

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
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2013 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary VI

Anon. English
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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to lead a life worthy of God’s call.

We are called to live a life filled with humility and gentleness, patience and love.

We are called to work and live in the unity of the Spirit.

We are called to worship Lord.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God, we confess that we have not produced the good fruit you have a right to expect. Righteousness and justice are neglected, while violence ravages our cities, and bloodshed defiles the very ground beneath our feet! Forgive our reluctance to set aside the weight of sin, and give us courage to cast it off entirely. Renew our resolve to live to completion the cross-shaped life of baptism, in obedience to Christ Jesus, who has gone this way before us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12: 28-34

Bob Kane
Pew Bible pg. 49

ANTHEM

“I will lift mine eyes unto the hills”

Peter Cornelius

Duet: Jean Dvorak and Richard Craig

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 25-37

Pew Bible pgs. 71-72

SERMON

“Like A Good Neighbor”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #267 (Hymnal)*

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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

Adagio

Otto Barblan

Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #341 (Hymnal)*

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Wer nur den lieben Gott last walten”

J. Gottfried Walter

(If thou but suffer God to guide thee)

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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in honor of Alicia Kasper's 15th birthday with much love from her family.

Refreshments today will be hosted by Peter Miller and family.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

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; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; Mark Sasso; and Carol Sprout.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta and friend, Sarah Pagano; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Danser family friend, Lynda Patterson; Pat Demers' son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay and family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Phyllis and Bob Dyke's friend, Mary Garcy; 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; Karen Moser's husband, Norman; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Marty Goldberg; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Stan Stults on August 20, Marge Scott on August 24 and Ken Rossman on August 25. **Happy Birthday!**

~ 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! So many in our congregation have been helping to keep Skeet's Pantry stocked with food for families in need, and we truly thank you. Because you sometimes wonder which foods are most needed, we thought we'd simplify things for the next few months by designating a "Food of the Month" for August. Our Food of the Month is **CEREAL**. We would be grateful for donations of any kind of cereal but most especially family size boxes of nutritious cereals rather than the sugary fancy kind! As always, you can leave your cereal donations in the wheelbarrow on Sunday mornings or in the front hallway of Fellowship Hall. THANKS for making August a great month full of cereal for needy families!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Recently the Year Book of Prayer reported that the chaplains of several PC(USA)-related colleges identified some of the characteristics that distinguish a Presbyterian college. Here are some of the responses: Presbyterians love God with their minds which cause us to pursue God's truth wherever it may lead. The Reformed tradition (of which we, of course, are a part) fits nicely with the pursuit of a liberal arts education. Reformed and always reforming encourages questioning revisiting questions and answers. Many of our colleges view education as a threefold enterprise encompassing learning, faith and service--we educate the head, heart, and hands. One college speaks of the close connection between responsible self-development and community well-being. Our colleges respect diversity and welcome it so that students might transcend social and cultural boundaries. "We believe each human being has unconditional value and appreciate the differences among us."

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

2014 Women's Retreat - Get Psyched and Plan Ahead! The Women's Retreat is scheduled for **April 25 - 27** at Camp Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center. The theme for the retreat is **Making Time to Let Go, Relax, Breathe, Find Peace and Nourish You.**

Registration forms are available in the church office and narthex. The cost of the retreat is only \$105, and if you reserve your spot by **September 30, you pay \$95.00.** This includes comfortable lodging for two nights, meals, crafts projects, and an amazing opportunity to meet other women from our larger church family for worship and fellowship. Women from our church will lodge together and participate in group discussion focusing on the book Flunking Sainthood by Jana Riess. If you have never been on a women's retreat, it is an opportunity not to miss. For more information and details, please contact Anne Gordon.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship will travel to Ocean Grove on Wednesday, September 11 to visit the Ocean Grove Historical Society museum and their restored Centennial Cottage. This is a short walking tour. Those who do not want to walk to the cottage can stay at the museum.

We will depart from the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. When we arrive, we will eat our brown bag lunches in the covered seating area on the boardwalk overlooking the ocean. We will see the Great Auditorium and the tent village. Those who wish my walk the boardwalk to the north through Asbury Park, others may wish to sit on the benches by the ocean. Pease bring your brown bag lunch, wear sunscreen and bring a hat, sunglasses and a jacket in case it is windy. If there is bad weather that day, we will have a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. and watch a video on the Grounds for Sculpture.

If you are not on our calling list please preregister for this trip by Wednesday, September 4 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 8/18 (Team #3) - 8/25 (Team #4)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

August 18, 2013 - August 25, 2013

Sunday 18	10:00a Worship followed by refreshments 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Monday 19	7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 20	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 21	7:00p - 9:30p Mercer Area District Committee Meeting
Thursday 22	7:30p APNC Meeting-Lib.
Friday 23	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 24	10:00a - 4:00p Youth Trip (Tubing) (VAN)
Sunday 25	10:00a Worship followed by refreshments 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom