

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
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2011 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Here yet awhile”* **J. S. Bach**
(St. Matthew Passion) Organ

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

CALL TO WORSHIP **Kurt Heineman**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.

God’s greatness is unsearchable.

God’s awesome deeds shall be proclaimed forever.

We shall celebrate God’s abundant goodness and sing aloud of his righteousness.

HYMN #155 (Hymnal)* *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Loving God, you know our weaknesses. Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done in the past. We see scarcity where you supply abundance. We complain when conditions challenge us. We begrudge others their success, allow envy to divide us, and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Generous God, forgive us. Help us to remember your wonderful works, trust your gracious provision, seek out your presence, and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well. 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 ✠		Pastor Rosanna
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 2: 2-9, 15-17	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 2
ANTHEM	<i>Hymn of Supplication</i>	Don McAfee The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 9: 8-17	Pew Bible pg. 7
SERMON	“Covenants”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Peacemaking Offering	Anne Gordon
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

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	<i>Aria</i>	J. S. Bach
	<i>(St. Matthew Passion)</i>	Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Heineman

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)* *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*	<i>Onefold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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POSTLUDE*

“Our Father”

J. S. Bach
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.”**

Harry R. Liftchild

April 7, 1919 - September 11, 2011

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 18, 2011 – September 25, 2011

Sunday 18	9:15a 1st Day of Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm.) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Confirmation Class Parent Meeting-McK Room 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:00p Boy Scout - FH No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
Monday 19	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 20	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 21	9:00a - 11:30a CPNS Room Parent Meeting-FH 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scout District Mtg - McK Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 22	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Room (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 23	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 24	
Sunday 25	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Educator Commissioning followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Young by Rebecca Young and Robin Drew. Flowers are also given in memory of Jeanne, Ernest E. and Richard McKenrick by Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

Coffee Hour is hosted by KY Huang.

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; Margaret Lawson; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Russ Richardson; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts; Mary Speer; Ina Zimmer and Dorothy Swec.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Linda Campbell's friend, Barbara Wasylyk; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Gail Geijers'son, Dan; Barbara Hannon's friend, Ruth Nunez; 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 Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford.

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: Betty Borgeson on September 18 and Everett Campbell on September 22. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

"Romans" with Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell September 18 - October 30 and February 16 - March 25. "Romans" is a two-part study led by Dr. Mitchell based on the book *Romans: God's Good News for the World* by John Stott. Please join us in Fellowship Hall.

~~ CHOIRS ~~

Does your child like to sing??? If so the cherub/children's choirs are looking for new members. Please notify Laurie Davis via email at MusicMomNJ@comcast.net for more information.

~~ 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.

~~ CPNS ~~

Our first week of school went really well. One teacher commented that this was her best "first day" ever. Our 2 ½ year-old children, walked in and asked "Where do we play" and with no tears. We had some great first days.

This week, we look forward to our Room Parent Orientation get together on Wednesday beginning at 9:15 a.m. Janet Wheeler has volunteered once again to be our Room Parent Coordinator. We look forward to sharing information with our room parents and helpers that morning. They are all such a wonderful support for our teachers and the children here at CPNS.

We will also be meeting with our lunch program teachers to review the final plans for the lunch program that will begin in October. We look forward to working with Dorothy Klotzbecher, Eileen Sahli, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, MaryEllen Glynn and Annette Briffa as lunch program teachers this year.

We are also meeting this week to finalize our revised "Kindergarten Readiness Assessment". Look for the new document in October.

If you are not enrolled yet, there are still a few openings. Please call Janice Parker at 609/655-8663 or email 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: The Council of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas entered new territory when members began each meeting praying in small groups. Obeying a command in a book the council was reading, UNBINDING THE GOSPEL, to "sit and pray" each member was required to name a concern he/she

was wrestling with personally (not for family or friends or the world). Then each person takes a minute to pray for the other members of the group. It was difficult for all of them to ask for a specific prayer for our need, not family, or friends, or others. But what happened in the council as a result of this exercise was a group coming together as the body of Christ and working together for the churches, the presbytery, and beyond. The exercise not only humbled council members, but gave them practice in speaking about their faith to others.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

There is power in praying with others. In Matthew 18:19-20, Jesus promises "that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

If you would like information about praying for your children or would like to find other moms in your town to pray with, contact Cathy Vogen at cvogen@comcast.net or Leslie Vandenberg at thevandenberg@live.com.

~~ SENIOR EXERCISE ~~

September 19, September 22, September 26, September 29

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/18 (Team #4) - 9/25 (Team #1)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

September Activities for Youth Group

- 9/18 **Tonight from 5:30-7 p.m.** Youth Group in Fellowship Hall and at Gil & Bert's Check out **Ian Pulz's presentation on his trip to Africa.** (He climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro!) It's Ian's birthday, so help us celebrate! We'll walk to Gil & Bert's for ice cream. Bring some cash and wear walking shoes.
- 9/25 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!