

## Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

( ✧ Latecomers may be seated.)

### AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Mission Sunday

November 13, 2011 10:30 A.M.

#### THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

*“Eternal Father”*

John Dykes

Brass Choir

W. A. Mozart

Brass Choir

Folk Song

Brass Choir

INTROIT

*“Ye that Stand in the House of the Lord”*

Donovan Klotzbeacher

*(Ps. 135: 2-3)*

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Beloved of God, live as children of the light.

We clothe ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation.

Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with Christ.

We give thanks for Christ’s saving work.

HYMN #417 (Hymnal)\*

*“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy. 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 ✝		Margo Wegner
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 23	Peter Miller Pew Bible pg. 501
ANTHEM	<i>"I will arise and go to Jesus"</i>	Hugh S. Livingston Jr. The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Hebrews 13: 1-3	Pew Bible pg. 227
SERMON	"Out of the Shadows"	The Rev. Sally T. Osmer LCSW Executive Director NAMI Mercer

## THE RESPONSE

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Lift High the Cross"</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Louis Mitchell

### 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>Praeludium</i>	Johann Krieger Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)*	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>
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## BENEDICTION\*

RESPONSE*	<i>Threefold Amen in G</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Air in G</i>	Henry Purcell Organ

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

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~~ CALENDAR ~~

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November 13, 2011 – November 20, 2011

<b>Sunday</b> <b>13</b>	8:15a Sunday School Teachers Meeting 9:15a Inquirers' Class - Library 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Annual Mission Fair-FH 2:00p Memorial Service for Eve Lawson-Sanctuary 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group & Jr. High Youth sorting of food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
<b>Monday</b> <b>14</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>15</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p Deacons - Library 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>16</b>	6:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up and preparation – FH 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday</b> <b>17</b>	<b>Newsletter Info Due</b> 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 3:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up and preparation – FH 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:00p Boy Scout Leader Meeting-McK Room (GC) 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday</b> <b>18</b>	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 12(noon) - 5:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up and preparation – FH 5:00p High School Fall Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg-VAN 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday</b> <b>19</b>	High School Fall Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg-VAN 8:00a - 12(noon) Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets 7:00p Boy Scouts -FH (JY)

Sunday 20	<b>(Christ the King)</b> 9:15a Inquirers' Class Breakfast -FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 3:00p High School Fall Retreat returns from Camp Johnsonburg-VAN 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom 6:30p-9:00p Youth Group attend Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00p CPNS Thanksgiving set-up-FH 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - McK Room 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
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**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.

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

**The Flowers** in the chancel are given in loving memory of the Reverend Wendy Thode by her children, Annie, Betsy, and Teddy, her sister and brother-in-law, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton and her mother, Henrietta Sushereba.

**Head Ushers** are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

**After Church Greeters** are Bub and Barbara Danser.

#### 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; Joan Brown; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Margaret Lawson; Kathy Mitchell; Helen Myer; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne and Mildred Watts.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darvin's daughter, Cindy; Gail Geijers' son, Dan; 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; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's sister-in-law, Michelle and niece, Kaitlyn; 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:** Nancy Wilson on November 14. Happy Birthday!!

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~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

**Do you know what a parable is? Do you know why Jesus spoke in parables?** This is your opportunity to explore this vital part of Jesus' ministry and learn the answers. We will then review four parables. Come to the Adult Education Class which continues through November 27 in Room 1 in the Parish Hall. This class will be led by Dr. Gretchen Hull. Don't worry if you miss one class—each class will be an independent study. We especially encourage those of you dropping off your youngsters for their Sunday School classes to stay.

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~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

**Pictorial Directory:** We added December 7 and December 8 to the pictorial directory schedule. Sign-up sheets are available at coffee hour immediately following our worship service or visit our website to schedule your own appointment.

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~~ CPNS ~~

Our teachers will have our second Book Discussion on the book "Developmentally Appropriate Play" by Gaye Gronlund that we are all reading this year. We will be talking about planning for play and the ways to help children make appropriate choices. We continue to learn about how we can communicate the importance of play in the development of our preschool children and effectively use play as the appropriate learning tool.

I attended and presented at the N.A.M.E. (The National Association of Multi-Cultural Education) conference last week in Chicago. CPNS participated in research with The College of NJ on diversity. Our teachers participated in several focus groups and attended several staff development sessions designed just for our specific needs. We want to thank Dr. Jody Eberly and Dr. Arti Joshi from TCNJ for this opportunity and of course all they have shared with CPNS these past several years.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email 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 ~~

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** We missed World Food Day but it is never too late to quote David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, when he describes "our time as one in which we are called by God to be involved in a great liberation on an exodus from hunger". Strides have been made in this exodus with those who are still suffering from hunger's grip. We are all aware of the financial crisis from which we and the entire world are facing. But we do not seem always to grasp the food crisis under which we live. In the past few years rice, wheat, corn, and other basic food stuffs have doubled or tripled in price, a trend that is uncomfortable for us, but devastating to people living in poor countries where food accounts for more than half a family's spending. Food-supplying countries have been limiting exports in an attempt to protect domestic consumers, leading to angry protests from farmers and making things even worse in countries that need to import food. We have read the Bible stories that relate how Jesus fed the 5,000 and the 4,000, and we are still called to feed the hungry.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE!** Today and next Sunday, November 20, you will have the opportunity to place your order for a beautiful fresh balsam wreath made in Maine. Proceeds from these sales provide a welcome source of income to the wreath makers in an area of Maine that has struggled in a slow economy. Nancy Stewart and Heidi Knowlton will be taking orders for wreaths during coffee hour. The price of each wreath is \$12.00. Checks may be made payable to the First Presbyterian Church. **The last Sunday to order wreaths is November 20** and wreaths may be picked up, as in the past, at the Gordons' home (127 North Main Street, Cranbury) after December 2. Please consider using this opportunity to assist our friends in Maine where the Presbyterian Church is active in the Mission of the Eastward and enjoy a beautiful, handmade wreath for Christmas.

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#### ~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB~~

Please join us on **Thursday, November 17 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Cranbury Inn when Marilynn Mullen will talk about the Cranbury Public Library. 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.

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#### ~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with the **Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6 at 12(noon) in Fellowship Hall.** Join us for a full luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS.

Starting November 22, we will be calling our calling list of regular participants. **If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to attend you must call the church office to preregister for this program before November 23.** If you do not drive let us know and we will arrange to pick you up and take you home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to have this program and especially to have this Christmas program.

#### Senior Exercise Schedule

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November 14, November 17, November 28

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#### ~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday. If you have not returned your 2012 Pledge Card, please return your card as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Counting Teams:** 11/13(Team #4) - 11/20(Team #1)

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#### ~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

##### **November Activities for Youth Group**

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| 11/13    | 11:30 a.m. <b>Youth Mission Trip</b> table at the Mission Fair<br>5:30-7 p.m. Service Project: <b>Sort food for Thanksgiving Baskets</b> -Fellowship Hall ( <i>All students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to participate in sorting food!</i> ) |
| 11/18-20 | (Friday 5 p.m.-Sunday 3 p.m.) <b>High School Fall Retreat</b> at Camp Johnsonburg   |
| 11/20    | 6:30-8:30 p.m. <b>Interfaith Community Thanksgiving</b> Worship Service   |
| 11/27    | (Thanksgiving weekend/First Sunday in Advent) No Youth Group  |