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

Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation May 23, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE "Old Time Gospel Medley" Sandra Wagner

Bell Choir

INTROIT "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Confirmands

How many and great are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created.

And so you renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

HYMN #128 (Hymnal)*

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Awesome God, you made the presence of your Holy Spirit known on Pentecost through fire and wind. By your power, you gave the understanding of your Word in many languages, and sent apostles to tell your good news around the world. You continue to draw us by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we are aware of how unworthy we are to be in your presence. We do not listen carefully to your Word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. We divide our loyalties and our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sin and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day, and receive the fullness of what you have prepared for us all 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 ≠ Rosellyn Cassidy

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21 Joan Fraser

Pew Bible pg. 119

ANTHEM "Come, Holy Spirit, like the wind" John Carter

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE John 20: 19-22 Pew Bible pg. 115

SERMON "Sustained by the Spirit" The Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #324 (Hymnal)* "Open My Eyes That I May See"

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR: Julie Bond, Kadi Cier, Zach Conley, Emma Corr, Julia DeMarco, Kyle Demarest, Katherine Gerberich, Charlie Ill, Catherine Keve, Taylor Pugliese, Geneva Stiglic, Kendra Sullivan and Cassi Waciega.

PRESENTATION AND OPENING STATEMENT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- C. I do.
- L: Who is your Lord and Savior?
- C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
- L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
- C: I will, with God's help.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed*

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTION (to the confirmands)

- L: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- C: I will, with God's help.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

- L: By publicly professing their faith, these young people have confirmed the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.
- P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.
- L: The peace of God be with you.
- P: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts" and "debtors")

OFFERINGS AND THE PENTECOST OFFERING

Offertory	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	Spanish Hymn	
	(Tambourine, Alexander Vogen)	Bell Choir	

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Anderson

HYMN #391 (Hymnal)* "Take My Life"

BENEDICTION* Rev. Petto

RESPONSE* "God Be With You" W. G. Tomer

Bell Choir

POSTLUDE* Processional March (Parsifal) Richard Wagner

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.

<u>Childcare is provided during worship</u>. 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 (<u>MusicMomNJ@comcast.net</u>).

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 memory of Erna Dirksen, Happy Birthday from Sonja Dirksen Bianchi and Mark Bianchi. Flowers are also given by Barbara and Martin Santoro in loving memory of her parents, Maria and Antoni Ochnio and his parents, Reynold and Helen Santoro.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

After Service Greeters are Gail and David Geijer.

Coffee Hour is hosted today by the Christian Education Committee.

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 and John Bloom; Jim Cox; Bill and Martha Davis; Sheree Dunnett; Kim Hafner; Edgar and Margaret Lawson; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Warren Perrine; Rev. Joanne Petto; Jen Probasco; Dawn Simpson-Klotzbeacher; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; David Geijer's, friend, Mark Zakalux; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Doreen Grand-Jean's niece, Leanne; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Dawn Michaud's father, Frank Thomas; Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden; Cheryl Richardson's husband, Russ; Jane Siebert's friend, Jan Hauber; and Doris Wiegartner's son, Brian.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community.

<u>Prayer Requests in the Bulletin</u>: 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 sonin-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-inlaw; Greg McAvoy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer's grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army), Dr. Mitchell's son-inlaw; Thomas Mentes (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; Tony Paschall, Ann and Ted Zimmerman's step- 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!

<u>Birthdays of Distinction:</u> Len Swec on May 25 and Lil Conley on May 27. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

May 30 & June 6

Discussion of John Grigg's Book in the Library. To follow up on Dr. Grigg's presentation this morning, we will discuss his recent biography of David Brainerd, The Lives of David Brainerd: The Making of an American Evangelical Icon.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn: All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS Registration is now open! Registration will conclude on May 28. Forms are available in several locations, including the church office, CPNS cubbies near Janice Parker's office, and on the church website.

To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! Here are some ways.

Volunteer: We have several volunteer opportunities still open. Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader, oversee Decorations or Photography, or assist with Snacks or Decorations. If you're available to help in any way, please sign up on your registration form or contact one of the directors listed below.

Donate: Help defray our costs by purchasing snack and craft supplies through our Giving Tree. Here's how it works - take an "ornament" off the tree, purchase the item listed on the card, and place it in the donation basket located next to the tree in Fellowship Hall.

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Claudette Guy (409-8553) or Janet Wheeler (655-8313).

~~ CPNS ~~



We are currently registering for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net to find out more information. 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.

We are offering a summer program in July. Please call or email for further details. We look forward to hearing from you! **P.S. Don**'t forget to tell your friends and neighbors about us as well.

~~ DEACONS ~~

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the <u>Strawberry Festival</u> on June 5. Shifts are 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Deacons need help with any of the following: ice cream scoopers, ticket sales, work in the kitchen, and/or outdoors with the games.

If you can help, please contact Diane Yeager via e-mail xroadcoach@comcast.net or 732-329-4570. Let me know how you would like to help and which shift. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the Deacons' Benevolence Fund.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: It was a surprise to learn that Africans immigrate to Moscow, Russia, but not necessarily a surprise to learn that they are discriminated against and physical violence is a constant threat. Racism is apparently alive and flourishing! But hope has come to these sufferers through the PC(USA)-supported Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy. This multiracial, multicultural congregation has opened its doors to African immigrants, offering legal assistance to those who are attacked and providing a range of social services that offer hope and safety. Remarkably, the Chaplaincy has found a new home for its African immigrant outreach program--an unused building in a cemetery! "It's a perfect

location for a ministry that promises resurrection," the Chaplaincy pastor says.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: Next Sunday is your opportunity to make a difference in the lives of low-income families, particularly children. Join your friends at the BREAD FOR THE WORLD table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour and sign and address a pre-written letter to our Senators and Representatives. We shall be urging Congress to support some tax policies that will benefit these families and help reach a goal of ending childhood hunger in the United States by 2015.

SKEET'S PANTRY NEEDS A FEW GOOD HELPERS

The need for our "Skeet's Pantry" is continuing to grow – we provided food for about 170 people this month. Donations of food are always welcome. **The Pantry is also in need of paper grocery bags**. We hope you will continue to give what food you can to this important community mission of our church.

But we also need a few more pairs of hands to help serve at our monthly food pantry. We especially need some strong hands and arms to help folks get the food to their cars, and help us set up the bags of groceries and fresh veggies in our Fellowship Hall. We just need your help one morning a month – the 3rd Friday of each month from 8:15am to 11:15am. If you can join our Skeet's Pantry team on the 3rd Friday, we will welcome you with open arms and our community will benefit from your helping hands. Just let us know if you can respond to this need – call either Jane Huff (395-0756) or Flo Kremann (490-1140) so that we know if and when you're available. THANKS!!!

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

Please join us at the Cranbury Inn on **Thursday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m.** for breakfast and a slide show entitled, "**Some Great Places.**" Fritz and Mary Jane Hager have a wonderful presentation which will include favorite places to visit from their travels around the globe.

Looking ahead to Thursday, June 24, the program for the morning will be Karl Dentino presenting his Ragtime Blues program of guitar music and historical commentary. It promises to be a foot-tapping, knee-slapping kind of program.

For information about the Senior Breakfast Club, please contact Stan Dickerson 443-6388 or Walter Wright 799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: 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

May 24, May 27 and NO Class on 5/31

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Fellowship will meet on June 5 at the Strawberry Festival at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to eat our ice cream together. Anyone wishing to eat with us is welcome to join the group. We will provide rides to the church for those who do not drive. To make arrangements for a ride call Connie Bauder by June 3.

Senior Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m. This month's outing will be to the Visitor Center in Allaire State Park. James Allaire (1785-1858) produced steam engines from brass and iron, the materials being readily available in the area. We will learn about these natural resources and the manufacturing process and see examples of the cast iron pots, pans, stoves, etc. Please bring a brown bag lunch for a picnic in the Park. The trip will be postponed if it rains. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list need to preregister by June 5th by calling Connie Bauder or the church office.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

What Is Your Legacy?

Our weekly offerings and special offerings throughout the year provide for the immediate needs of our church and the missions and ministries we support. However, there are other opportunities available for you to provide for the long-term resources for our church – now and after your lifetime. Gifting through a bequest, or other estate planning techniques, are a means for providing a healthy legacy to our congregation and the mission of the Church. The Stewardship & Finance Committee is in the beginning stages of organizing a legacy

gifting program. If you are interested in more information; please contact Ken Gordon or Rev. Mitchell.

Counting Teams: 5/23 (Team #3) - 5/30 (Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: The Worship Committee still has some openings for Lay Readers for July through December. Please use the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

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 keep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~						
2:00-5:00	p.m.	Youth	Group	hiking	at	Sourland
Mountain Preserve (VAN)						

May 30 (Memorial Day weekend) No Youth Group

SAVE THE DATES!

May 23

June 5	(Saturday)	Service	Project:	Assist	with	the
	Strawberry	Festival -	Sign up to	help!		
June 6	Children &	Youth S	Sunday -	9:15 ⁻ a.m	. Rehea	ırsal,
	10:30 a.m. L	ead Wors	hip Service	2		
	No evening	meeting.	-			

June 13 6:30-7:30 p.m. **End-of-the-Year** wrap-up and Jell-o Games!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

May 23, 2010 - May 30, 2010

	May 25, 2010 - May 50, 2010	
Sunday	(Pentecost)	
23	9:15a Christian Education for all ages	
	(Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm)	
	10:30a Worship w/Confirmation followed by coffee	
	hour	
	2:00p-5:00p Youth Group hiking at Sourland	
	Mountain Preserve (VAN)	
	7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn	
Monday	10:00a Senior Exercise	
24	7:00p-10:00p Boy Scouts-FH(GC)	
	7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Library	
	7:30p Brass Choir	
	8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm	
Tuesday	9:00a Bulletin Material	
25	9:30a CPNS Patriotic Day-FH	
	9:45a – 12(noon) Cranbury Women's Bible Study - Lib	
	1:00p CPNS Patriotic Day-FH	
	7:30p Deacons - FH	
	7:30p AA – McKnight Room	
Wednesday	9:30a CPNS Patriotic Day-FH	
26	10:45a Staff MtgChurch Office	
	1:00p CPNS Patriotic Day-FH	
	6:00p-8:00p Gil & Bert's Celebrity Scoopers (Pastor	
	Lou and Janice P. – tips are for Deacons' Benevolence	
	Fund)	
	7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg. – Church Office	
	7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Lib	
Thursday	8:30a Senior Breakfast Fellowship at the Cranbury Inn	
27	10:00a Senior Exercise	
	7:00p-10:00p Boy Scouts-FH(GC)	
	7p–8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice	
Friday	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office	
28	7:30p AA – McKnight Room	
Saturday	-	
29		
	(Twin ter Cross days)	
Sunday	(Trinity Sunday)	
30	9:15a Christian Education for all ages	
	(Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm)	
	10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour	
	No Youth Group	
	7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC)	
	No Cranbury Men's Bible Study	