

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
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2012 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Elevations

Dom Paul Benoit
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

Rev. Dr. Louis J. Mitchell

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Look to the Lord with joy; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

HYMN #482 (Hymnal)*

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O Lord, the bread of life, we are hungry and thirsty. We search for something we can believe in, someone we can trust. We want to be rid of the emptiness in our lives, so we fill it with empty promises, empty calories, empty relationships, and find ourselves malnourished and still craving more. We are so sorry. You are the bread that came down from heaven. You offer us more than our fill. You offer us life forever. Help us to receive your hospitality and your gifts of life, so that we might have abundant life forever with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Rosanna

SCRIPTURE	Leviticus 20:6-7, 27 and 21:1-4	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pgs. 107-108
SCRIPTURE	1 Thessalonians 4: 11- 5:1-6, 11	Pew Bible pgs. 204-205
SERMON	“Zombie Questions and God’s Answers”	Rev. Stephen D. Crocco

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #272 (Hymnal)* *“God of the Sparrow”*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Anna Khazem and Megan Khazem
Daughters of Dyab A. and Cassandra L. Khazem
born on April 22, 2003 and May 2, 2006**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:* Elder Dorothy Klotzbeacher
Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Anna and Megan the good news of the gospel, to help them to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

Congregation: We do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. 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

Elegy for String Orchestra

Donovan Klotzbeacher
Synthesizer

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Rev. Anderson

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #403 (Hymnal)*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Andante

Flor Peeters
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:

Head Ushers are Bill & Sheree Dunnett and Brian & Gina Moore. **Coffee Hour** is hosted by Joy Barclay, Sue Britton, Barbara Danser and Carol Kane.

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; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; 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; Bob and Phyllis Dyke’s friend, Maria Garay; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; family member of CPNS, Patricia Holman; Jane Huff’s grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes’ parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda III’s mother, Carol Scarpone; Mary Lou Kerr’s friend, Ron Wanat; Carolyn Lee’s husband, John; church treasurer, Art Pellichero and his wife Linda; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Mary Szczepanik’s mother Dorothy; 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: Stan Stults on August 20, Marge Scott on August 24 and Kenneth Rossman on August 25. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Committee Chair, Doris Wiegartner, invites everyone on the Sunday school staff roster to the Annual **Teachers’ Retreat** on Sunday, September 16 from 8:15-10:15 in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Dr. Gretchen G. Hull, who is preparing a biblical message to encourage us in our education ministries. It is of

vital importance that every teacher, shepherd, substitute teacher, and help attend this meeting to begin our new year together in the best way possible! If you have any questions, please contact Doris at doriswieg@aol.com.

Sunday School for all ages begins on September 23 at 9:15 a.m. Dr. Mitchell will begin a new Adult Education series in the Library. See the Christian Education bulletin board for the complete list of class locations.

Commissioning of all who work with Sunday school for children, youth and adults as well as CPNS will be during worship at 10:30 a.m. on September 23.

Confirmation Class: Parents of each student in the seventh grade and higher who will be in Confirmation this year are invited to our only mandatory **Parents' Meeting** for the year on September 23 at 11:30 a.m. Just pick up your coffee and bring it downstairs to the McKnight Room. This meeting is essential for you to meet Seminarian Brett Butler, sign up as parent chaperones for Confirmation activities, and fill in Registration and Permission Forms.

~ CPNS ~

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 ~~

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.

Helene Cody Cranbury 5K Celebrates Olympic Theme

The fourth annual Helene Cody Cranbury 5K will be held on the Saturday following Labor Day, September 8. The 5K walk/run winds through the flat, shaded streets of Cranbury at 8:15 a.m. for the Fun Run and 9:00 a.m. for the 5K.

Helene had envisioned bringing back the 5K to Cranbury as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Tragically, she died of a brain aneurysm on her 16th birthday. A classmate, Greg Carroll, initiated the Helene Cody Cranbury 5K in her honor as his Eagle Scout Project.

The race benefits the Helene Cody Foundation whose mission is to inspire youth to volunteer, to better their communities and themselves. Proceeds sponsor awards, scholarships and matching grants. This year the Foundation was able to sponsor The Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association stream clean-up, several donations to Homefront whose mission is to end the cycle of poverty in Trenton, ECHO (End Childhood Hunger Organization) of Princeton High School, and Camp Johnsonburg.

The event has been described as a community "group hug" because of the volunteer spirit. Participants may register online by September 4 through <http://raceforum.com/registration/EventDetail.aspx?e=5113>

A Great Mission Opportunity! Wanted: an adventurous man or woman who is interested in driving a truck (not a huge one, and no license is required) to Maine to deliver toys and clothes and miscellaneous items to the residents, and to bring back wreaths to beautify the homes and surroundings in Monmouth and New Brunswick Presbyteries! The gentlemen who have been making this drive for many years feel unable to continue this valuable service. Discontinuing this trip would deprive Maine residents in need of some Christmas uplift of those clothes and toys mentioned earlier. It is suggested the driver leave here the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 26, and return the 29th or 30th. Arrangements would be made to have the truck ready to go, filled with the items useful to our friends in Maine. The trip is about 450 miles, and the driver could follow his/her own schedule, stop on the way (oh, yes, all driver's and partner's expenses are covered) deliver the items the next day, pick up the wreaths, find a motel that night, and come on back to NJ the next day. It is true that it is possible to Fed Ex the wreaths, but the missing ingredient is what we send up to Maine.

The willing person will be performing a genuine service to these friends in Maine who make the wreaths and who need the income they generate and also need what we send them. How about a trip to Maine in such a good cause! A wonderful to help initiate the Christmas season! If interested, please call Gretchen Stults at 609-655-3125. Thank you!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Some of you may be familiar with at least the name "L'Arche" a family-like home for the disabled. The well known Catholic priest, Henri Nowen, spent his last years in L'Arche in Toronto, caring for these damaged persons. A young man who was graduated from Princeton just last year traveled to Nicaragua one year on a college mission trip. There he visited a home for young adults with disabilities and that connection led to Matt's working at L'Arche in Washington, DC the year before he entered Princeton Seminary. He felt he was growing in the knowledge of God through his classes, the library, the professors, and the spiritual life on campus, and it was there he discerned a call to ministry. Shortly after his wife, whom he had met at Princeton Seminary, received a call in Haddonfield, NJ, Matt received a call from a group that had been working for eight years to establish an L'Arche community in Haddonfield--only the 17th L'Arche location in the U.S. They wanted Matt to become the founding Community leader! It did seem as if Matt's story is one of God's providence, leading him to a place and calling him to work before he understood the larger picture.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD INFORMATION: Once again (still) BREAD FOR THE WORLD is urging people to contact members of Congress urging them to protect funding for SNAP and for global health and development programs. It is sad to know that one in eight Americans depends on SNAP benefits to provide the food they need. And perhaps even sadder, to learn that half of those receiving food are children who live in families that struggle to get enough to eat. And while Africa and other countries may seem far away and beyond our scope (although they have all been brought closer thanks to the Olympics), we need to know that maintaining funding for global health programs is a life-and-death matter for millions of people in Africa and elsewhere. As part of U.S. foreign assistance, they are receiving life-saving

drugs to fight AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. Fighting these diseases enables farmers to continue to plant and harvest crops that provide food for their families and their communities.

With all of these facts in front of us, it is not surprising that BREAD FOR THE WORLD and the many individuals who are concerned about children and hunger should feel a need to contact their members of Congress and urge them to take measures that provide the food and the drugs that are needed. It is one way to follow Jesus' mandate to "feed the hungry." Gretchen Stults from BFW "Legacy of Hope"

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 8/19(Team #4) and 8/26(Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

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.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed: Coffee hour hosts are needed for October 14, October 28, November 18 and November 25. Please contact Debbie Mara at dmara@comcast.net or 732-890-2841 if you are interested.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Save the Date!

September 8 (Sat.) Service project on Cranbury Day: Volunteer to help with the 4th Annual Helene Cody Fun Run/Walk in the morning. Please contact youth ministry committee chair Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com if you can help with this great event!

September 9 (Sun.) Homecoming Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Picnic, meet and welcome our new Seminarian Brett Butler

~~ CALENDAR ~~

August 19, 2012 - August 26 2012

Sunday 19	10:00a Worship with Baptism followed by refreshments
Monday 20	7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 21	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 22	7:30p Deacons - FH
Thursday 23	
Friday 24	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Saturday 25	
Sunday 26	10:00a Worship followed by refreshments

