

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
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2009 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Voluntary* **John Reading**
Organ

INTROIT *“Thank You Lord”* **Diane Davis**
Cherub and Children’s Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP Proverbs 3:5-6 Confirmation Class
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths.

HYMN #263 (Hymnal)* *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* The Rev. Joanne Petto
Have mercy on us, O God, for the sin in our dealings with others, people whom we overlook or ignore, all whom we treat as enemies, those with whom we need reconciliation. Have mercy on us, O God, for treating your creation casually, wasting our resources, squandering our talents, seeking after the frivolous, failing in our stewardship. Have mercy on us, O God, for our shallow faith, for lifting our hearts to what is false; for seeing your way as a burden and not a gift. In your mercy, forgive us, O God. Purify our hearts, and rule in our lives, that the world would see in us a witness to your sovereign love and glory. 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 ✚		Leslie Vandenberg
INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS		Rev. Petto
SCRIPTURE	Romans 8: 28-39	Lil Conley Pew Bible pgs. 158-159
ANTHEM	<i>"Unchanging"</i>	Chris Tomlin Children's Choir
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Pew Bible pg. 192
SERMON	"A Matter of Emphasis"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #218 (Songbook)*	<i>"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD'S PRAYER		Dr. Mitchell
OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF 2010 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES		
Offertory	<i>"When to Eternal Worlds We Steer"</i>	Early American ballad, arr. Howard Helvey The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Petto
HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*	<i>"This Is My Father's World"</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Fivefold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Versus VII Ton</i>	A. van den Kerckhoven 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 in loving memory of Daryl B. Urness by Donna and family.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

After Service Greeter is Renee Welch.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the 3rd and 4th 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; Kim Hafner; 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; Florence Kremann's friend, Peter Bigler; Karen Moser's daughter, Dawn Winkler and Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden.

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: Ethel Mesner on November 16. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 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. The program is run by Billy Graham's son, Franklin, spreading joy and the gospel to children around the world. **Filled boxes are due today.**

Fall Adult Sunday School: Come and 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 7:30-9:00 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.

~~ 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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

CHRISTMAS WREATHS! Only one more Sunday to purchase a fragrant, fresh, green Christmas wreath from Maine. Look for the Christmas wreath table at the coffee hour where you will find Heidi Knowlton and/or Nancy Stewart will be waiting for you. Wreaths are \$12.00 each (you may well need more than one) and will be available after December 4 at the Gordon home, 127 North Main Street, Cranbury.

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: While Wyoming has only 31 churches with 4,642 members, the presbytery recognizes the need to come together to accomplish larger mission goals. Members unite with those from several churches in making mission trips to the gulf Coast, Central America and South America. The Presbytery has adopted a new five-year plan called "Living to Make Christ Known". And forms of service are varied—food pantries, family violence, prisons, prayer shawl groups, camps, campus ministries. The presbytery has another goal "Tithing Churches—Tithing Presbytery", and more than half the churches already tithe

making the presbytery benevolence giving over \$1 million annually.

A CHANCE TO HELP! The Mission of the Auxiliary at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital has always been to make life more comfortable and more interesting for the residents. To that end they sponsor bingo parties and other game related activities; they also provide gifts for both men and women at Christmas time. They are looking for:

- General gifts like sweaters, gloves, socks, wallets and purses, knit caps or baseball caps (new, of course)
- Grooming gifts like shampoos, conditioners, body lotion, bath and talcum powder, cosmetic bags (No spray or glass containers)
- Recreational items like cards, puzzle books and games
- Small items for bingo prizes
- Current magazines, especially male oriented

Missions, Service and Grants has agreed to collect for this worthwhile program. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall to collect your contributions. The gifts will be delivered to the hospital early in December. We appreciate your help in reaching out to our neighbors. Thank you!

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Judson Hagerty and family wish to thank the congregation for their many cards and expressions of sympathy on the passing of Elizabeth Hagerty.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

In 1988, Mr. Richard Gies traveled to the U.S.S.R and visited Astoria, 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 16, November 19, November 30
December 3 and December 7

~~ 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: 11/15 (Team #4) - 11/22 (Team #1)

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.

USHERS GUILD: Ushers, please pick up your new schedules in the Narthex. If you are interested in joining the Ushers Guild, please contact Caren Anuszewski, (609)587-8883 or ccrab91@optonline.net. After many years of dedicated service, Kay Hansen has turned over the leadership of the Ushers Guild to Caren. Thank you, Kay!

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

TASK - Thank you to the eight students who went to TASK on their day off from school to deliver 100 Friday night dinners and serve the evening meal at TASK. Job well done!

Youth Group Activities for November

- 11/15 6:30-8:00p Youth Group Service Project, Thanksgiving Baskets
- 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 15, 2009 - November 22, 2009

Sunday 15	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-8:00p Youth Group sorting of 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
Monday 16	CPNS General Public Registration begins 8:30a - 3:00p CPNS Pictures-McK Room 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 17	8:30a - 3:00p CPNS Pictures-McK Room 9:00a Bulletin Material 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 18	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 12:45p CPNS Child Study Meeting-Library 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 19	Newsletter Info Due 8:30a Senior Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn 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 5:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up and preparation - FH 6p-7p Cub Scout-McK Room (KE) 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 20	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 12(noon) - 5:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up and preparation - FH 4:00p High School Retreat-Johnsonburg (VAN) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 21	All Day High School Retreat-Johnsonburg (VAN) 8:00a - 12(noon) Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets
Sunday 22	(Christ the King) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:00a Inquirers' Class Breakfast - FH 10:30a Worship w/New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 3:15p-7:15p Confirmand trip (Liquid Worship) VAN 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit NO Cranbury Men's Bible Study