

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
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2013 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

*“At the Cross”, “Were You There”,
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

arr. Dick Bolks
Piano

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

Mr. Brett Butler

The kingdom of God has come near.

The Lord says, “I will make peace flow like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flood.”

As a mother comforts her child, so the Lord comforts us.

We will see, we will rejoice, we will flourish like grass.

The Lord’s power will be revealed to all servants.

Alleluia—the kingdom of God has come near!

HYMN #229 (Hymnal)*

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O Lord of the harvest, you have called us to work for the good of all, to not grow weary in doing what is right, and to pray for laborers to be sent into your harvest. We confess, however, that we have allowed self-concern to encumber our service, and sin to cloud our vision of your new creation. Forgive us, O God, and grant us grace to bear the cross of Christ with courage, to sow seeds for the Spirit, and reap a harvest for eternal life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Mrs. Janice Parker

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Pastor: Our mission as the church is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people by our words and actions. Jesus taught us, saying: “I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”.

We celebrate your devotion to the tasks ahead of you, as you join with other people in mission working with Hurricane Sandy Relief Center. Through the gift of your service and its example of love, you show others the infinite love that God has for all people. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. We ask that you publicly affirm your commitment to this work.

Will you accept the people you serve right where they are and just the way they are?

Team: I will, with God’s help.

Pastor: Will you work in glad cooperation and mutual support with others, being sensitive and helpful, according to the needs presented to you?

Team: I will, with God’s help.

Pastor: Will you conduct yourself in a manner which witnesses to what God has done through Christ in your life and for all humanity?

Team: I will, with God’s help.

Pastor: Do you sincerely believe that the work you are about to undertake is truly the work of God in our world?

Team: I do.

Pastor: Almighty God, look graciously upon these people now being commissioned. Send them forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to love and serve you with joy. Grant them an extra measure of grace as they serve together at the Hurricane Sandy Relief Center. Strengthen them as your faithful witnesses, so that many may share the good news of your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Commissioning:

Brett Butler, Linda Cody, Emily Ellsworth, Anne Gordon, Branden Kenny, Luke Kenny, Taylor Kenny, Hunter Miller, Taylor Miller, Peter Miller, Hayden Reyes and Villana Tkac on behalf of the Session, you are commissioned to share the love of Jesus Christ throughout your time of service at the Hurricane Sandy Relief Center, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in this congregation, I commend to you those who will participate in this mission. Let us support them with our love and care and uphold them in our prayers this week for the work that they will perform.

Congregation: (In Unison)

We rejoice to send you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gifts of service. We pledge our prayers and support. With you, we renew our commitment to God and to service in the name of Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessings for you and for the people you go to serve. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Luke 14: 1-14	Don Winchell Pew Bible pg. 77
INTERLUDE	<i>"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"</i>	arr. Dick Bolks Piano
SCRIPTURE	Luke 14: 15-24	Pew Bible pg. 77
SERMON	"The Great Banquet"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *"He is Lord"* arr. Dick Bolks
Piano

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*
Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #513 (Hymnal)* *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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 #272 (Hymnal)*

"God of the Sparrow"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"He Leadeth Me"

arr. Dick Bolks
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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.

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

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Communion Servers are Courtney Brown, Lil Conley, Peter Miller, Marie Perrine and Pat Scott.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Elizabeth Dusik Hagerty by her family.

Refreshments will be hosted by the Klein family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Carol Kane.

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 call the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; David Geijer; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Katie Olsson; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; Carol Sprout; Nancy Stewart; and Cassi Waciega.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Linda Campbell's friend, Ryan Quill; friend of the Conley family, Gene McDermott; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Pat Demers' son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay and family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp and friend, Bill Brokley; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; 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; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis & brother-in-law, Joe, cousin, Momabhele and co-worker, Aaron Hollis Lewis; Barbara Santoro's niece, Krystine; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Mary Szczepanik's mother, Dorothy; Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike; and Doris Wiegartner's son, Brian.

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: Helen Lee on July 8, Dorothy Klotzbeacher on July 11, Gretchen Stults on July 12 and Judson Hagerty (100th Birthday) on July 14. **Happy Birthday!**

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Vacation Bible School 2013

VBS 2013 is quickly approaching the week of July 29 to August 2, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day. As you have probably heard, this year's curriculum is Cokesbury's - Everywhere Fun Fair. We have wonderful volunteer teachers for more than half of all the needed positions, but still need to fill the positions listed below:

Pre-K: Lead teacher, Assistant teacher

Childcare: Assistant

The Registration Deadline is July 20, 2013, see church office or website for registration forms. Cost is \$25 for the week. Please contact Cassandra Khazem ([609-619-2617](tel:609-619-2617)) or Jenni Collins ([609-395-8151](tel:609-395-8151)) if you are interested in volunteering or should you have any questions regarding VBS 2013.

~ CPNS ~

CPNS will be having our summer program this week and next. Our teachers will be Jenni Collins, Kathy Wiseman, Laurie Davis, Linda Protinick, Rosellyn Cassidy, Vicki Bain, Denise Reilley and Dorothy Klotzbeacher. There are a few openings left in both weeks if anyone is interested in having their children participate. We always have a wonderful time together and we all look forward to sharing some of the summer activities with the children.

We have several openings for our classes in September and a very short wait list for our 2 1/2-year-old program. We also have a variety of exciting enrichment offerings, including, Art, Story & Theater, Power of Play, The Little Music Makers, Discover 123, Library Adventures, Alphabet Soup and Creative Movement. We are also offering a Kindergarten Skill Builder class on Monday and Friday afternoons. Don't hesitate to register for any of the exciting opportunities we are offering for the school year 2013-2014. I look forward to speaking with you.

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. Please call or stop by for details on any of our programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Skeet's Pantry Needs Some Food! With many thanks to all our friends in the congregation who have been so generous, we're asking again for some food for our pantry. Specifically, we need PASTA, RICE and CEREAL. Any kind, any size (but think "family size" if possible) will be very welcome. So thanks again for always being there when we need your help!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: With the question of immigration such a constant and important one, it is helpful to know a bit about what happens to immigrants when they arrive in our country. According to the Presbytery of Blackhawk in Illinois, "Almost 200 immigrant detainees, the majority undocumented, are held for 6-24 months in McHenry County Jail. Some have green cards, were employed, and paid taxes; some are students, brought to the country as babies; others flee religious or political oppression; some speak no English; a few are felons; all flee poverty. Public assistance is not available to them. Legal support and commissary supplies have to be paid for by their families. Family visits are rare and only by video link within the building. Since 2009, one of the only privileges they have is the right to pastoral visits." And this is where six members of Ridgfield Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church join other volunteers to make weekly visits. Every Tuesday, 12-15 volunteers engage in 20 minute one-on-one conversations with up to 10 detainees each. They hear the sad tales of families separated from each other, frustration and suffering caused by a slow and at times brutal bureaucracy. Bibles, Korans, and prayer resources are supplied when possible and each week they put five dollars in each detainee's prison account for personal needs and phone cards. Only a handshake is allowed. When asked why they are willing to do this emotionally exhausting task, the volunteers simply point to Matthew 25:31-46 "I was in prison and you visited me," said Jesus.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 14 will be in honor Judson Hagerty's 100th Birthday! Please join us for the celebration.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 7/7 (Team #1) and 7/14 (Team #2)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Worship Committee is asking that anyone interested in being a Lay Reader, from July to December 2013, please sign-up on the schedule in Fellowship Hall there are still a few openings.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

July 7, 2013 - July 14, 2013

Sunday 7	10:00a Worship w/communion and Youth Group Mission Trip Commissioning followed by refreshments 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Monday 8	CPNS Summer Program 8:00a Youth Group Mission Trip(VAN) 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 9	CPNS Summer Program Youth Group Mission Trip(VAN) 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts Board of Review - Library 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 10	CPNS Summer Program Youth Group Mission Trip(VAN)
Thursday 11	CPNS Summer Program Youth Group Mission Trip Returns (VAN)
Friday 12	CPNS Summer Program 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 1:00p Set-up for luncheon- FH 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 13	8:00a-12:00p Set-up for luncheon - FH
Sunday 14	(Home Communion) 10:00a Worship with Ordination followed by Judson Hagerty's 100 th Birthday Luncheon 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom