

**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**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 1, 2013 10:00 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Fantasia in echo style*

**J. P. Sweelinck**  
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

Brett Butler

Sing with joy to God, our strength!

**Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!**

For the Lord is our God,  
who has delivered us.

**God has opened wide our mouths,**  
and filled us with good things.

HYMN #210 (Hymnal)\*

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**O Lord our God, with you as our helper, we have nothing to fear from anyone. Yet, we confess, we have allowed worry to open the door to sin and discontent, idolatry and the love of money, the dishonor of marriage, the neglect of strangers, and the failure to share. Forgive us, O God, for we thirst for you. Grant us consistency of obedient faith in Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, that we may praise you continually with the fruit of lips that confess his name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)\*

*“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✚

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 65: 1-4, 8-9	Joan Fraser Pew Bible pg. 695
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>“Create in me a clean heart” (Ps. 51: 10-13)</i>	<b>Carl F. Mueller</b> Don Sheasley, vocalist
SCRIPTURE	Mark 10: 17-22	Pew Bible pg. 46
SERMON	“Food and the Gospel”	Dr. Stephen Crocco

### THE RESPONSE

#### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>“The Lord is my shepherd” (Ps. 23)</i>	<b>Peter Tchaikovsky</b> arr. by <b>Maxwell &amp; Feibel</b> Don Sheasley
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Mr. Butler

HYMN #220 (Hymnal)\*      *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister:	The Lord be with you.
<b>People:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People:</b>	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People:</b>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> [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 #275 (Hymnal)\*

*"God of Our Life"*

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*"Jesus Christus, unser Heiland"  
(Jesus Christ, our savior)*

**J. S. Bach**  
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](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.

**We thank those who are serving today in these ways:**

**The Communion Servers** are Pat Bohrs, Lil Conley, Pat Demers, Martha Donovan and Gail Geijer.

**The Flowers** in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Richard G. Wagner by Leah Moy and family.

**Refreshments** today will be hosted by the Cassidy family.

**Greeters** are Joy Barclay and Earl Davison.

**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; 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; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis & brother-in-law, Joe, cousin, Nomabele and co-worker, Aaron Hollis; 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!

**Birthday of Distinction:** Helen Davies on September 6. **Happy Birthday!**

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#### **~ CHOIR NEWS ~**

**THE CHORALE:** September 5, marks the beginning of the fall season for The Chorale. Weekly rehearsals occur every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have considered joining the choir, kindly contact the director, Don Klotzbecher.

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#### **~ CPNS ~**

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our CPNS teachers have been busy getting everything ready for our new school year. We will all be meeting on Tuesday for our initial staff meeting. On Wednesday and Thursday, our CPNS families will be attending our playground gatherings, open houses and back to school nights. We are very excited to be able to share all the wonderful things about CPNS.

We have limited openings for our classes beginning in September and we are offering some exciting enrichment opportunities that will begin in October. Please find additional information on website or feel free to call Janice at 609 655-8663.

We are all looking forward to a new school year, feel free to stop by and visit at any time.

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

**SEPTEMBER is CEREAL & DETERGENT Month at Skeet's Pantry !** THANKS VERY MUCH for your wonderful response to our August "Cereal Month". We made good use of all the cereal you donated and we'll need more in September. In addition, we'd like to give our families in need some laundry detergent in September. So we're asking that anyone wanting to help Skeet's Pantry this month consider giving cereal again (family size boxes - not too sugary, please) or laundry detergent (medium size - enough for 32 loads if possible). Or, if the spirit really moves you, don't hesitate to donate some of each!

Whatever you can do to help people in need in our community through the work of Skeet's Pantry is truly appreciated by all of us who work at the Pantry, as well as all the families we serve.

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** On May 22, 2011, Bethany Presbyterian 'Church in Joplin Missouri sustained more than \$500,000 of damage from a tornado and one-third of its members were tornado victims. But on May 29, the faithful congregation worshiped on schedule with wind whipping through broken windows and doors. But in addition to its own members, a close neighbor, Peace Lutheran Church (ELCA) whose building had been totally destroyed, was invited to share the damaged Bethany building. The transition to cooperative programs was not difficult. On June 5, the two congregations shared Communion as they mourned their losses and planned for new work. Plans were made for maintaining congregational identities and moving into cooperative ministries. The entire neighborhood was nearly destroyed. The mission challenge now is to engage residents as they move into the community which is almost

totally rebuilt. They are being invited to experience worship and the grace of God at Bethany or Peace and to nurture their spiritual growth in either the Reformed or Lutheran tradition. Both churches continue as a strong witness for Jesus Christ.

~~ 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. Please 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.**

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 9, September 12, September 16,  
September 19, September 23, September 26

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/1 (Team #1) - 9/8 (Team #2)

**Did you forget something before you left for vacation?** Some of you did, because pledge receipts are down. Way down since the beginning of the summer. If your midyear pledge statement has also gone missing, please reach out to the church office,

we'd be happy to reunite you so you can bring your pledge up-to-date. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

~~ WORSHIP~~

**Flower Openings Available!** October 27 and November 10 are open for flowers. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 1, 2013 - September 8, 2013

<b>Sunday 1</b>	10:00a Worship with Communion followed by refreshments 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
<b>Monday 2</b>	<b>(Labor Day)</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 3</b>	8:30a-3:00p CPNS Teachers Meeting - FH/Library/Kitchen <b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 4</b>	<b>8:30a - 10:00p</b> CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House (Playground, Classrooms, FH) 2:00p - 3:00p CPNS - Library 7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting-Lib 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 5</b>	<b>8:30a - 10:00p</b> CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House (Playground, Classrooms, FH) 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
<b>Friday 6</b>	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
<b>Saturday 7</b>	<b>(Cranbury Day)</b>
<b>Sunday 8</b>	<b>(Homecoming Sunday)</b> 10:00a Worship followed by Homecoming Picnic 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom