

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
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2009 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Adagio* Tommaso Albinoni
Organ

INTROIT *“Extol the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 99: 9) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Louis Mitchell

If it had not been the Lord on our side, let God’s people say together
If it had not been the Lord on our side when our enemies attacked us,
the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us.

Blessed be the Lord. The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

HYMN #461 (Hymnal)* *“God Is Here!”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of love, serving you is our perfect freedom, yet we confess our rebellion against you. You call, but we do not listen. We pull against your guidance, we walk astray from your path, we fail to return your love. In our sin we think ourselves free when we are apart from you. Look upon us with mercy, God of love! Do not treat us according to our deserving, but according to your great compassion. Cleanse our hearts of all sin. Place within us the desire to serve you. Give us joy in fulfilling your will, that we may live fully to your glory alone, 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” 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

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH LEADERS

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.’ The Lord Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

UNISON STATEMENT: What the Lord has taught us through his Word and Spirit, and by the witness of his people, we must hand on to the next generation. These in turn will teach others to put their confidence in the Lord, remembering God’s faithfulness and keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH LEADERS

You are leaders in our congregation’s educational ministries to children, youth and adults. Through your efforts, the good news of God’s love will be taught and nurtured in the hearts, minds, and lives of people in this faith community. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ your Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit, by calling children, youth and adults to faith in Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

You are commissioned to lead in our Christian education and youth ministries. May the light of Christ shine through all that you say and do.

UNISON PRAYER: Eternal God, in every age you have appointed teachers and helpers to tell of your wonderful love, power and justice. We thank you for these brothers and sisters in Christ, through whom you will teach children, young people and adults your ways. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit, so that they may be bold witnesses of the gospel of Jesus

Christ. Help them to speak your word and serve our neighbors. Help all of us to live the new life in Christ, obedient to your commandments. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20: 1-17 Janice Parker
Pew Bible pg. 66

ANTHEM "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray" Allen Pote
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 17-20 Pew Bible pg. 4

SERMON "Lasting Impressions" Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #376 (Hymnal)* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

MINUTE FOR MISSION CROP Walk Linda Ill

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Mitchell
THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Air Anon.
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication* Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #538 (Hymnal)* "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Threefold Amen* Marty Haugen
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *Allegro* Geo. F. Handel
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. The toddler nursery is staffed by Bob and David Mills. 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 Rhoda and Walter White and Ella Jeannette White by Mrs. T. E. Sushereba and Heidi and Cabot Knowlton.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

After Service Greeters are Bub and Barbara Danser.

Coffee Hour hosts are Ben Mugrage and Loida Wilson.

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: 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 Klotzbeacher'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 Mentis (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: Marion Hagerty on September 29. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Fall Adult Sunday School: The class on Jonathan Edwards is being postponed. Instead we'll be kicking off the fall with the Book of James. Come & join us in the library for friendly conversation that goes where the spirit leads us.

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. 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 for our 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 ~~

REMINDER: The Peace Offering coin boxes and offering envelopes are due, next **Sunday, October 4**. Children should turn in their filled coin boxes during Sunday School.

CROP Walk

This year's CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Mercer County Park (East Picnic Area). CROP Walk is a great way for our church to help fight hunger and poverty both in our community and around the world. It's also a lot of fun! If you haven't already registered to walk and would like to, there will be a sign-up during Coffee Hour starting today. Donations/sponsorships of walkers will also be accepted (checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP").

The church van will be available to take walkers to the park again this year. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot (make sure to bring your envelopes with your donations!) and return around 4:00 p.m. Those not wishing to ride in the van can do a caravan with us, or simply meet us at the park. If you have any questions, contact Linda Ill (609-409-1441).

PLEASE KEEP SKEET'S SHELVES FULL!! We need everybody's help to re-stock our Skeet's Pantry so that the growing number of people and families in need can be fed each month through our Cranbury Presbyterian food program. The numbers are growing due to economic problems, loss of jobs, and even family violence causing moms and children to have to move and fend for themselves for safety's sake. All kinds of difficulties are facts of life for folks right here in Cranbury and surrounding communities, and they are so grateful for our help to put food on their tables.

So PLEASE help to keep our shelves full so that we can continue to care for these folks in need. Just put your donations in the wheelbarrow outside church on Sunday or leave bags labeled "Skeet's Pantry" in the little telephone/mailbox room across from Fellowship Hall.

The following items are needed: Soups, peanut butter, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, beans/pork and beans, canned fruit and vegetables. Other foods are welcome, too, just please check the expiration dates on them. Toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, and laundry detergent would also be very helpful.

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: The Eastern Korean Presbytery of the Synod of the Northeast (our Synod), a non-geographic presbytery, was formed with twelve churches and 1,300 members in 1197 and has grown to twenty-eight churches and 5,627 members. The Presbytery has a remarkable international outreach. Working with a sister presbytery in Korea, the two presbyteries sponsored an evangelical and medical mission to the Dominican Republic. Forty-two pastors and missionaries from both presbyteries participated in various programs, including international mission seminars in the capital Santo Domingo. The Chodae Church of EKP has donated more than \$2 million to establish an international mission center,

including medical facilities, a school for training teachers, and an elementary school in Santo Domingo. The presbytery has also taken part in a joint Spanish-Korean outreach ministry in Flushing, New York.

~~ NEWSLETTER ~~

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

This new policy 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!

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

OUR BULLETIN COVER: This week's bulletin cover is from a c.1960 note card. The artist's name cannot be deciphered and therefore the 275th Anniversary Committee would welcome any information.

HARPSICORD AND FLUTE CONCERT: You are invited to attend a concert presented by "The Practitioners of Musick" in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 17 at 4:30 p.m. The program will be one hour in length and will be performed by John H. Burkhalter, English flute, and Donovan Klotzbeacher, harpsichord. John and Don have generously offered to present the concert in celebration of the 275th anniversary of our church.

The concert will follow the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society's Historic Cranbury House Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 17. Our sanctuary will be open during the Tour. A gourmet luncheon presented by the Friends of the Cranbury Public Library will be held in Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Advance sale house tour tickets are \$20.00 and luncheon tickets by advance sale only are \$12.00. For tickets, please contact Audrey Smith at 655-5361.

JILL OLDS' ORDINATION: Our congregation has been invited to attend the ordination service for Jill (Rumpf) Olds on Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 103 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT. All are welcome! Since it is a bit of a distance from here, Jill asks for our prayers at this very exciting time in her life and career.

~~ 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 28, October 1, October 5

~~ 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: 9/27(Team #1) - 10/4(Team #2)

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 ~~

Thank You! Thank You!

The Youth Group and Youth Ministry Committee would like to **thank** everyone who supported bake sale and car wash. Just over \$2,000 was raised (including the matching gift from the Helene Cody Foundation) for Camp Johnsonburg.

Youth Group Activities in September and October

- Today** Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.
6:30- 8 p.m. Youth Group
10/4 **11:30 a.m.** Mission Fair - Youth Table
6:30-8 p.m. Youth Group
10/11 **6:30-8 p.m.** Youth Group-making college student's care packages
10/18 **2:00-4:00p** Service Project: CROP Walk at Mercer County Park for Church World Service
10/25 **6:30-8:00p** Youth Group

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 27, 2009 - October 4, 2009

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
Monday 28	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon - Room
Tuesday 29	9:00a Bulletin Material 9:30a CPNS Getting to Know You Day - FH 11:00a CPNS Parent Social- McK Rm 1:00p CPNS Getting to Know You Day - FH 2:30p CPNS Parent Social- McK Rm 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 30	9:30a CPNS Getting to Know You Day - FH 11:00a CPNS Parent Social- McK Rm 1:00p 275 th Anniversary Task Force Meeting - Church office 11:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Lib 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 1	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p - 6:15p TASK (VAN)(Office Closed 2:30p-4:00p) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 2	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 3	2:00p Mission Fair set-up-FH
Sunday 4	(Peacemaking Offering/World Communion) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/communion 11:30a Mission Fair 11:45 Library Committee - Library 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn