

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2013 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Rhapsody for Clarinet

Donovan Klotzbeacher

Scott Collins, Clarinet

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

Bob Kane

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

HYMN #476 (Hymnal)* “*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God our refuge, through Christ, you have reconciled all things to yourself by making peace through the blood of his cross. Yet we confess that we are easily distracted from the hope promised by your gospel, your glory once hidden and now revealed in Christ. We run to and fro, we work and worry, seeking security in wealth and riches, and soon find ourselves depleted rather than enriched. Forgive us, O God, and let not your Word go unheeded. Give us hearts to receive all that you say, and make us eager to do all that you ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“*Gloria Patri*”

THE PEACE* ✧

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✧

VBS

Jenni and Scott Collins

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 38: 10-13	Vicki Waciega Pew Bible pg. 666
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Fantasia on “Wondrous Love”</i>	arr. by D. Klotzbeacher Scott Collins, Clarinet
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 13: 31-32	Pew Bible pgs. 14-15
SERMON	“For The Straight Way Was Lost”	Brett Butler

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #428 (Hymnal)* *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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>Improv on “Amazing Grace”</i>	arr. by D. Klotzbeacher Scott Collins, Saxophone
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Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>
Prayer of Dedication*	

HYMN #426 (Hymnal)* *“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Joyous Postlude</i>	M. Florentine Organ
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***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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in honor of friends and prayer support by Margo Wegner.

Refreshments today will be hosted by Heidi Knowlton and Hennie Sushereba.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Anne Gordon.

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 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; Mary Szczepanik and family to her mother, Dorothy's death; and Cassi Waciega.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: 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; Paul and Janet Furchak's friend, David Braverman; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder and great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Barbara Santoro's niece, Krystine; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; 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!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Vacation Bible School 2013

REMINDER: The Commissioning of VBS Teachers and Volunteers will be on Sunday, July 28 during our Worship Service followed by a teacher/volunteer meeting in the library at 11:15 a.m. Please attend!

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 - Assistant teacher

Childcare - Assistant

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 ~

We are closed for the summer, and are busy getting ready for school to begin in September. We have several openings for our classes at this time and a very short wait list for our 2 1/2-year-old program. We also have a variety of exciting enrichment offerings as well as our new 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: Located in a low-income neighborhood, Third Church in Springfield, IL, wound a way to reach out to the surrounding community by building a children's library. The church had the space for a library but lacked books and furniture. But soon after making the decision to establish a library, the congregation received a large donation of furniture, including tables, chairs, and bookshelves. Local public libraries were in the process of closing and offered books at a discount. Now the

library collection consists of close to 10,000 books and new donations are added daily. These books are free of charge for the children. The congregation has received a grant from the Presbytery Mission Initiative Fund and that money was used to purchase IPADS and touch-screen computers. In addition to the book collection, the library hosts programs on Saturdays, thus filling a real need for literacy, and a safe place for neighborhood children.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 7/21 (Team #3) and 7/28 (Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

USHERS - Usher training will be held in the Narthex immediately after worship this morning.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

July 21, 2013 - July 28, 2013

Sunday 21	10:00a Worship followed by refreshments 11:00a Usher Training - Narthex 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Monday 22	7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 23	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 24	7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting - Library
Thursday 25	7:30p APNC Meeting - Library
Friday 26	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 27	
Sunday 28	10:00a Worship with VBS Commissioning followed by refreshments 11:15a VBS - Library 12:00p VBS set-up and prep - FH 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom