~ 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

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 21, September 24, September 28

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 a.m. or 11:00 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.

Senior Center Event

On Friday, September 25, please join us for luncheon at 12 noon to be followed by our program at the Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. Marilyn Mullen, Cranbury Public Library Director, will "BOOK TALK" several popular books. She will also speak about upcoming fall programs for seniors at the library. We will also have a BOOK SWAP. Bring a book and you can swap if for any other book. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome.

YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday, 9/21. 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: 9/20(Team #4) - 9/27(Team #1)

Stewardship Offerings Update to September 13, 2009

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Offerings Received	\$6,754	\$267,135
Amount needed to meet our obligations	\$7,038	\$279,046
Special Offerings:		
Collection for Historical Records	\$0	\$975

~~ 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

- 9/20 (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; 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Parents Meeting in the MCK Room.
- 9/27 6:30- 8 p.m. (Note new time!) Youth Group

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 20, 2009 – September 27, 2009

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 Confirmation Parent Mtg-McK Rm 4:00p-9p Boy Scout Troop Mtg-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 21	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 22	8:30a - 11:00a CPNS Room Parent Orientation-FH 9:00a Bulletin Material 10:00a Senior Fellowship Planning Mtg. - Library 7:00p Presbytery Meeting @ Shrewsbury 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 23	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 24	8:30a Men's Fellowship - Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 25	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 26	
Sunday 27	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Commissioning of Educators followed by coffee hour 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn