

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

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Jesus shall reign”

Benton Price
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

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Butler

The Lord is king, robed in majesty.

God has established the world—it shall not be moved.

Even the floods lift up their voices in praise!

More majestic than the thunder of the mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea is the Lord on high!

HYMN #150 (Hymnal)*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O Lord, we confess that we are too comfortable in the kingdoms of this world. Convenience, ease, and fear keep us from standing for your justice, your peace, and your people. Too often, our lives do not reflect your rule in our hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Call us again to renew our purpose, so that we may believe your truth and listen to your voice. Help us to claim your kingdom with our voices, our hearts, and our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Margo Wegner

SCRIPTURE	Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12	Lil Conley Pew Bible pgs. 616-617
ANTHEM	<i>“Ride on, King Jesus”</i>	Rbt. Fountain, arr. Rbt. Glasmann The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 1: 4b-8	Pew Bible pg. 245
SERMON	“King and Friend”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #403 (Hymnal)*	<i>“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Stephen Crocco

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>“I will sing new songs of gladness”</i>	Antonin Dvorak Caitlin McCarville, vocalist
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #147 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Blessing and Honor”</i>	
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BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*	<i>Fourfold Amen in C Major</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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POSTLUDE	<i>“Lead On, O King Eternal”</i> (Lancaster)	Donovan Klotzbeacher Organ
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***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 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).

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 Bob Shimer from the family.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Gordon family.

Greeters are Dave Stewart and Walter Wright.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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; 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; 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 and friends of Helen Myer due to her death; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes' friend, Will and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family.

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!

~ CPNS ~

We begin this holiday season with Advent as we prepare for Christmas. At this time of year, we are all not as fortunate and able to purchase gifts for those we love. Because of the gifts God has given us at CPNS, we have decided to help those less fortunate. We begin our Pennies for Presents Program on Monday; and this year our pennies will purchase toys for children that are spending Christmas in the hospital. Our donations will purchase toys for the St. Peter's Children Hospital Foundation. We hope our pennies will help make Christmas a little merrier for those that are in the hospital.

Our picture days will be on Wednesday and Thursday. We look forward to the many smiles that all of our children will be sharing as well as the smiles from our teachers.

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 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.

~~ DEACONS ~~

Many many thanks and appreciation to all those who worked so hard on getting the Thanksgiving baskets together. You wouldn't believe how much work goes into it and how much our church gives out at Thanksgiving! Giving to those in need is reward enough to all those who helped.

WOW! We were able to provide food, fresh produce, bread and a turkey to 125 families. This could not have been done without your help. It is amazing what our congregation can do. Donations kept coming in up to the last minute, and helped fill shortages. For all you have we are **truly thankful**. Enjoy your holidays, God Bless and many thanks.

Thanksgiving Chairpersons,
Flo and Andy Kremann, Jean Dunham and Vicki Waciega

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: There are numerous languages spoken in the churches in the New York City Presbytery. And different cultures worship in their traditional ways in many instances with perhaps drumming, dancing, etc... There are eight immigrant fellowships working to become independent chartered congregations. One such group, Emmanuel Presbyterian Reformed Church in the Bronx was chartered in 2011 with 140 chartered members, almost all from Ghana. Members from many areas and tribal groups in Ghana now live scattered throughout New York City. Most work long hours and on weekends, making church attendance difficult. The daily Prayer Line brings church members together over the phone for noontime and evening meetings. More than 100 people call in regularly from across New York and Canada, Europe and Africa.

Christmas Wreaths For Sale! Christmas Wreaths will be sold at coffee hour 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.

Mission Fair a Great Success - and Part 2 of the Handbag/Jewelry Jumble is Coming! Our 2012 Mission Fair was a wonderful time of sharing between our congregation and organizations serving people both in and beyond the borders of our community. The Mission, Service and Grants Committee is deeply grateful to all who made this event possible, including the following (with apologies for those we may be forgetting):

- Table set up - George Conley
- Bake Sale - Doreen Grand-Jean, Lola Madsen and Christine Wilson
- Handbag & Jewelry Jumble - Nancy Stewart, Beatrice Mabutho, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Carole Vandercher, Pat Demers, Gretchen Stults, and Margo Wegner

Without these terrific volunteers, the Fair just wouldn't have been possible. And because of their hard work as well as the generosity of our congregation, we have raised over \$1,100 for the Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo, with hopefully more to be added to that total.

To accomplish that goal of increasing our gift to the hospital, our Handbag & Jewelry Jumble volunteers will be providing a second opportunity to pick up a great bargain. If you still need some holiday gifts or missed the chance to shop at the Jumble on November 11th, come to our church library on Sunday, November 25th during Coffee Hour and have a great time at "Part 2" of the Handbag and Jewelry Jumble. Mark your calendars and enjoy another chance to shop 'til you drop on Sunday, November 25th!

Carol Kientz

Mission Matters: Many of you contributed to, helped with, bought at the Mission Fair, in addition to viewing the items on display by some of the missions we helped support. As I believe you are aware, all profit from the Fair is sent to the work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly the Good Shepherd Hospital, an institution founded by Presbyterian missionaries that is now run by Congolese Christians.

It is comforting to know that this money is used in such a valuable way. For instance, a Congolese woman walked more than 160 miles to the hospital carrying Kasawu, her son, who was born with a rare genetic colon condition. No doctor near her home could help him, but Dr. John Fletcher, a Presbyterian mission co-worker and a Congolese medical team was able to perform the surgeries that set Kasawu on a course toward full recovery. Good Shepherd is the only hospital in the region where the surgeries needed by this child could be performed. "More important is the fact that along with medical care, we provide a witness to God's redeeming love," said John Fletcher. So rest assured that the money raised at our Mission Fair is needed and is used to heal, and to carry the story of God's love. And I think it is worth noting that in addition to performing surgeries, John trains Congolese physicians in techniques that will save the lives of people long after John leaves. It is a privilege to be part of this good work. Thanks for your help.

Gretchen Stults

Christmas Joy Offering: Here we are enjoying the festivities of Thanksgiving and, hopefully, giving thanks for God's blessings in these troubling times when so many are suffering. It has not been an easy past few weeks. Yet we look forward to the coming season when we celebrate the birth of Christ. And we also look forward to one of our denomination's annual giving opportunities--the Christmas Joy Offering. Last year our country's Presbyterian Churches raised \$ 4,240,750. Half of this money went to the Board of Pensions assistance programs...a most appropriate gift to those who have served so unselfishly in the past.. In the days ahead you will be hearing more about this offering.

Bread for the World: Thanks to all who contributed to Bread for the World on our October 21 - Bread for the World Sunday. That was an unexpected and welcome bonus from our time together that morning.

We have for many years had an Offering of Letters on a subject dealing with hunger. We are not having such an offering right now, not i.e., in any organized manner. But I am writing to suggest that letters written to our U.S Senators, Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez and President Barack Obama, urging them to protect current funding programs for hunger programs would not be amiss. Bread for the World is urging members (and this member is urging you) to contact these officials to show support for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps) and emergency food aid for Africa and elsewhere. Senators' address is U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510, and the President can be addressed at The White House, Washington, DC 20500.

Gretchen Stults

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule: 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.

Special Thanks! Connie Bauder, coordinator of Senior Fellowship would like to give thanks to the following members who make it possible for the Senior Fellowship mission of this church to flourish.

Please give your thanks to them for doing God's work. Bill Bauder, Nancy Chonko, Dennis Chonko, Joan Fraser, Jean Randazzo, Larry White, Stan Dickerson, Gaylord French, and Heidi Knowlton. Also thanks to retiring member Bea Davidson. We look forward to working with our new member Audrey Smith.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 11/25 (Team #2) and 12/2 (Team #3)

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.

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Lay Reader Schedule for January to June 2013 is now on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you would like to be a Lay Reader.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Upcoming Events

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

~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 25, 2012 - December 2, 2012

Sunday 25	(Christ the King) 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
Monday 26	9:30a-11:30a Women's Bible Study - Room 10 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 27	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p Presbytery Meeting - Toms River 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 28	8:00a - 4:00p CPNS School Pictures-McK Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 29	8:00a - 4:00p CPNS School Pictures-McK Room 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 30	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5:00p Middle School Youth Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 1	
Sunday 2	(1st Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Celebration Sunday-FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by the Congregational Meeting to elect church officers 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn