

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 2, 2012 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

1st & 2nd Movement
(Sonata for violin and continuo)

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)
Jerry Yochelson, violin and
Becky Young, cello

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

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

God gathers us to worship as the people of God.

God is eager to hear our voices raised in worship and praise.

With gratitude and humility we offer ourselves to the Lord.

Together let us worship God.

HYMN #138 (Hymnal)* *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus than to do it. We accept more readily the ways of the world than the way of the cross. What others think of us is often more important to us than what you think of us. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to be faithful followers of the way of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Lou

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

George Smith

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 37:1-11

Don Winchell
Pew Bible pg. 510

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11

Pew Bible pg. 615

SERMON

“Christian Hedonism”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

3rd & 4th Movement

Domenico Zipoli

(Sonata for violin and continuo)

J. Yochelson & R. Young

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #200 (Songbook)*

“As the Deer”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #285 (Hymnal)* *"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Two Versets

Domenico Zipoli
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Christian Hedonism

Christian Hedonism is a philosophy of life built on the following five convictions:

1. The longing to be happy is a universal human experience, and it is good, not sinful.
2. We should never try to deny or resist our longing to be happy, as though it were a bad impulse. Instead we should seek to intensify this longing and nourish it with whatever will provide the deepest and most enduring satisfaction.
3. The deepest and most enduring satisfaction is found only in God.
4. The happiness we find in God reaches its consummation when it is shared with others in the manifold ways of love.
5. To the extent we try to abandon the pursuit of our own pleasure, we fail to honor God and love people. Or, to put it positively: the pursuit of pleasure is a necessary part of all worship and virtue.

That is,

The chief end of man is to glorify God

BY

Enjoying him forever.

from Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist, by John Piper

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.

Gluten free bread will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

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 Communion Servers are Karen Moser, Ann Riemann, Audrey Smith and Larry White.

Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Richard G. Wagner by Leah Moy and family.

There will be no coffee hour today.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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; Nancy Ellis and family; John Henzler; Bill Keller; 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; Joan Fraser's in-law, Debbie Costello; 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 Ill'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; Barrie Sutton's parents, Anne and Charlie Miller; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Helen Davies on September 6. **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 ~

Next week will be a busy week for CPNS. On Tuesday our teachers will be meeting for our initial meeting for the school year 2012-2013. We are looking forward to seeing each other and catching up on

what we did over the summer months. We will also be putting together our last minute preparations for the new school year. On Wednesday and Thursday our CPNS families will be visiting with us for our playground gatherings, open house opportunities and back to school nights. Parents and their children will have the opportunity to get to know our teachers and the other families at CPNS. We are all looking forward to these transition opportunities.

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: Growth in the United Church of Christ in Japan seems to occur slowly. Many people meet Christians and Christianity in a school setting but become involved in church activities much later in life. Professor Tagtsuo Miyamoto is one example of this gradual growth into the life of the church. He has taught at Kwassui University for about 20 years and regularly attended the weekly chapel hour. In 200 he spent a year as a visiting scholar at Ohio Wesleyan University. He thought it was important to understand the whole of Americans' daily lives, including the influence of Christianity. He attended church activities, and he and his wife felt drawn into community in a new way and they were baptized into church membership after returning to Japan. Now the professor is sharing his Christian faith as he continues to teach in the Department of Life Design.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

SENIOR EXERCISE - The first class for senior exercise will be **Monday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.**, instead of our usual starting date of the first Thursday after Labor Day.

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 10, September 13, September 17, September 20, September 24 and September 27

Senior Fellowship will travel to visit the Roebling 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 Roebling and his sons, the company town of Roebling 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. Roebling invented a way to spin the cables for bridges and other industrial equipment to replace the hemp rope that had been used previously. Roebling 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: 9/2(Team #2) and 9/9(Team #3)

~~ 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.

Flowers: Flowers are needed for Sunday, September 30. Please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or 609-890-0822 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 ~~

September 2, 2012 - September 9, 2012

Sunday 2	10:00a Worship with Communion 11:45 Library Committee - Library
Monday 3	(Labor Day) Church Office Closed
Tuesday 4	8:30a-3:00p CPNS Teachers Mtg - FH/Kitchen 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p MS&G Meeting-Church Office (downstairs)
Wednesday 5	9:00a-10:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House) Playground/Classrooms/FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 6	9:00a-10:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House) Playground/Classrooms/FH 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Meeting – Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 8:00p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 7	8:30a-12:00p CPNS Accreditation Meeting - Library/Lib/Kit 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Saturday 8	(Cranbury Day)
Sunday 9	(Homecoming Sunday) 10:00a Worship followed by the Homecoming Picnic