

**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.)

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**November 18, 2012 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

**PRELUDE**

*“We gather together”*

**Franklin Ritter**  
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**

*“Thank You Lord”*

**Laurie Davis**  
Cherub Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kindergarten Sunday School Class

In you, O God, we take refuge.

**You are our Lord, and there is no good apart from you.**

You hold us. In you, we find refuge.

**We bless you for the counsel and instruction that you provide.**

You show us the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy.**

In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

**With joy, we bless and worship you.**

**HYMN #551 (Hymnal)\***

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

**PRAAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\***

Brett Butler

**Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON\***

**HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\***

*“Gloria Patri”*

**THE PEACE\* ✧**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	♪	Duane Arsnow
SCRIPTURE	Numbers 11: 1-15	Luke Kenny Pew Bible pg. 129
ANTHEM	" <i>Thanksgiving Song</i> "	Young Worship Choir
SCRIPTURE	John 5: 1-15	Pew Bible pg. 96
SERMON	"The Perils of Thanksgiving"	Dr. Stephen Crocco
<b><u>THE RESPONSE</u></b>		
HYMN #559 (Hymnal)*	" <i>We Gather Together</i> "	
PRAVERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Louis Mitchell
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)		
<b>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.</b>		
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	" <i>Let All Things Now Living a Song of Thanksgiving</i> "	Welsh, arr. Katherine K. Davis The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	" <i>Doxology</i> "	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler
HYMN #555 (Hymnal)*	" <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> "	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	" <i>God be with you</i> "	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE	" <i>Nun danket alle Gott</i> "	Georg Kaufmann Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**A Congregational Meeting**

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
on December 2, 2012, for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

**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](mailto: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 Ethel and Jake Klotzbeacher and Ellen and George Vandercher by Dorothy Klotzbeacher.

**Coffee Hour** is by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Classes.

**Greeters** are Andy Kremann and Pat Scott.

**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; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; and Dorothy Swec.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Lindy Cody's friend, Rebecca Smirk (PHS Track Coach's wife); Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Rebecca Young and Peter Grykein due to the death of Peter's mother, Irma Grykein; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; family of Jodi Mallette, Granddaughter of Gretchen Stults; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; and Carlene Reyes' friend, Will.

**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!

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**~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~**

**Adult Education Class**

We will meet in Room 1 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. to hear Dr. Gretchen Hull explain the Book of I John to us. Gretchen got only as far as the second chapter so you can still join—she will review the first week with us on Sunday. Come and learn about this book of the Bible which emphasizes that "God is Love." Join the class this Sunday and through the last Sunday of November. Just drop in—all are welcome!

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**~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~**

**Coffee Hours Hosts Wanted!** With the exception of Sunday, December 16 all the Sundays of December are open. So please consider prayerfully if you are able to sign up.

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**~ CPNS ~**

November gives us another opportunity to reflect on everything we are thankful for. God has given us so many wonderful blessings here at CPNS. We are thankful to have a safe, warm building that we can go to school in. We are thankful for our parents, board members and our many volunteers that help us in so many ways. We are thankful for our teachers who love and care for our children every day, and we are thankful for our children those very special blessings, who make us smile and warm our hearts.

Our CPNS Thanksgiving Programs will be on Monday and Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on both days. Please join our Pilgrims and Native American Indians as we celebrate Thanksgiving together and give thanks for our many blessings. We will be singing some songs and will be sharing a special feast with everyone. We hope that you will be able to join us during one or all four of our programs.

We have decided to change the date of registration beginning with our 2013-2014 registration process. The new dates are as follows:

- Our existing students will register on January 14, 2013.
- Our sibling, sibling of alumni, and church members will begin registration on January 22, 2013.
- The general public registration will begin on February 1, 2013.

More information will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

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](mailto: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.

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**~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~**

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Right next door to us in New Brunswick Presbytery a weekend termed "Revive! 2010 had a major influence, a transforming influence on one of the participants. Richard began to participate in a prison ministry that formed as a direct result of Revive! and became a shared effort between his church and Rider University. This kind of result was exactly what the planners of Revive! had hoped. "So often we make a dichotomy between evangelism and justice. The Revive! was about connecting the two," said a pastor who served on the worship planning team. And speaking for the Social Witness Committee, the co-chair

commented, "We want not just to save souls. But because we love Jesus, we do the work of justice." One other tangible "fruit" of Revive! is United Mercer Interfaith Organization, an attempt to do faith-based community organizing in the area.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE!** Christmas Wreaths will be sold at coffee hour from Sunday, November 18 until Sunday, December 2. The price is \$12.50 per wreath. Checks can be made out to the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. If there are any questions contact Heidi Knowlton on 609-799-1724

Wreaths can be picked up beginning Saturday, December 1 at the Gordon residence, 127 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ.

#### ~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

**Senior Exercise Schedule:** NO Classes (November 19 and November 22), November 26, and November 29

Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 11 at 12(noon) in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a full luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS. Starting November 19, we will be calling our calling list of regular participants. If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to attend you must call the church office to preregister for this program before November 28. If you do not drive let us know and we will arrange to pick you up and take you home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM SENIOR FELLOWSHIP. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to carry out this mission and especially to have this Christmas program.

#### ~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 11/18(Team #1) and 11/25 (Team #2)

*God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to sue them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings*  
1 Peter 4:10

The Presbyterian Foundation suggests a will is the cornerstone of a well-organized estate plan and can proclaim your Christian faith, demonstrating your response as a faithful steward to future generations. Making a charitable bequest is a wonderful opportunity to give witness to your faith and values.

Please, prayerfully consider your church when working on your estate planning.

**Please Note:** If you plan to make a gift of stock, please don't wait until December 31. The gift date for a gift of stock is the date it is received and accepted, according to IRS rules. The electronic transfer system is good, but it does experience delays, so don't cut it too close! Please contact Ken Gordon or the church office for more information.

#### ~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

##### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Nov. 18** 7:30-8:30 p.m. WHAM Ministerium's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Beth El Synagogue, 50 Maple Stream Road, East Windsor, NJ 08520 (Confirmation Class youth: meet at church at 7:00 p.m. and return at 9:00 p.m.)

**Friday, Nov. 30 5:00 p.m. - Sunday December 2 at 2:00 p.m.**  
Middle School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg

#### ~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 18, 2012 - November 25, 2012	
<b>Sunday 18</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 12:30p - CPNS set-up for Thanksgiving Prog.- FH 2:00p High School Youth Return from Camp Johnsonburg 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn <b>7:30p-8:30p Community Thanksgiving Worship Service - Beth El Synagogue, 50 Maple Stream Road, East Windsor</b>
<b>Monday 19</b>	10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program- FH 2:15a CPNS Thanksgiving Program- FH 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program- FH 1:00p Staff Mtg.-Church Office 2:15a CPNS Thanksgiving Program- FH 7:30p Session w/ Deacons Meeting - FH 8:00p Deacons - Library 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	<b>CPNS Closed/Church Office (9:00a-12 noon)</b> 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 22</b>	<b>(Thanksgiving Day)</b> <b>CPNS/Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Friday 23</b>	<b>CPNS/Church Office Closed</b> 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
<b>Saturday 24</b>	
<b>Sunday 25</b>	<b>(Christ the King)</b> 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 2:00p Middle School Youth Return from Camp Johnsonburg 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn