

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

All Saints Day/275th Anniversary

November 1, 2009 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Declare the Maker’s Praise”* arr. Tammy Waldrop
Bell Choir

INTROIT *“Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 113: 1-2) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Joanne Petto

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in God’s holy place?

Those with clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

HYMN #455 (Hymnal)* *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in 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 ✨

Janice Parker

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90

Marie Perrine
Pew Bible pgs. 547-548

ANTHEM

"How short a time our church's years in Christ's eternal reign"

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale, Brass Choir, Timpani and Organ
(see insert)

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12: 1 & 2

Pew Bible pg. 226

SERMON

"In All Generations"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

arr. Douglas Wagner
Bell and Brass Choirs

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Petto

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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 #526 (Hymnal)*

"For All the Saints"

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

"God Be With You"

**W. G. Tomer
Bell Choir**

POSTLUDE*

"What God ordains is always good"

**Johann Gottfried Walther
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 Communion Servers are Courtney Brown, Pat Demers, Pete Keve, Lola Madsen, Art and Gloria-Jean Ryba, Doris Wiegartner and Don Winchell.

The Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of the Reverend Wendy Thode by her children, Annie, Betsy and Teddy, her sister and brother-in-law, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton and her mother, Henrietta Sushereba.

Head Ushers are George Arnow and Rick and Nancy Norland.

After Service Greeter is Barbara Hannon.

There will be no coffee hour today.

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; Kim Hafner; the Hagerty family and friends due to the death of Elizabeth Hagerty; Bob Kane; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Diane Smith; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Mary Clacko's mother, Sarah Clacko; Alan Danser's son, Brian; Phyllis Dyke's sister, Joyce Lepore & brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Hovland's granddaughter's friend, Kassey Roman; and Karen Moser's daughter, Dawn Winkler.

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: Ruth Davison and Lucille Kirkenir on November 1 and Doris McNally on November 2. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 275th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOTES ~~

OUR BULLETIN COVERS: Today's bulletin cover is the last illustration in our series of seven 275th Anniversary bulletins is from a wood cut in John W. Barbers' "Historical Collections of the State of New Jersey", 1847. Note the three windows which were to increase to five in the 1859 enlargement of the church. This appearance of the church was certainly apparent in 1839 and perhaps in 1788?

The October 25th bulletin cover is the seal adopted under the Charter granted by King George II 1750.

The October 18th bulletin cover has for many years been an illustration used in our publications. Who is the artist? We see no signature and welcome any information.

The October 11th bulletin cover showed 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 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.

HISTORIC 'CUT' NAILS; circa 1859 - retrieved from our chancel floor in 1995 are also available. There are just a few left.

275th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON: Today is our 275th Anniversary Luncheon, by ticket only. Dr. Mitchell will be speaking on David Brainerd.

A special **THANK YOU** goes out to our 275th Anniversary Task Force who have worked hard to enhance our church's anniversary celebration. The members include: Bev Gilbert, Joanne Hughes, Dorothy Klotzbecher, Carlene Reyes, Audrey Smith, Pastor Rosanna and Pastor Lou.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

Operation Christmas Child: The confirmation class is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. Information is on the confirmation bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Fliers should be available soon. Empty shoe boxes are needed, as well as people to fill shoe boxes. The program is run by Billy Graham's son, Franklin, spreading joy and the gospel to children around the world. **Filled boxes are due on November 15.**

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

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Transitions Networking Group: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Room 1 - 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. The group will be facilitated by church member, Charlie Ernst and sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Coffee and donuts/fruit will be provided.

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 collection will run through November 20.**

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

~~ 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 ~~

CHRISTMAS WREATHS! Those lovely fragrant wreaths from Maine, may be purchased from Heidi Knowlton or Nancy Stewart for \$12.00. They are to be picked up at the Gordon home, 127 North Main Street, Cranbury after December 4. Beautify your front door and/or remember a loved one's grave with a wreath.



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: Way out in eastern Oregon we find a small farming community, Pilot Rock, just twelve miles south of Pendleton. The church is a major part of community life and it was about to celebrate its centennial in 2008 when the building burned to the ground early one Sunday morning. What to do! The commissioned pastor said that when people called and asked what they could do to help, he replied, "Pray for us." It did not take long before donations began to arrive—a communion set, money, promises to help with the cleanup, rebuilding, and landscaping began in earnest. And then the rebuilding was under way following a community worship service of support and thanksgiving. Now the Pilot Rock Community Presbyterian Church is in its new building, serving Christ in its second century.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

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.

ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER: The Woman's Club of Cranbury will hold an Election Night Supper on November 3 in our Fellowship Hall. Seating times are 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and take-outs are available at 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00, and \$7.00 for children 10 and younger and can be purchased at the Blue Rooster Cafe, Charmed by Claire, or by calling Gail Geijer at 395-0297. If tickets are still available, they will be sold on November 3. The supper sold out last year before Election Day, so please purchase your tickets now.

The **Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society** will hold its Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 6 in our Fellowship Hall. A slide show of photos from the House Tour will be shown and Elric Endersby of the NJ Barn Company and Chris Pickell of Pickell Architecture will present a program on barn restorations. Both are working with CHPS to re-erect the Parsonage Barn, c. 1770, at the Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road in the spring of 2010. **The Parsonage Barn was once part of the Parsonage Plantation, c. 1779, of our church.** All are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share and your place setting. Beverages are provided.

~~ 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 the church office.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

November 2, November 5, November 9
November 12, November 16,
November 19, November 30

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Fellowship will go out for lunch at a Chinese restaurant on November 10, 2009. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to join us and are not on the Senior Fellowship call list you need to preregister by Thursday, November 5 by calling Connie Bauder. See the church bulletin for further details and the number to call to reach Connie to preregister.

Christmas is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendar for the Senior Fellowship Christmas Party and luncheon on Tuesday, December 8 at 12 noon. This date is different from the one that we had originally scheduled.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

THIRD QUARTER PLEDGE STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. If you did not receive yours in the mail, look for your 3rd quarter pledge statement in the Narthex or see George Smith for your copy. Our Church relies heavily on the generous contributions from the Congregation in order to fund our missions and ministries. If you have any questions, please contact George Smith or any member of the Stewardship & Finance Committee. Thank you

Counting Teams: 11/1 (Team #2) – 11/8 (Team #3)

Stewardship Offerings Update to October 25, 2009

| | Last Week | Year-to-Date |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Offering | \$8,509 | \$308,578 |
| Amount needed to meet our obligations | \$7,038 | \$321,634 |
| Collection for Historical Records | \$0 | \$1,075 |
| Peacemaking | \$17 | \$1,309 |

~~ 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 your 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 November

- 11/01** 6:30-8:00p Service Project, prepare brown bag dinners for TASK
- 11/03** (Tues.) Service Project, serve at the Election Night Supper
- 11/05** 2:30-5:30p Serve meal at TASK. Meet at church parking lot
- 11/15** 6:30-8:00p Service Project, Thanksgiving Baskets, Youth Group and Confirmation Class
- 11/20-11/22** (Friday at 4 pm) through Nov. 22 (Sunday at 12:30 pm) High School Fall Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Gifts of the Spirit", Leaders: Bob Gregory, **and one more parent is needed to serve as a leader.**
- 11/29** No evening activity due to the Thanksgiving holiday

~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 1, 2009 - November 8, 2009

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| Sunday 1 | (275th Anniversary/All Saints' Day/Daylight Saving Ends) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship and communion 11:30a 275 th Anniversary Luncheon - FH 11:45 Library Committee - Library 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-McKnight Rm/Kit 7:00p Boy Scout Court of Honor - FH(GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |
| Monday 2 | CPNS Existing Student Registration begins 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 3:30p-9p Election Night preparation - FH/Kit 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm |
| Tuesday 3 | 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 3:30p-9p Election Night Supper-Kit/FH 3:30p-9p Election Night Supper Take-Out-Room 1 7:15p Christian Ed. Meeting-Church Office(upstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting-Manse(Pastor Lou) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room |
| Wednesday 4 | 10:00a Senior Fellowship Meeting-Lib. 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Bell Choir |
| Thursday 5 | CPNS Closed 10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p - 6:15p TASK -Youth (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 6 | CPNS Closed 7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:30p-9p Cranbury Historical Society Annual Meeting and Pot Luck program- Kit/FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room |
| Saturday 7 | |
| Sunday 8 | 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 9:15a Inquirers' Class Begins - Lib 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 |