

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

Homecoming Sunday
September 8, 2013 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Sonata No. 2”

Johann Pezel
Brass Choir

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Martha Thompson
Bell Choir

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

“O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations”
(Ps. 117: 1-2)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have searched us and know us.

You know when we sit and when we rise.

We praise you,

because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

We praise you,

because our lives are never hidden from you.

Brett Butler

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*

“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

You are our Creator, O God, and we are as clay in your potter’s hands, being shaped as seems best to you. Yet we confess that the sin we have harbored and the wrongs we have done spoil your work and mar your creation. We claim to bear our crosses and follow your Son, but when we begin to count the cost, our steps grow heavy and our folly is revealed. Forgive us, O God. Refresh our hearts and refashion us into willing and enduring disciples, vessels that will forever serve your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2: 13-22

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 192-193

ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr. by Sheldon Curry
The Choral

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6: 46-49

Pew Bible pg. 65

SERMON

"A Solid Foundation"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Butler

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

"Heaven Bound"

arr. Linda Lamb
Bell and Brass Choirs

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #376 (Hymnal)*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Hyfrydol

Healey Willan
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 by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sutton and family in memory of Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton and Elsie Sutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fryer.

The Homecoming Picnic today will be hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.

Greeters are Jake Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; and Mark Sasso.

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!

~ CHOIR NEWS ~

THE CHORALE: September 5, marked 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 Klotzbeacher.

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

ADULT ED (Sundays 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

9/22 and 9/29 William Briggs, MDiv Senior, PhD Candidate
"Wisdom Literature"; Room 1

MARTHA CIRCLE

All Women of the Church—You are Part of this Circle—Mark Your Calendars!!!! The Martha Circle under the guidance of Rose Eller will study The Presence of God from Exodus and Deuteronomy this year. The first meeting will be on Monday, September 8 in the library at 1:30 p.m. This week's topic will be God at Work. Come and learn who the five women are whom Rose will tell us about.

~ CPNS ~

We are having our first days of school this week. Our 2 ½ year-old children will begin this week with a shorten session to help make the transition easier for our youngest children; most of which have never been in school before. Leaving families for the first time and beginning a new school year could be difficult for children and their families. We hope that everyone is able to make this transition with as few tears as possible and that our playground gatherings, open house opportunities and back to school nights have helped make the new school year a happy and exciting one for everyone.

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.

~~ 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: The Iglesia Hispana Emanuel in Durham, N.C. shares space with Northgate Presbyterian, its sister congregation. The congregation's mission is to build a faith-based community. "We're about community empowerment, connection, advocacy and equipping people for leadership in the church and community." explained the wife of a pastor. The church strives to live by its motto, "lives changed by Christ, changing our community". The church offers various programs that contribute to achieving its motto: music, computer, and Spanish lessons always striving to turn the community into a family. They encourage teenagers to fill leadership positions and teach younger children about the Bible. They support a kids' band, a kids' club, family counseling, and a food bank, as well as encouraging soccer outreach.

~~ NEW MEMBER CLASS ~

Looking for a Church Home? Join Pastor Lou and members of the Session on September 22 and September 29 for the fall new member class.

This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian. We are a congregation which offers members of all ages opportunities to join in fellowship and expand their faith experiences.

The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. on September 22 in the library and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on September 29 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office at 609-395-0897 to join the class or for additional information.

~~ 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.

Many thanks to whoever is responsible for all the beautiful plantings around the church, parish house, and office building. They brighten the hearts and eyes, not only of our church family, but of all Cranbury-ites and passers-through. We appreciate the time, planning and thought that went into the lovely results.

Gretchen Stults

~~ 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.

Senior Exercise Schedule

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

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/8 (Team #2) - 9/15 (Team #3)

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 8, 2013 - September 15, 2013

Sunday 8	(Homecoming Sunday) 10:00a Worship followed by Homecoming Picnic 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Monday 9	Fall/Winter Church Office Hours begin 9:00a to 3:30p CPNS First Day of School 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 10	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 11	9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Sr. Fellowship - VAN 10:00a Sr. Fellowship trip to Ocean Grove and brown bag lunch - VAN (weather permitting) **Only if it rains: 12:00 p.m. Senior Fellowship program & brown bag lunch - FH 7:00p-10:00p Cranbury Camera Club Mtg. - FH 7:30p Bell Choir 8:30p APNC meeting - Library
Thursday 12	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p P&A Meeting-Library 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 13	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 14	
Sunday 15	8:15a - 10:15a 3 rd Annual Sunday School Teachers Retreat 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 12:00p Youth Group BBQ @ the Manse 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn