

**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.)

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 8, 2009 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *“Pavilioned in Splendor”* Richard Lloyd  
Organ

INTROIT *“I will remember the works of the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher  
(Ps. 77: 11-13) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Youth Class

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
**those who build it labor in vain.**  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
**the guard keeps watch in vain.**  
Do not toil anxiously, from dawn through the night,  
**for the Lord gives sleep to those God loves, providing for their needs, night and day.**

HYMN #210 (Hymnal)\* *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\* The Rev. Joanne Petto  
**Compassionate God, we need the renewal of your forgiving grace. We fail to live simply in dependence upon you. We try to provide for ourselves, as if there were blessings apart from you. We clutch our possessions in anxiety, as if they, not you, give us value. We seek human recognition and honor rather than humbling ourselves to serve your glory. Though you give us all we need, we resist giving to others. Free us, O God, from our sin and the selfishness which ensnares us. Touch our hearts again with your gracious love in Jesus Christ, who though he was rich became poor for our sakes, that through his poverty we might become rich. 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 ✨		K.Y. Huang
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Operation Christmas Child	Charlie Ill
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 14: 13-33	Joan Fraser Pew Bible pg. 16
ANTHEM	<i>"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"</i> (cf. Ezek. 1: 15-21)	<b>Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey</b> The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Hebrew 12: 1 & 2	Pew Bible pg. 226
SERMON	"Vision"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

## THE RESPONSE

HYMN #218 (Songbook)*	<i>"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Stewardship	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Petto
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux</i>	<b>François Couperin</b> Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Petto
HYMN #339 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Prelude and Fugue</i>	<b>Johann Kuhnau</b> 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](mailto: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 in loving memory of Jessica Ellen Swartz by the family.

**Head Ushers** are Kay Hansen and Ken Eiker.

**After Service Greeter** is Bill Keller.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Andy and Karen Moutenot.

#### 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; 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; Ruth Davison's grandson, Dennis Grace; 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, Kasey Roman; Florence Kremann's friend, Peter Bigler; and Karen Moser's daughter, Dawn Winkler.

**We pray** for all the people who are in need in our wider community and for our family and friends in our nation's service.

**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 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:** Betty DeStein on November 11. **Happy Birthday!**

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#### ~~ 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 next Sunday, 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](mailto:cwcollector@aol.com) or Clifford Anderson at [clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu](mailto:clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu).

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#### ~~ 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](mailto:cpnschool@comcast.net) or check the CPNS portion of the church website.

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#### ~~ DEACONS ~~

##### PASTA NIGHT

Deacons will be hosting a **Pasta Night on November 14**. Please come and enjoy a buffet style dinner of pasta, salad and dessert. George Conley will be our Chef for the evening. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Church's Benevolence Fund.

**Tickets may be purchased from any Deacon, during coffee hour after church today or from the church office.** Prices are \$8 for anyone over 13, \$5 for children 5-12 years old and children younger than 5 eat free. As always, thank you for your generous support.

##### 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.

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#### ~~ 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. Class began today at 9:15 a.m. and will continue on November 15, and November 22 in the church library. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

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#### ~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS!** You will not want to forego the purchase of a Christmas wreath, a lovely, fragrant wreath from Maine. Look for the Christmas Wreath table, and Heidi Knowlton and/or Nancy Stewart will be waiting for you and your \$12.00 in either cash or check. Wreaths may be picked up at the Gordon home, 127 North Main Street, Cranbury, after December 4. The purchase of these wreaths benefits a needy economy in Maine.

**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. 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:** Latin America and the Caribbean is the most Christian region of the world today. Various forms of Christianity are identified by more than 90 percent of the population. In urban neighborhoods and rural villages, the faithful gather to study God's word and find encouragement for their lives. Many of these followers of Jesus Christ are working to overcome injustice. For there are great inequalities in the distribution of wealth, the governments seldom respond to the needs of the majority, and corruption is prevalent. But there are signs of hope as men and women are speaking out against violence, and Presbyterians who have been active in mission since the 19<sup>th</sup> century try to encourage social reform.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

In 1988, Mr. Richard Gies traveled to the U.S.S.R and visited Astonia, Moscow, Georgia and Armenia in roughly that order. On November 19, the Senior Breakfast Fellowship will feature Mr. Gies presenting photos and talk about this trip. Last year, he spoke to us about a trip he made to Iceland.

The Senior Breakfast Fellowship is open to all who wish to hear these talks at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, New Jersey. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at 609-395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend.

~~ 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 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 calling Connie Bauder. See the church bulletin for further details and the number to call to reach Connie to preregister.

SENIOR CENTER EVENT

On Friday, November 13, please join us for luncheon @ 12 noon to be followed by a program as we learn about the Wii video game system with hands on instruction from Doug Baldwin, Systems Administrator at the Cranbury Public Library. Games will include "The Price is Right", "Smarty Pants" (a trivia game for all generations) and many more!! You may also ask the presenter any computer technology questions you might have. Come learn and play 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, November 9.** Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

~~ 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

Stewardship Offerings Update to November 1, 2009

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$8,445	\$317,023
Amount needed to meet our obligations	\$7,038	\$328,672
Collection for Historical Records	\$0	\$1,075
Peacemaking	\$0	\$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

- 11/8 1:30-3:30p Bowling, meet in church parking lot. Bring money.
- 11/15 6:30-8:00p Service Project, Thanksgiving Baskets, Youth Group and Confirmation Class
- 11/20-22 (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 8, 2009 - November 15, 2009

<b>Sunday 8</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 9:15a Inquirers' Class Begins - Lib 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 12:45p - 3:30p Youth Group, Bowling 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
<b>Monday 9</b>	CPNS Sibling Church Member Registration begins 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p-9:00p CPNS Staff Development - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 11:30a Senior Fellowship - (VAN) 12(noon) Senior Fellowship restaurant lunch-(VAN) 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Room 1 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Mtg-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Lib. 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wed. 11</b>	<b>(Veterans Day)</b> 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00 Boy Scout District Meeting-Mck Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 12</b>	<b>9:00a Session Material Due</b> 10:00a Senior Exercise 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
<b>Friday 13</b>	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
<b>Saturday 14</b>	8a-10a Annual Boy Scout Food Drive - FH(Stage) 12(noon) Set-up for pasta night - FH/Kit 5:30p-7:30p Deacons Pasta Night fundraiser-FH/Kit
<b>Sunday 15</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 9:15a Inquirers' Class - Lib 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 6:30p-8p Youth Group sorting food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn