

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2012 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Praeludium on St. Anne

Donovan Klotzbecher
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. Rosanna Anderson

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

HYMN #155 (Hymnal)*

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, we confess that have tamed your words. We have grown so accustomed to the comfort provided by your teachings that we have become immune to the radical nature of your message. We are rarely ever offended by the call to faith, much less caught off guard by the magnitude of what we are called to do in this world, or the way that we are called to live in response to the needs of others. Forgive our timid way of living the Christian life. Help us to hear the true nature of the gospel this day, O God, and let your Holy Spirit light a fire within us to be transformed by Christ’s radical call of discipleship. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨		Pastor Rosanna
SCRIPTURE	Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 615
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 4: 4-13	Pew Bible pgs. 198-199
SERMON	"The Pursuit of Pleasure"	Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #368 (Hymnal)*	<i>"I've Got Peace Like a River"</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Stewardship	Lil Conley
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	<i>Allemande in D Minor</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher Piano
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson

HYMN #370 (Hymnal)* *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE	<i>Courante in D Minor</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher Organ
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***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:

Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of W. Scott Applegate (April 7, 1968 – August 26, 2006) by mother, Grace, wife, Stacey, sons, Will and Austin, and sisters, Catherine and Cynthia.

Head Usher is Ginny Swanagan.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Ellsworth family.

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; and Mildred Watts.

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; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; 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; Cathy Vogen's aunt, Dani Ratkelis and Doris Wiegartner's friend, Jeremy Huff.

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!

~~ 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 dorismwieg@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 ~

Our teachers will be busy this month preparing for the new school year. We are all looking forward to spending time with our preschoolers and building a foundation for their future academic success. As you prepare your children for the upcoming school year remember when you pass our building remind them that it will be their school soon, and they will be having a lot of fun and making new friends. You are always welcome to come play in our playground at any time as well.

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 NEWS: - Through your generosity, we are providing food for more families than ever. Here are the numbers to prove how much you are doing for the community:

In the first 8 months of 2011, we served 356 families, consisting of 1,037 people.

In the first 8 months of 2012, we served 529 families, consisting of 1,564 people.

Your contributions, both financial and food products, are truly demonstrating your faith in action. But the need continues, and the food we are most in need of for now is as follows:

TUNA FISH, RICE (any and all varieties), SOUP (all varieties), CANNED FRUIT (all varieties), and PEANUT BUTTER

Please just be sure the food you donate is not out-of-date. Then please 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>

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Several Years ago Sook Hee Bae spoke at our church as part of our Mission Fair. She has served as a mission co-worker since 2,000. In 2008 her husband joined her in a team ministry. Sook Bee has worked with the Women Ministers' Association (WMA) of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) to start two shelters: the Good News Shelter for victims of violence and Another Home for run-away juveniles. She sees God at work in these shelters, and some residents have accepted Jesus as their savior and transformed their lives while they lived in a home. Sook Bee is a facilitator, developing clergywomen's leadership in the Korean church, and by the end of 2010 about 1,200 women had been ordained in the PCK. The WMA has formed the Clergywomen Leadership Development Team and through this new team, WMA envisions more active roles for women in the Korean church. Our PC(USA) has had a long relationship with the PCK and as a partner with them in ecumenical, evangelical, and social areas of work.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship will travel to visit the Roebbling Museum on, Wednesday, September 12.

Please bring your brown bag lunch to eat in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. We depart the church at 11:45 a.m. When we arrive at the museum we will observe an 18 minute film which presents the

story of the engineering genius of John Roebbling and his sons, the company town of Roebbling and the technological innovations and products of the company that shaped the industrialized world. A guided tour will follow of the current exhibit on the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. Roebbling invented a way to spin the cables for bridges and other industrial equipment to replace the hemp rope that had been used previously. Roebbling designed the George Washington Bridge and provided its cables. John worked on dozens of suspension bridges, some he designed and built. This museum is not huge and there are places to sit if you get tired.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to go on this trip with us please call the church office, 609-395-0897 by September 6.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 8/26(Team #1) and 9/2(Team #2)

~~ 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 ~~

Junior High Youth - Upcoming Events

September 23 Jr. High Youth Kick-off from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the South lawn

September 30 11:30 a.m. Jr. High Youth Parent meeting in the church library.

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 26, 2012 - September 2, 2012

Sunday 26	10:00a Worship followed by refreshments
Monday 27	7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 28	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 29	7:00p-9:00p Helene Cody Foundation Volunteer Meeting-McK Room
Thursday 30	
Friday 31	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

Saturday 1	
Sunday 2	10:00a Worship with Communion followed by refreshments 11:45 Library Committee - Library