

**Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church**  
*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour”  
immediately following the service.  
( ✚ Latecomers may be seated.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 31, 2011 10:00 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*“O Lord, we praise Thee”*

**Heinrich Scheidemann**  
Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Winchell

The eyes of all look to the Lord.

**God provides for each one who is in need.**

The way of the Holy One is justice and kindness.

**God is near to all who call on him, and watches over every living thing.**

HYMN # 483 (Hymnal)\* *“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

Mr. Winchell

**“You give them something to eat,” Jesus told his disciples, as evening crept over the countryside. Gracious God, we confess that we are like those disciples, expecting people to fend for themselves and afraid to take responsibility for others. We forget the many blessings we have received from the hands of other people. We resist the common life to which you call us. O God, forgive us for hearing only what we want to hear, for underestimating your claim upon us and your power to change us, for pursuing goals that serve no greater good. Teach us to follow and obey you, that we may receive your gifts and share them gladly, and so be satisfied with the life that you intend for us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #577 (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 ✚

Pastor Rosanna

SCRIPTURE	1 Kings 18: 17-40	Joan Fraser Pew Bible pg. 325
ANTHEM	<i>“Sweet hour of prayer”</i>	<b>W.B. Bradbury</b> Vocal Duet: Luke Sickle & Roger Suttmeier
SCRIPTURE	1 Kings 18: 41 - 19: 18	Pew Bible pg. 326
SERMON	“Crossing the Desert”	Rev. Rosanna Anderson

### **THE RESPONSE**

HYMN # 49 (Songbook)\*                      *“Be Still and Know”*

#### COMMISSIONING OF VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS

Daune Arsnow, Jessica Corriveau, Earl Davison, Pat Demers, Salena Desiano, Dina Ellsworth, Kate Ellsworth, Rebecca Franke, Joe Frascella, Anne Gordon, Claudette Guy, Brenda High, Alicia Kasper, Helen Lazzaro, Sue Madden, Susan Mavoides, Paul Michaud, Kyle Michaud, Dawn Michaud, Pam Mills, Hannah Moy, Emily Olsson, Katie Olsson, Janice Parker, Waleska Rodriguez, Kelly Roman, Katie Senko, Steven Senko, Kristen Stewart, Ian Stewart, Kendra Sullivan, Leslie Vandenberg, Alex Vogen, Cathy Vogen, Cassi Waciega, Vicki Waciega, Celeste Welch, Renee Welch, Janet Wheeler, Doris Wiegartner and Spencer Zullo.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.’ Then, in the fullness of time, Jesus told his disciples: ‘I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.’”

**What we have heard and know for ourselves, we must hand on to the next generation. These in their turn will tell others to put confidence in the Lord, never forgetting God’s faithfulness and always keeping his commandments.**

#### QUESTIONS TO THE VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS

We give thanks to God that you are leaders in our VBS Family Ministry. Through your efforts, the good news of God’s love will be celebrated among another generation. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ your Savior, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit by calling children to faith in Jesus Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

You are now commissioned to be a leader in the VBS Family Ministry. May the light of God's love shine through all that you say and do!

PRAYER (In Unison)

**Eternal God, in every age you have appointed teachers and leaders to tell of your love and power, your justice and peace. We thank you for these brothers and sisters who will teach children and adults your ways this week in VBS. Give them the gifts of your Spirit, so that they may be bold witnesses of your good news. Guide them as they serve in your name. May they speak your word and show your kindness. O Lord, help us to turn to you in obedience to your commandments and to live in the hope and joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Winchell

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*"Be still my soul" (Finlandia)*

Jean Sibelius

Brass Duet: Mr. Sickle & Mr. Suttmeier

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)\*

*"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication\*

Mr. Winchell

HYMN #379 (Hymnal)\*

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

BENEDICTION\*

Rev. Anderson

POSTLUDE\*

*"The day is surely drawing near"*

Johann Ludwig Krebs  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

**July 31, 2011 - August 7, 2011**

<b>Sunday 31</b>	10:00a Worship with VBS Commissioning followed by Fellowship 11:00a VBS Meeting-Lib/Classrooms
<b>Monday 1</b>	<b>(9:00 - 11:30 VBS All areas)</b> 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	<b>(9:00 - 11:30 VBS All areas)</b> <b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Lib. 7:30p Christian Ed. Mtg-Church Office(downstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office(upstairs) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	<b>(9:00 - 11:30 VBS All areas)</b>
<b>Thursday 4</b>	<b>(9:00 - 11:30 VBS All areas)</b> 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN)
<b>Friday 5</b>	<b>(9:00 - 11:30 VBS All areas)</b> 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 6</b>	Don K. -Music - Sanctuary <b>All Day</b>
<b>Sunday 7</b>	10:00a Worship with Communion followed by Fellowship

**Visitors!** We hope 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. 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.

**Hearing devices** are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

**Gluten free bread** is now available at all communion services. During our Intinction services, it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward. At our regular communion service, it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

**We thank those who are serving today in these ways:**

**Head Ushers** are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted today by the Buildings and Grounds 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 Bloom; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Ethel Mesner; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Russ Richardson; Marion Sutton; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts and Edward Zimmerman.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Rose Eller's sister, Frieda Applegate; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; and Carolyn Lee's husband, John.

**We pray** for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember 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:** Claire Maselli on July 16, Mildred Watts on July 27 and Arthur Danser on July 30. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

**VBS (Vacation Bible School)** is coming **Aug 1st - Aug 5th!** This year's VBS Mission Project is Womanspace of Mercer County, a non-profit agency providing a comprehensive array of emergency, counseling, and support services to women and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. We will be collecting flip-flops,

towels, and washcloths to supply their emergency shelter. If you'd like to contribute, please leave items in the "Treasure Chest" donation box in the front the sanctuary beginning August 1st through August 7th. Thanks for your support!

**Calling All Teachers and Adults** who study the Bible! Please consider where God may be leading you to share your gifts in Sunday school in the new program year starting in September. We have many opportunities for teaching and sharing faith with students of all ages! Speak with our Superintendent Peter Miller, Education Committee chair Doris Wiegartner or Pastor Rosanna if you can help or would like to know more about the openings we currently have.

**Save the Date! Teacher Retreat** on Tuesday, August 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Inspirational teaching will be provided by biblical scholar Gretchen G. Hull. It is important that every Sunday school teacher, assistant, workshop leader, youth leader and everyone else who helps with children and young people attend this mandatory meeting. We will discuss our goals for the year, pray together, review the Emergency Plan and teachers' manual, meet with teaching teams and enjoy some appetizers and desserts. This new initiative replaces the teachers' meeting that formerly was held on Sunday morning before the start of Sunday school.

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~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

**Coffee Hour Hosts Wanted!** There is a need for people willing to host coffee hour this summer. August 21 and August 28 is open. Anyone willing to help, please e-mail Fran Stewart at [Frannymag58@aol.com](mailto:Frannymag58@aol.com)

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~~ CPNS ~~

We all had a wonderful time during our Summer Program. We hope you had a chance to visit. We will continue to enjoy the CPNS garden and all the rewards of the children's hard work. Thank you so much Rosellyn for making sure the garden is a learning experience for everyone. Please feel free to come visit us; the summer program will be in session from 9:00 - 12 noon every day. We look forward to seeing you.

We also continue to register for the 2011-2012 school year. Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or e-mail her at [CPNSchool@comcast.net](mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net) for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

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~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

**All Aboard for TASK:** We are looking for teen and young adult volunteers to serve a meal at TASK this summer. The date is **Thursday, August 4** from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is a wonderful experience and a meaningful way to serve the church and the folks at TASK. TASK is depending on us. Please contact Anne Gordon, (609)409-7885 or email [kgordon22@comcast.net](mailto:kgordon22@comcast.net) if you can help. Thanks!

**SNIPPETS FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** In Tennessee, members of Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville are serving as mentors, providing supplies for classrooms and children's backpacks, improving the playground, upgrading the library

and cafeteria, supporting the teachers and staff. The congregation, students, and teachers continue to be enriched by this shared experience and commitment.

**SKEETS PANTRY NEEDS BROWN PAPER BAGS** - We depend upon good old-fashioned sturdy brown paper bags to hold the food we provide for folks in need of help from Skeet's Pantry each month. BUT - we're running low on our supply of paper bags! So we need your help.....please, if you have some of these bags at home, or can pick up some during your next trip to the grocery store, we'd be very grateful. Just fold the bags and leave them either in the wheelbarrow outside church on Sunday morning or in the front hall of the Parish House. And, of course, if you can continue to help us with your food donations, we truly appreciate that, too. Foods we particularly need include cereal, tuna fish, canned fruits, and soups. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

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~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

**You are invited** to a Hymn Sing on Sunday August 7 at 2 PM in the United Methodist Church of Cranbury. Come to sing or just to enjoy hearing those beautiful Hymns, to be followed by refreshments in their Fellowship Hall. The music will be played and directed by Matt Sager lover of church music.

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~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Summer is the time when we look forward to barbecues, picnics, and vacations. Indeed, it is a time when we take a break from our normal routines and enjoy the more carefree time that the summer season offers.

As you know our church does not take a vacation. The needs and responsibilities continue and those obligations require both individual effort and money to keep our church running smoothly. Please, if you find that you are behind in your pledge or can find the ability to possibly provide a little extra now is the time to consider making a difference. Our church needs your support.

**Counting Teams:** 7/31 (Team #1) - 8/7 (Team #2)

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~~ WORSHIP ~~

If you would like to be a Scripture reader, please sign-up on the schedule in the Fellowship Hall for July through December 2011.

**Please note:** We have an opening for flowers on August 21. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at [d1stargazer@verizon.net](mailto:d1stargazer@verizon.net) or at 609-890-0822.

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~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

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UPCOMING EVENTS for AUGUST

**August 1 - August 5 (Monday- Friday) VBS "SonSurf Beach Bash"**  
from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Students in middle school and high school provide important assistance to younger children during this summer ministry program. Speak with Co-Directors Janet Wheeler or Daune Arsnow to volunteer your time and talents!

**August 4 (Thursday) Service Project: Assist at TASK** from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Students age 13 and up are invited to serve a meal at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Please wear closed-toed shoes, a modest t-shirt/polo shirt and jeans. Contact Anne Gordon if you can help out.