

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
World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Offering
October 4, 2009 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“A Joyful Psalm”

Michael Helman
Bell Choir

INTROIT

“Who Shall Ascend the Hill of the Lord?”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind,

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

HYMN #417 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

When we think too highly of ourselves and forget that we are but dust, forgive us, God of mercy. When we think too lowly of ourselves and forget that you love us beyond our understanding, forgive us, God of mercy. When we treat others without grace; when we overlook those who need care; when we hurt those whom we love; forgive us, God of mercy. When we take your love for granted, or fail to heed your gracious commandments, or act according to our own wills and not yours, forgive us, God of mercy. Forgive us and free us, merciful God. Remind us of the love you give us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Teach us to live righteously—doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God. 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

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| CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ | | Doreen Grand-Jean |
| SCRIPTURE | James 2: 14-17 | Janet Furchak Pew Bible pg. 230 |
| ANTHEM | <i>“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Based on the tune Hyfrydol)</i> | David Stocker Bell Choir |
| SCRIPTURE | Matthew 25: 31-46 | Pew Bible pg. 29 |
| SERMON | “Becoming by Doing” | The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson |

THE RESPONSE

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| OFFERING AND PEACEMAKING OFFERING | | |
| Offertory | <i>“River in Judea”</i> | Jack Feldman, arr. John Leavitt The Chorale |
| Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication* | <i>“Doxology”</i> | Dr. Mitchell |
| HYMN #446 (Hymnal)* | <i>“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”</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

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)* *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Threefold Amen* **Donovan Klotzbecher**
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *Intonation & Fugue* **Sebastian Anton Scherer**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

(Immediately following Worship)

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 Communion Servers are Joan Fraser, Sonja and Mark Bianchi, Jim Taylor, Ginny Swanagan, John Sprout, Tom Senko and Chris Welch.

The Flowers are given in loving memory of Alfred and Jennie Lowe, Emily Lowe Metcalf and William Murphy by the family.

Head Usher is Linda Cody.

After Service Greeter is Dawn Michaud.

Coffee Hour today is the Mission Fair.

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; Pat Demers; Elizabeth Hagerty; Judson Hagerty; Kim Hafner; Mary Lou Kerr; Scott Kerr and family due to his father's death; 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 Scirroto; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; and Gail Geijer's son, Dan

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: Dorothy Swec on October 5 and Hazel Reinecke on October 9. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 275TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOTES ~~

OUR BULLETIN COVERS: The drawing of the church interior for this week's bulletin was done by Hugh Logan showing the new 1953 church interior. Hugh was the mastermind in the design of the church sanctuary.

The September 27th 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.

NARTHEX CASES: Please take a look at the Narthex cases for historical photographs and other church materials.

Come join us as we celebrate our church's 275th anniversary. Reservation tickets are available during coffee hour. Recommended donation per ticket \$5 (children 5 yrs. of age and under require no donation however a reservation ticket is required).

Catered sandwiches, salads, & dessert will be provided along with a presentation on David Brainerd.

HISTORIC 'CUT' NAILS: circa 1859 - retrieved from our chancel floor in 1995 are also available during coffee hour for a donation of \$10 per nail

~~ BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ~~

CHURCH WORK DAY, will be held **Saturday, October 10** from **8:30 a.m. to Noon.** Please come out and help spruce up our church. Your help in landscaping, painting, minor repairs and cleaning will be greatly appreciated. We have a project for everyone. Some projects we need help with include: outside ground care including sweeping and flower bed maintenance, kitchen and appliance cleaning, basement cleanout, painting, window and wall cleaning as well as some general handyman tasks.

If you have a specific project or need that you would like taken care of, please let your B&G Committee know. Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

~~ 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 at 9:15 a.m. for friendly conversation that goes where the spirit leads us.

October 18 - November 15 - "Who Are You?" lead by Bob Kane is a Bible study series that will explore God's covenants in the Old and New Testaments and how they relate to our lives today.

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 ~~



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 ~~

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. 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).

HUNGER: Poverty and hunger go hand in hand. But development assistance has brought hope and assistance to people suffering from these maladies. Globally, the proportion of undernourished people has fallen from one in four people in the 1970s to one in six today. In the late 1960s, smallpox was killing 2 million people every year. By 1979, international cooperation had succeeded in eradicating this deadly disease. Each day, there are 14,000 fewer children dying of preventable causes than there were 40 years ago.

But all this progress is threatened by the current global hunger crisis, which has pushed an additional 130 million people into hunger. World leaders must respond with both short-term and long-term measures that will enable poor people to produce and buy enough food to feed their families. As we are all aware, the discrepancy between the United States with its 300 million people has a gross national income 17 times that of all sub-Saharan African countries, which have a combined population of 800 million.

This information comes, sometimes verbatim, from a Bread for the World bulletin and points up the importance of our responding with generous gifts to our CROP WALK walkers on October 18.

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.

REPORT FROM CONGO: A percentage of the Pentecost offering is allocated by the local church to a program which benefits children. This year \$480 was sent to healthy mothers/healthy children for nutrition for orphaned children in the Congo. We have received an e-mail thank you advising that this amount is enough to supply the food needed for **one month** for the youngsters benefitting from this program. Thanks to all of you.

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: It is exciting to hear about the Presbyterian Men of New York City which was founded in 1993 when a few men gathered to

discuss the needs of men in the city. Its mission is to lead men into a vital relationship with Christ and assist them in their personal and community development. Men are involved in mentoring, prison ministry and re-entry, assisting in the Presbytery office, feeding the homeless, and many other ministries. The Presbytery Men assisted in building a water filter system in Madagascar. The organization nurtures the faith of all men, old and young, bringing men together in a city where such challenges as loneliness and addiction often collide.

~~ 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 ~~

A NOTE FROM JEAN DUNHAM - A "thank you" to everyone who offered prayers for me after the fire. I know I would never have made it through this without the support of God, my family, friends and my church family!

HARPSICHORD 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 Klotzbecher, 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 this 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

October 5, October 12, October 15
October 19, October 22, October 26, October 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors in the congregation are invited to the **Deacons' Luncheon, October 24 at 12 noon** in Fellowship Hall. We will have a potluck buffet luncheon with entrée, dessert and beverages provided by the Deacons and the side dishes

October 4- October 11, 2009

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| Sunday 4 | (Peacemaking Offering/World Communion Sunday) 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 |
| Monday 5 | 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm |
| Tuesday 6 | 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Room 1 7:15p Christian Ed. Meeting-Church Office(upstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting - Library 7:30p AA - McKnight Room 8:15p Cranbury Coffee House Meeting - FH |
| Wednesday 7 | 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 5:00p Women's Club set-up-FH 7:00p Women's Club Meeting FH/Kit 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Bell Choir |
| Thursday 8 | 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room |
| Friday 9 | 7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 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 |
| Saturday 10 | 8:30a - 12(noon) B&G Workday 9:30a - 4:00p Cemetery Workshop - Cemetery/FH |
| Sunday 11 | 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/introduction of Confirmands followed by coffee hour 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |

provided by the seniors. Bring your favorite side dish to share. This will be a joint meeting with the Golden Age Neighbors who by custom bring their own plate and utensils. Members of Senior Fellowship and other seniors who do not bring their own place setting will be seated together and provided with place settings. Members of the congregation who are not on the Senior Fellowship call list should pre-register with Connie Bauder at (609)395-1215 by October 19 so we can give the Deacons the count. Come join the fun.

Senior Fellowship will have a **Halloween Party on Friday, October 30 at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. After lunch, we will be joined by the children of CPNS. The children will sing for us and parade around the room in their costumes. Of course, there will be candy.

SENIOR CENTER

On Friday, October 9, please join us for luncheon at noon to be followed by a program as we join Catherine & Jack Frohbieter as they take us along on their three week journey from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg, Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway at the Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome.

YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday, October 5. 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: 10/4(Team #2) - 10/11(Team #3)

Stewardship Offerings Update to September 27 2009

| | Last Week | Year-to-Date |
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| Offering | \$6,990 | \$277,989 |
| Amount needed to meet our obligations | \$7,038 | \$293,482 |
| Collection for Historical Records | \$0 | \$1,075 |

~~ 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.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities for October

- 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** **1:00-4:00p Service Project:** CROP Walk at Mercer County Park for Church World Service; meet at church parking lot
- 10/25** **6:30-8:00p** Youth Group