

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzona IV

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

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.)

INTROIT

“New every morning is the love”

Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

The Lord is gracious and righteous, our protector and savior.

God has dealt bountifully with us, and we rejoice in God’s love.

God has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling.

We walk before the Lord in the land of the living. In gratitude and joy, we will worship God.

HYMN #223 (Hymnal)*

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, we confess that at times our words are full of deadly poison. We speak evil against one another, ignoring your image revealed in our neighbors. We use our words to bless you, yet we curse one another. Forgive our hidden faults and cleanse us from our sin. Let our words and our thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠		Pastor Rosanna
SCRIPTURE	II Chronicles 1: 7-12	Pew Bible pg. 388
ANTHEM	“ <i>Rejoice in the Lord Always</i> ”	Henry Purcell (1659-1695) The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Ecclesiastes 1: 12-18	Pew Bible pgs. 614-615
SERMON	“The Wish”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #333 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Seek Ye First</i> ”	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Peacemaking Offering	John Sprout
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>Devotional Piece</i>	Dom Paul Benoit Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	“ <i>Doxology</i> ”	Seminarian Brett Butler
HYMN #356 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> ”	

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

We give thanks to God for the birth of
Mary Catherine and Jacob Robert Barnes
on June 25, 2012
twins of Robert and Annabelle Barnes

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children
of God; and that is what we are.” I John 3:1*

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 my parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Young by Rebecca Young and Robin Drew. Flowers are also given in memory of Jeanne, Ernest E. and Richard McKenrick by Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

Coffee hour will be hosted by George and Daune Arsnow and family.

Greeters are John and Carol Sprout.

Head Usher is Alan 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 (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; Bill Keller; Helen Myer; Rebecca Peltó; 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; Joan Fraser's in-law, Debbie Costello; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; 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; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes' friend, Will; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Betty Borgeson on September 18 and Everett Campbell on September 22. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHOIR ~~

New Cherub/Worship Choir members needed. Cherub Choir, ages 4-8, practice Thursdays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Worship Choir, ages 9 and up, practice Thursdays 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. First practice is on Thursday, October 4, 2012 in the church. Please email Mrs. Laurie Davis at MusicMomNJ@comcast.net to inquire.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

- **Sunday School** for all ages begins on **September 23 at 9:15 a.m.** Guest speaker, Dr. Mulumba from Congo, (see special insert) will give a talk for Adult Education in the Library. See the Christian Education bulletin board for the complete list of class locations.

- **Parent Meeting and "Welcome to the Lord's Table"** event on September 23. On the first day of Sunday school, students will go to classes from 9:15-9:45 a.m. Parents will go to a mandatory meeting in Fellowship Hall. Then the students will join us as we explore together the significance of the Lord's Supper at each stage of our life of faith.

- **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 30.**

- **Confirmation Class:** Parents of each student in Confirmation this year are invited to our only **Parents' Meeting on September 23 at 11:30 a.m.** Just pick up your coffee and bring it downstairs to the McKnight Room.

~ CPNS ~

Our CPNS board will be meeting on Monday as we discuss the many facets of our program. We meet once a month during the school year on the 3rd Monday of each month. Our board members include, Chris Cenci, Jessica Corriveau, Kelly Flannery, Claudette Guy, Moderator, Kristen Hackett, Jennifer Kong, Patria Sullivan, Jay Taylor and Janet Wheeler, Lori Kleppe our local school advisor and Danny Kinney, our finance consultant. We are so thankful to each and every one of them for all they do. Our nominating committee has been established and we will be looking to fill three positions this January. Please see Janice if you might be interested in participating as a CPNS board member so your name can be presented to our nominating committee.

Families are an important part of our preschoolers' education and one way CPNS connects with families is with our room parent and room parent helpers. Each class has a few, and on Wednesday we will be having our room parent orientation. This year our board member, Kelly Flannery, will be our room parent coordinator and we are so blessed to have her as one of our board members. We look forward to sharing with our room parents and helpers their responsibilities in helping to make CPNS the preschool that everyone will want to send their child to.

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.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Church of the Pilgrims in Washington, DC is known for its ministries of local justice and outreach, particularly to the poor and homeless. One of their long term mission projects is the Pilgrimage which is set up like a hostel. The Pilgrimage welcomes groups of up to 40 people and puts people into contact with poor and low-income residents of the city. Pilgrimage groups work in soup kitchens, food banks, urban gardens and homeless shelters. Through this hands-on work, the groups learn about the realities of being poor and hungry and that justice must be experienced and must be lived out by a way of life. Pilgrimage participants integrate their experience with their faith and knowledge inspired, it is hoped, to live out the call of the prophet Isaiah to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Stories are exchanged at the Pilgrimage, as well as gifts and

experiences with those who are hungry and oppressed and it is also a place where those present learn how to shape public policy.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Cranbury Women's Bible Study - Calling Women Of All Ages And Stages! There's no better way to grow in your relationship with God than by getting into His Word. You are invited to come check out the Cranbury Women's Bible Study led by Elyse Casimir.

This year, we will be looking at the Old Testament; the book we will use is "Cookies on the Lower Shelf" Part 1 (Genesis-Ruth). This study provides a step-by-step guide beginning with God's beautiful creation in Genesis to the rabble-rousing days of the Judges of Israel. Meet Adam and Eve, weather the flood with Noah, and sojourn with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Go from the land of Canaan into Egypt with Joseph, then back out again as Moses and the children of Israel travel to the Promised Land. See tremendous victories under Joshua and chilling defeats during the time of the Judges. The format of this study is designed to flex with the needs of each student. That means it will work for you if this is your first or your twentieth Bible study, or if you have a lot of time during the week to dig into the Bible or very little.

The Cranbury Women's Bible Study is also a great place to connect with other women in our community and support and encourage one another in our walk with the Lord. To accommodate a variety of schedules, this study will be run in two groups each meeting every other week on Mondays.

For those home during the day, the group will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Room 10 of our church. This group begins October 1. For those who need a study at night, there will be a group that meets from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Roselynn Cassidy's home. This group begins September 24.

Elyse has been leading this group for nearly 10 years. She has taught Sunday School worked with youth both at home and abroad has worked with Women's groups and along with her husband have mentored married and engaged couples. Elyse also led our Adult Spring Retreat this year. She loves the Lord, is passionate about digging into God's Word, has a warm compassionate heart, and is very interested in every woman knowing God and His Word for herself.

~~ PEACEMAKING OFFERING ~~

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly to work for peace by tearing down the walls of hostility. The day recommended for congregations to receive the Offering is **World Communion Sunday, October 7**, which is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper.

Gifts to the Offering are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- 25% is retained by congregations and we will donate our share to our Food Pantry Program.
- 25% is used by presbyteries and synods.
- 50% is allocated to General Assembly peacemaking ministries

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 17, September 20, September 24 and September 27

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/16(Team #4) and 9/23(Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

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 ~~

Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, Sep. 28 High School Service Project: Assist with church Spaghetti Night from 6-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to raise funds for Outreach

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

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 16, 2012 - September 23, 2012

Sunday 16	8:15a-10:15a 2 nd Annual Teachers Retreat-FH 8:15a-10:15a Childcare for Teachers Retreat-Room 18 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Monday 17	9:30a-11:30a Women's Bible Study - Room 10 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 18	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 19	9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 9:00a - 11:30a CPNS Room Parent Orientation-FH 7:00p-9:30p Boy Scouts - Mercer Area District Mtg-McK Room 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 20	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 21	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Saturday 22	
Sunday 23	9:15a 1 st Day of Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Parents' Meeting and "Welcome to the Lord's Table" - FH 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Jr. High Kick Off-South Lawn 5:00p-6:30p High School Fall Kick-Off 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn