

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
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Pavilioned in Splendor

Richard Lloyd
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

“Give to our God Immortal Praise”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path where sinners tread.

Happy are those whose delight is in the Lord, and who meditate on the word of God both night and day.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

O Lord, we are here today to seek your delight, that we might be rooted in your will.

HYMN #417 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Loving God, as we walk with each other on the path of discipleship, we confess that we argue and bicker. Forgive us when we are distracted by concerns that keep us from hearing your teaching. We seek our own glory and privilege even as you call us to service and sacrifice. Forgive us for seeking to be first. Call us, again, to be your servants, and teach us to welcome one another as you welcome all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

Seminarian Brett Butler

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 16-20

Cathy Vogen
Pew Bible pg. 34

ANTHEM

"Take and Receive, O Lord"

David Wehr
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

TBA

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mulumba Joseph Musumba Mukundi,
Secretary General of the Presbyterian Church in the Congo

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

"Morning Has Broken"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

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

"Jesu, du bist allzu schöne"

Georg Boehm
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)*

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

BENEDICTION*

Dr. Mulumba

RESPONSE*

Twofold Amen (dorian)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

Mildred H. Watts

July 27, 1931 – September 17, 2012

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 Rhoda and Walter White and Ella Jeannette White by Mrs. T.E. Sushereba and Heidi and Cabot Knowlton.

Greeters are Rebecca Huselid and Pat Scott.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

Coffee Hours is hosted by the Deacons.

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; Leslie Kasper, family and friends due to the death of her mother, Mildred Watts; Bill Keller; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; and Dorothy Swec.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Joan Fraser's in-law, Debbie Costello; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; friend of the church, Robert Grasso; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda III's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes' friend, Will; and Barrie Sutton's parents, Anne and Charlie Miller.

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!

~~ 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.

Youth Band - The Youth Band will start rehearsals on Tuesday evening, October 16. If your child is interested in joining, please email Pat Bohrs at pbohrs@att.net. Also let her know what is a convenient 45 minute time slot for rehearsing. Our first performance will be on Sunday, December 16.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

• **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.

Adult Education from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Library

On September 30, Dr. Mitchell will continue his series on Romans, a biblical book that has had a tremendous impact on Christian theology throughout the centuries. Join us as we reflect on how God speaks to us through its message today.

~ CPNS ~

Our children will be having their "Getting to Know You" days on Monday and Tuesday. The classes will be learning about being part of a larger community than their own classrooms. We will visit the other classes as well as the music and lunch program rooms and meet the other teachers in our school. On those same days, our parents and care givers will be invited to attend our Parent Socials. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to meet the other families in their child's class. You are all welcome to get to know our CPNS families as well. Please join us on Monday and or Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the McKnight Room for a wonderful fellowship opportunity.

On Wednesday, we will be closed for a staff development. We will begin with breakfast and have the opportunity to participate in continuing our educational journey exploring some of the NAEYC accreditation requirements. Pastor Rosanna will share a devotional with our teachers before we break for lunch as well.

We look forward to another wonderful week at CPNS. Please remember to come to church on Sunday, September 30 for the commissioning of all of our Christian Educators. CPNS will be hosting coffee hour to celebrate all they do for our children. We hope to see you there.

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 ~~

Welcome Distinguished Congo Church Leader today, Sept. 23

Through our church's involvement in the work of the IMCK/ Good Shepherd Hospital as well as other mission projects in the Kasai region of the Congo, we were invited recently to be one of the host churches for a special visitor from the Congo in September. That visitor is Dr. Joseph Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi, Secretary General of the Presbyterian Church in the Congo. Dr. Mulumba will in the United States this fall to both keynote the conference of the Presbyterian Church-USA Congo Mission Network Conference in Delaware, and to also visit with Presbyterian congregations in several states to discuss with them mission and church efforts in his country. Today, we welcome Dr. Mulumba to our church.

The Presbyterian Church in Congo which is led by Dr. Mulumba has about 2 MILLION members, 1,500 churches, over 830 primary and secondary schools, various training schools, a seminary, a number of hospitals and many medical clinics. All of this is happening in the midst of ongoing military and rebel actions producing maiming injuries, assaults on women, kidnapping and famine. Electricity is unreliable, plumbing is often non-existent, and equipment to properly provide medical care is scarce.

The support our church has provided to our sisters and brothers in the Congo has been possible through both grants from our church and funds raised at our annual Mission Fair. This year, the Fair will take place on Sunday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., featuring representatives from many local service organizations as well as a Jewelry-Handbag flea market and bake sale for the Good Shepherd Hospital. Preaching on the morning of the Fair at 10:30 a.m. will be Dr. Elsie McKee, well-known Princeton Seminary Professor who grew up in the Congo.

Congregation members will be interested to know that Dr. Mulumba also serves on the Board of IMCK/ Good Shepherd Hospital. His PhD in Theology is from Fuller Theological Seminary in California. He lives in Kanaga in the Kasai Province of the Congo with his wife Helene Kapinga. They have five children and two grandchildren.

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: In 2007, Westminster Presbyterian in Minneapolis celebrated its 150th anniversary and nearby a Congregational Church also turned 150 that year. Westminster had conducted an anniversary campaign and committed 20 percent for local and global mission. The two churches formed a housing development with a local, affordable housing developer. The hope was to create 150 units of affordable supportive housing. The Housing 150's goal became to create Niccollet Square, 42 units of housing for vulnerable young people with services to support mental health, independent living, and employment skills. In December 2010 the first young people moved in. Members of both churches have donated many items and raised many volunteers. Businesses are hiring residents. The youth are learning how to tell their stories and advocate at the state legislature for programs that serve homeless and poor people.

~~ 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 Rosellyn 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 ~~

Jesus reminds us that *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God"* (Matthew 5:9).

Peacemaking is our calling as Christians, today as in every age. And the way we make peace, especially in a violent and conflict-ridden world, is not by eliminating all conflicts but by learning to address them through peaceful means; namely, through dialogue, education, and knowledge. Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ, God restores our relationship and grants us the gift of grace. We experience God's grace as peace. God's peace restores, sustains, and heals. In response to this good news, Christians go into the world to proclaim and become part of God's peace-giving as peacemakers.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 24, September 27, October 1 and October 4

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/23(Team #1) and 9/30(Team #2)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed: Coffee hour hosts are needed for October 14, October 28, November 18 and November 25. Please contact Fran Stewart at frannymag58@aol.com 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 23, 2012 - September 30, 2012

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| 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 Youth Group(Fall Kick-Off) McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |
| Monday 24 | 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a CPNS Parent Social-McK Rm 2:30p CPNS Parent Social-McK Rm 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm |
| Tuesday 25 | 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a CPNS Parent Social - McK Rm 11:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 2:30p CPNS Parent Social - McK Rm 7:00p Presbytery Meeting - Shrewsbury 7:30p Session Meeting-FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room |
| Wednesday 26 | 8:00a - 3:00p CPNS Closed - Staff Development - FH/Kit/Library 7:30p Bell Choir |
| Thursday 27 | 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary |
| Friday 28 | 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5:30p Pasta Dinner Fundraiser (Outreach) - FH/Kit |
| Saturday 29 | |
| Sunday 30 | 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/CE Commissioning followed by coffee hour 11:30a Jr. High Parent Mtg - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |