

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
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 8, 2012 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Echo Fantasia

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

God is steadfast; the name of the Lord reaches to the ends of the earth.

The Lord is our God forever and ever.

Praise the Lord!

HYMN #457 (Hymnal)* *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, we confess that we do not always want to hear what you have to say. We are quick to rebuke, and we are easily offended. We fail to believe in your promises and trust in our own wisdom rather than in yours. Forgive us, and help us to follow you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Rosanna

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37: 1-11

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 34

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel?”* **Spiritual, arr. by Harry T. Burleigh**
Jean Dvorak, vocalist

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37: 12-36 Pew Bible pgs. 34-35

SERMON *“God’s Grace When Life Is the Pits”* The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #170 (Hymnal)* *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 *“There is a balm in Gilead”* **Spiritual**
Jean Dvorak

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #210 (Hymnal)* *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Toccata* **Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

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.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today are given to honor Betty Jane Petterson by a friend.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Coffee Hour is hosted by George and Audrey Smith.

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 (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Tory Anderson; Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Martha Davis; Arlene Duran; Cyndi Girardet; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Marion Sutton; Dorothy Swec; Cathy Vogen; Lindsey Warne; Mildred Watts; and Don Winchell.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser’s mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin’s daughter, Cindy; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Judson Hagerty’s grandson, Greg Hagerty; family member of CPNS, Patricia Holman; 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; church treasurer, Art Pellichero and his wife Linda; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Stan and Gretchen Stults’ friend, Dick Brennan; Leslie Vandenberg’s brother, James Danek; and Cathy Vogen’s aunt, Dani Ratkelis.

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: Dorothy Klotzbeacher on July 11, Gretchen Stults on July 12 and Judson Hagerty on July 14. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CPNS ~~

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We have been busy getting ready for our CPNS Summer program that will be held during the weeks of July 16th and 23rd. Our teachers this year are Mrs. Franke and Mrs. Briffa in our class of children going into our 3's program in September, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Protinick in our class of children going into our 4's program in September and Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Bain in our class of children going into Kindergarten and First Grade in September. Mrs. "K" will be helping out during both weeks and sharing her gift of music with our youngest group. The classes are everyday each week from 9:00 a.m. until noon. You could register for one of the weeks or both depending upon your summer plans. Please don't let this opportunity for an enriching learning opportunity for your children pass you by, we have a few spaces left.

For the school year 2012-2013, we are offering Discover 123, Art, Story & Theater, Library Adventures, Little Music Makers, Creative Movement and Power of Play. You could find the details as well as a registration form on our church website. Remember even children in a part-time kindergarten program are welcome, so don't pass up this opportunity

As you 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 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 ~~

All Aboard to go to TASK - Your help is needed! We invite youth, ages 13 and up, to serve an evening meal at TASK on Thursday August 2. We depart the church parking lot at 2:30 p.m. and return by 5:45 p.m. This is a great opportunity for community service! Since October 2011, TASK has served over 116,000 meals - about 15,000 more meals served than last year. Come on, get on-board for TASK. Please email Anne Gordon at kgordon22@comcast.net.

Skeet's Pantry REALLY Needs Some Food - Especially - TUNA FISH, RICE (any and all varieties), CEREAL (family-size boxes of any variety) and/or PEANUT BUTTER

Other foods, as well as laundry/dish/face soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes are always welcome, too. Just leave your donations in bags in the wheel barrow in front of church on Sunday morning or in the entrance hall of the Parish House whenever you get a chance. We truly appreciate your help, and the many families who visit our Food Pantry each month are very grateful, too.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The Presbytery of Muskingum Valley in Ohio has been hard hit by the recession and jobs have been scarce. Presbyterians took this sad fact to heart and determined to eliminate unemployment by 2020. As a result Resurrection Houses are sprouting up across the presbytery, their mission being to provide healing through formational prayer and a future through job coaching. The promise: "God goes to work and so will you." The focus has been on the "4Cs" of spiritual formation: Core Identity in Christ, Character transformation through engagement with holy habits, discernment of Call that honors gifts and passions as they intersect with the needs of community, and the development of Competencies in response to God's call. The guiding scripture of the Presbytery in this venture is: "the release of the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for those oppressed."

HISTORY OF THE MISSION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) - What exciting and satisfying news: to be celebrating the 175th anniversary of international mission by the General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church, a mission that was started in 1837! Our mission heritage is rooted ultimately in Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations and his Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. Presbyterians have answered that Commission and that Commandment by being faithful witnesses to the gospel around the world in urban centers, and small rural villages. Today, total personnel engaged in World Mission number almost 100, serving in approximately 50 countries. And what have they done, there missionaries that have traveled the world, carrying the good news of Christ's grace? They have planted churches, built hospitals, and started schools. The seeds they have planted have in many places developed into robust and self-sustaining churches and institutions now led by local Christian leaders. But these leaders now invite us to send mission personnel to work with them in partnership. And this we do as we help them meet crucial needs that the partner churches cannot meet due to lack of resources and/or trained personnel.

World Mission chiefly does three things: 1. Sends mission personnel. 2. Empowers the global church. 3. Equips the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for mission. And in these efforts our church works in partnership with local leaders towards tackling critical global issues such as lifting people out of desperate poverty, reaching more people with Christ's message of love, and facilitating reconciliation in some of the world's most troubled places.

Yes, we have a good and proud heritage, but there is more to be done, and our church, as a church and individually, can be part of this mission—serving God and helping people experience an abundant life, both now and eternity. Gretchen Stults taken from *Mission Crossroads*.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Martin Tel, Princeton Theological Seminary's C.F. Seabrook Director of Music, and editor of the newly released *Psalms for All Seasons: A Complete Psalter for Worship*, will lead an annual series at Presbyterian churches in the New Jersey towns of Stockton, Lambertville, Titusville, and Mt. Airy in July. The 2012 Delaware Valley Summer Institute is free and open to the public.

The series, "Psalms for All Seasons: An Exploration of the Psalter as Teacher of Song and Prayer," will take place Sunday, July 8 through Wednesday, July 11 at the third Delaware Valley Summer Institute hosted by the Presbyterian churches in the four towns.

The July 8 presentation, hosted by the Stockton Presbyterian Church, will allow participants to explore the Psalter in Christian worship by taking a look at its use and development from ancient through modern times. The July 9 presentation, hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville, will take participants on a journey through the Psalms as they have been used in churches in many cultures. The July 10 presentation, hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, will enable participants to learn how to pray and sing the psalms in solidarity with others whose life experiences may be foreign to their own. The July 11 presentation, hosted by the Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church, will explore the New Testament's use of the Psalms, particularly as they gave voice to Christ and the church.

All presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by light refreshments. Copies of *Psalms for All Seasons: A Complete Psalter for Worship* will be available for \$20 each evening or until supplies run out. For more information, call any of the four churches: Stockton 609.462.5737; Lambertville, 609.397.0650; Titusville, 609.737.1385; and Mt. Airy, 609.397.2086.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 7/8(Team #2) and 7/15(Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Please note: Dr. Mitchell is on vacation and will be back in the pulpit on July 29.

Lay Readers: The schedule for June through December has been posted in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you wish to be a lay reader. Thank you.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

July 8, 2012 - July 15, 2012

Sunday 8	10:00a Worship followed by refreshments
Monday 9	7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 10	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 11	
Thursday 12	
Friday 13	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Saturday 14	
Sunday 15	10:00a Worship w/Commissioning of the Youth Mission Trip followed by refreshments Youth Mission Trip