

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
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2011 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Selected Hymns* arr. Carol Tornquist
Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Gaylord French
Our help is in the name of the Holy God, who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be God, who has not given us over to our enemies.
If it had not been God who was on our side, we would have been swallowed by our enemies.
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HYMN #467 (Hymnal)* *“How Great Thou Art”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Forgive us, Gracious God; we have allowed this world to shape us and enslave us. You call us to live as one body and to honor each member’s gifts, yet we confer honor with rank and wealth, dividing classes one from another. You call us to freedom and rest, yet we toil at endless tasks and impose such labor on others. You call us to love and serve you, yet we serve gods of profit and production; they swallow us alive. Redeem us, O Lord. Transform and renew us, that we might discern your will—what is good and acceptable for all. 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 Lou

SCRIPTURE Genesis 8: 13-22 Bob Kane
Pew Bible pg. 7

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I believe"

Drake, Graham, Shirl & Stillman
Jean Dvorak, vocalist

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9: 1-18

Pew Bible pg. 7

SERMON

"A New Beginning"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #108 (Songbook)*

"Alleluia"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. French

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

"Take my hand, precious Lord"

Tommy Dorsey
Jean Dvorak, vocalist

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. French

HYMN #214 (Songbook)*

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Festival Toccata

Christopher Tambling
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

Ethel G. Mesner

November 16, 1915 – August 17, 2011

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

September Activities for Youth Group

- Sept. 10 **(Sat.) Service Project: Assist with the Helene Cody Memorial 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run** on Cranbury Day. Meet at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00-10:00 a.m. event. **To volunteer, please contact Mike Kasper** at cwcollector@aol.com.
- Sept. 11 **Bring a Friend to Church Day!** 10 a.m. Worship & **11 a.m. Homecoming Picnic** Join us at the Youth Group tables decorated with cranberry-colored ribbons!
- Sept. 17 **(Sat.) Youth Group Great Adventure Day & Steven Curtis Chapman Concert!** This is a fun opportunity for youth and families. Parents, we need your help to make this happen! Tickets cost \$29.50 and cover admission to the park and concert. You have the option of buying a meal voucher for \$13. **RSVP by email to Tom Senko** at ts0629@verizon.net. Turn in your signed permission form and check made payable to Cranbury Presbyterian Church as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 2. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 5:30-7 p.m. **Youth Group** in Fellowship Hall - We will launch our new series, **"Does the Bible Really Say That!?"** Musicians, please bring your guitars!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

August 21, 2011 - August 28, 2011

Sunday 21	10:00a Worship followed by Fellowship
Monday 22	(Floor Replacement -FH/Hallway) 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 23	(Floor Replacement -FH/Hallway) 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 24	(Floor Replacement -FH/Hallway) 7:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Thursday 25	(Floor Replacement -FH/Hallway) 6:30p Helene Cody Foundation Meeting-McK Room
Friday 26	(Floor Replacement -FH/Hallway) 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 27	
Sunday 28	10:00a Worship 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).

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 Bill & Sheree Dunnett and Brian & Gina Moore.

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; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts; Mary Speer and Ann Zimmerman and family due to the death of her husband, Edward (Ted) 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 granddaughter, Naomi; son, Dan and neighbor, Kathy Roman; Barbara Hannon's cousins, Frank and Thelma Gilbert; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John and the family and friends of Ether Mesner due to her death.

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: Stan Stults on August 20 and Marge Scott on August 24. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ~~

Fellowship Hall floors are being redone in the Hallway and in Fellowship Hall on Monday August 22. The floors will be unusable until Friday morning August 26. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Calling All Teachers and Adults who study the Bible! Is God leading you to share your gifts in Sunday school? We have many opportunities to teach and share faith with students of all ages! Speak with our Superintendent Peter Miller, Education Committee chair Doris Wiegartner or Pastor Rosanna if you want to know more about our openings.

Save the Date! Teacher Retreat on Tuesday, August 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Every person who helps with Sunday school or youth ministry should attend this mandatory meeting. It replaces the former teachers' meeting on Sunday morning before Sunday school. Inspirational teaching will be provided by biblical scholar Gretchen G. Hull. We will discuss our goals for the year, pray together, review the Emergency Plan and teachers' manual, meet with teaching teams and enjoy appetizers and desserts.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Coffee Hour Hosts Wanted! There is a need for people willing to host coffee hour. August 28 is open. Anyone willing to help, please e-mail Fran Stewart at FrannyMag58@aol.com.

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSES

As many of you might know a small group of people having been running a coffee house at our church for the last 2 years. As we start our 3rd year, we are looking for additional helpers, for small jobs at the coffee house.

This year we have proposed 5 shows each on the 2nd Friday in the months of Oct, Dec., Feb., April, and June. In order for us to continue this fund raiser/community outreach program we are looking for some additional volunteers to help out at one of the events. A sign-up sheet is posted on the coffee house bulletin board across from the kitchen.

The first job requires you to be at the church before and after the show for set-up (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and clean up (9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.). Another job is in the kitchen, serving coffee, hot dogs, cakes, pies, danish, your help for this job would be from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The last job we need volunteers for is to sell tickets and collect money at the door. This is usually from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Instructions on all of these jobs could be provided ahead of time or the night of. There is usually someone there to give some instructions.

Please contact George Conley at (609)577-7201 with any questions or if you would like to sign up for one of these responsibilities.

We hope that we'll have plenty of volunteers so we could continue this community outreach event and provide additional funding for the Deacon's Benevolent Fund and Skeet's Pantry.

Yours in Christ, George Conley

~~ CPNS ~~

We continue to review our CPNS curriculum and assessment documents and procedures. Maintaining our NAEYC Accreditation Standards as well as keeping up to date with what the State requirements is a continuous process.

The letters to our enrolled children from our teachers will be going out this week, so if you are a CPNS student for the upcoming school year look for it your mailbox. If you are not enrolled yet, there are still a few openings.

Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or e-mail her at 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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

SNIPPETS FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: It is interesting to hear from a mission co-worker in Taiwan and the connections he has made online through Taiwanese Facebook. He has learned that his new friends belong to "read the Bible in a year" groups, celebrate the completion of exams, pray for sick family members, post Scripture passages, and announce church joys. Not surprisingly, many of the challenges these people face are the same as we face here: loneliness, isolation, stress, the pressures to achieve, the desire to be loved. Taiwanese Christians are a small minority and perhaps one-third of seminarians are first-generation Christians. They struggle to hold on to their identity, to share their faith in Christ, but together in prayer groups, in serving congregations, in singing together, or online, they become part of the church universal.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship will travel to **Allaire State Park** on Wednesday, August 31. After eating our brown bag lunches in the picnic area, we will tour the Visitor Center Museum dedicated to the Iron Works village built by James Allaire, 1785-1858. The Iron Works produced steam engines from brass and iron from materials found in the area. We will learn about these natural resources and the manufacturing processes. We will see examples of cast iron pots, utensils pipes and stoves.

Please bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. People not on our calling list who wish to go need to preregister by August 25 by calling the church office. Please be in the church parking lot by 10:15 a.m.

~~ 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: 8/21 (Team #4) - 8/28 (Team #1)