

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
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2009 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Praeludium* Donovan Klotzbeacher
Organ

INTROIT *"I will lift up mine eyes"* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Joanne Petto
You are holy, O God, enthroned on the praises of your people.
We gather to praise you, our God.
Our ancestors trusted you, and you delivered them;
They cried to you and were saved; they trusted in you, and were not put to shame.

HYMN #140 (Hymnal)* *"Holy, Holy"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Life-giving God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we have misused and misunderstood your blessings. We stuff our lives with possessions, our schedules with busyness, our bodies with excess, but these things leave us empty. Distracted by the immediate, we overlook the eternal. In our pride we try to manufacture our fulfillment rather than receive it as your gift. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us. Satisfy our hungers with the bread of heaven; slake our thirsts and your living water. Satisfy us with your love, that obeying your will and serving your glory may fill us till we want no more, we pray 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 † Claudette Guy

MINUTE FOR HISTORY “Timeline”

SCRIPTURE Genesis 49: 15-21 and Gretchen Stults
Exodus 13: 17-22 Pew Bible pgs. 46-47; 60

ANTHEM “Come Before the Lord with Singing” Dave Dunbar
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Romans 8: 18-28, 39 Pew Bible pgs. 158-159

SERMON “Providence” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #281 (Hymnal)* “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

MISSION REPORT “Guatemala 2009” Guatemala Mission Team

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Serenity Prayer* Dr. Mitchell

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Fugue* Samuel Wesley
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*
Prayer of Dedication*

“Doxology”

Rev. Petto

HYMN #341 (Hymnal)*

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Fourfold Amen

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

Magnificat Fuga

Johann Pachelbel
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 in the chancel are given by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Smith and their daughter Erin in loving memory of his father, Henry Vincent Smith.

Head Usher is Lil Conley.

After Service Greeter is Stan Dickerson.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Fifth and Sixth Grade Sunday School Classes.

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; 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: Mary Clacko's mother, Sarah Clacko; Phyllis Dyke's sister, Joyce Lepore & brother, Lou Scirrotto; 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: Bev Gilbert on October 15 and Anna Wahler on October 16. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 275th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOTES ~~

OUR BULLETIN COVERS: This week's bulletin cover shows the cross which hangs in our chancel area, designed by Hugh Logan who was the leading artistic force behind the 1953 church sanctuary's renovation reflecting the appearance of the early 19th century.

The October 4th bulletin cover was the drawing of the new 1953 church interior done by Hugh Logan. 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.

NOVEMBER 1, 2009 - 275th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

(Immediately following Worship)

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

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Fall Adult Sunday School: Come & join us in the library at 9:15 a.m. for friendly conversation on the Book of James.

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 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 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.

~~ DEACONS ~~

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to rake leaves and the time to look through your pantry and search for canned goods and other goodies for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Your Deacons will be filling over 60 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2009 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

Items needed are:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars

Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there will be two large boxes labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets". You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. **Food will be collected starting Sunday, October 18 through Friday, November 20.**

Thank you very much in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Riemann at (609) 799-8526.

50+ MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION: On Sunday, October 25, 2009, our 50+ members will be recognized in church and celebrated with a cake during coffee hour. The Board of Deacons will be hosting this special event and hope to see all of our 50+ members in church on October 25.

~~ INQUIRERS' CLASSES ~~

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church?

Please call the church office at 395-0897 and let us know you want to participate. Classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. on November 8, November 15, and November 22 in the church library. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

2009 MISSION FAIR & CRAFT/ BAKE SALE IS GREAT SUCCESS! Thank you to everyone who joined in this year's Mission Fair on October 4th. The sale of crafts and baked goods raised \$450 for the work of the Good Shepherd Hospital and our Missionary couple, the Haningers, in the Congo. Our dollars will be multiplied many times in that poor country and will help to heal a multitude of illnesses and despair.

This aid for the Congo would have been impossible without the gift of crafts and food from so many people in our congregation, and your gifts are deeply appreciated. Special thanks also go to our "behind the scenes" volunteers who set up the Mission Fair, helped to organize the arrangements, and put Fellowship Hall back in place after the event. Three cheers to those volunteers: Helen and Stan Dickerson, Doris Wiegartner, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton, George Conley, Janice Parker, Fran Stewart and sons, John Sprout, Lola Madsen, Anne Gordon and Doreen Grand-Jean. The Mission, Service and Grants Committee is truly grateful that so many people care so much about Mission efforts here in our community and around the world.

PLEASE NOTE next Sunday is Bread for the World Sunday. Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Many of you have written letters to our Senators and Representatives, urging passage of various bills proposed by BFW. We trust you will enjoy reading the bulletin insert you will find next Sunday.

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.

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: The Presbytery of Newton has some interesting ministries. One of the local pastors frequents the Travel Center of America in Columbia, a crossroads for New York City-bound truckers. There she converses with truckers who would otherwise enter and sit alone in silence. She listens to their stories and responds to their individual cries for God. She holds a weekly Bible study at the truck stop and is working to improve conditions for truckers through Presbyterian social justice groups. Also in that Presbytery, the chaplain at the Morris County Correctional Facility points out that "inmates are ready for the dramatic change that can come only through Jesus Christ." One inmate was skeptical about the chaplain and her message, but now he is telling others how Jesus set him free behind bars.

~~ 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 this 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.

CALLING ALL MOMS! Join women around the world on November 14, 2009 for **Arise! Cry Out!**, a worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for our children and schools. Our children are in desperate need of our prayers. **Arise! Cry Out!**, is sponsored by Moms In Touch and will be hosted locally by Princeton Alliance Church on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Imagine women in hundreds of locations throughout the United States and in countries around the world praying in one heart for God to bring repentance, restoration and revival to the children in our own communities and those around the world. Imagine the impact our prayers could have throughout our schools, throughout our communities, throughout our world and throughout the generations.

The event is free, but registration is required. For further information, contact Cathy Vogen at 799-9317 or Vicki Waciega at 275-8945. Please consider joining us for this powerful and historic day.

FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT! Here is a fabulous opportunity to connect with a larger community of women in a retreat atmosphere at Camp Johnsonburg on April 9 through April 11. The cost is \$90.00 with an October 31 deadline. Contact Joanne Petto, Anne Gordon or Doris Wiegartner for additional information. This retreat is very popular, so sign up now to reserve your spot.

~~ 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 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 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.

On **Friday, October 30**, the group will meet in the Fellowship Hall and watch the CPNS children march in their Halloween costumes—and then entertain us with their special Halloween songs! The **parade starts at 12:45** (please note change in time) so be there early to get a good seat.

Following the parade/entertainment the Senior Fellowship group will gather for our Annual Halloween party. There will be treats—and maybe even some tricks! Be prepared for witch's brew and vampire dessert! Don't miss it—we all need some Halloween fun in our lives. Questions? Need a ride? Call Doris at 609 395-7099.

~~ 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: 10/11(Team #3) - 10/18(Team #4)

Stewardship Offerings Update to September 27 2009

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$8,684	\$285,673
Amount needed to meet our obligations	\$7,038	\$300,520
Collection for Historical Records	\$0	\$1,075

PLEASE NOTE: Please pick up your **third quarter statements** in the Narthex.

~~ 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.

HELP WANTED - 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 for October

- 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

~~ CALENDAR ~~

October 11, 2009 - October 18, 2009

Sunday 11	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 12	(Columbus Day) 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 13	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Lib. 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 14	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 15	9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6p-7p Cub Scout (KE) 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 16	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:00p-8:30p 3rd Grade Bible Blast-FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 17	10:00a- 4p Friends of the Library House Tour Luncheon - Kit/FH 4:30p The Practitioners of Musick Concert - FH
Sunday 18	(CROP Walk) 9:15a Celebration Sunday 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Baptism and 3rd Graders receiving bibles followed by coffee hour 12:30p-4:30p CROP Walk (VAN) 1:00p-4:00p Youth Group @ CropWalk 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn