

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
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Fantasia in C

Geo. F. Handel
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.)

INTROIT

“Give to our God immortal praise”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Praise Christ Jesus our Lord!

We have been shown mercy, so that we may be an example for those who would believe and receive eternal life.

Praise Christ Jesus our Lord!

Now to the King—eternal, immortal, invisible—the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

Praise Christ Jesus our Lord!

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God our refuge, we confess that we have all gone astray. There is no one who does good, for we have all become skilled in the ways of the world, and schooled in its foolish wisdom. We have failed to learn and to practice what it means to do good, in accordance with your will and your gospel. Forgive us, O God, for we repent of our sin! Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE* ✠

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 1-8

Ryan Vandenberg
Pew Bible pg. 81

ANTHEM

“Draw us in the spirit’s tether”

Harold W. Friedell
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 9-14

Pew Bible pg. 81

SERMON

“A Double Dose on Prayer”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #200 (Songbook)*

“As the Deer”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Mitchell

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

“Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist”
(We now implore the Holy Ghost)

Dietrich Buxtehude
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #302 (Hymnal)*

“I Danced in the Morning”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

*“Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott”
(Come Holy Ghost, Lord God)*

Georg Philipp Telemann
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

We give thanks to God for the birth of
Mark Edgar and Karen Eve Lawson
on September 5, 2013
twin children of Robert Lawson and Patti Davis
brother and sister of Scott

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children
of God; and that is what we are.” I John 3:1*

~ 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

~ CPNS ~

We had a wonderful start to a new school year and are so excited about all the learning opportunities we have to share with the children. This week we have our room parent orientation on Wednesday. It's important to be part of your child's education and this is one way to get involved. Thank you to all of our room parents and helpers. Thank you also to Kelly Flannery, one of our CPNS board members, who will be our room parent coordinator again this year.

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 great school year, feel free to stop by and visit at any time.

~~ DEACONS ~~

It's that time of year again when we need to start getting ready for our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets. We are collecting large paper size boxes. Please drop the boxes off in the Fellowship Hall just inside the front door area or bring them to the church office.

~~ 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: Grace Howard, a first-generation Korean American, and the wife of an ordained pastor, was ordained in 2010. She first became active in reaching out to students at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She hosted Bible studies and other cultural events for international students new to American culture and customs. She in addition, began interacting with the poor and marginalized people she met and, with other Presbyterians, organized Crossroads International ministries. The Presbytery some months later assisted Grace in securing funding for a storefront project. A vacant downtown restaurant was rented and weekly worship and feeding programs began immediately. Within six months of opening, over 50 regular attendees had made Crossroads their spiritual home. The International students new assist with Crossroads and several days a week at Crossroads, young and old those off the street and those who are privileged, meet together to build up one another as the body of Christ.

~~ 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.

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 memory of Jeanne, Ernest E. and Richard McKenrick by Arthur and Gloria Ryba.

Coffee Hour today will be hosted by Bea Davison and Carol Edelson.

Greeters are Joy Barclay and Earl Davison.

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; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; and Mark Sasso.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Roselynn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; 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; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius & 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; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeny; 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: Betty Borgeson on September 18 and Everett Campbell on September 22. **Happy Birthday!**

~ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ~

FALL WORKDAY is coming!!!

Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please come out and help your B & G committee spruce up our church. Your help in landscaping, painting, minor repairs and cleaning will be greatly appreciated. We have a variety of projects for everyone.

Some projects we need help with include: outside ground care including sweeping and flower bed fixing up, kitchen and appliance cleaning, basement clean-out, painting, window and wall cleaning as well as some general handyman tasks.

If you have a specific project or need that you would like taken care of, please let your B & G committee know. Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

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

Historic Cranbury House Tour

September 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Historic Cranbury House Tour, "A New Generation," will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The tour will include seven historic homes, as well as the Cranbury Museum, History Center, the Firehouse Museum, the Gourgaud Gallery, and the sanctuary of our church.

Advance sale house tour tickets are \$20.00 each. Tickets for the "Book and a Box Gourmet Luncheon," presented in our Fellowship Hall by the Friends of the Cranbury Public Library, are \$15.00 each. Those attending the luncheon will be given a book of their choice. The menu includes curried pumpkin soup, chicken salad, a croissant, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Tickets for the house tour and the luncheon are sold individually and each can be purchased without the other from Audrey Smith at 609-655-5361 or by sending a self-addressed stamped business envelope to House Tour Tickets, 6 S. Main St., Cranbury, NJ 08512. Tickets can also be purchased online at cranburyhistory.org. Checks should be made payable to Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society. Tour tickets may be purchased for \$25.00 each on the day of the tour at the House Tour table in front of Charmed by Claire at 33 N. Main St., Cranbury.

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.

Women's Bible Study: Garlands of Grace, a local Women's Bible study would like to invite any woman who is seeking to know God and His Word better. We meet on Tuesday mornings beginning September 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school classroom #10.

This year we will begin with Kay Arthur's "Lord Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days", followed by Genesis-Ruth Part 1 by Pam Gillespie. You will have the opportunity to meet other women from the community and have fellowship and prayer together. Please email Vicki Waciega at waciegas@comcast.net for details.

~~ PEACEMAKING OFFERING ~~

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering this year has as its focus "One heart at a time, we can change cultures of violence into communities of peace with this year's Peacemaking Offering."

The church worldwide works to build peace through congregations, presbyteries, synods, and General Assembly. The day recommended for congregations to receive the Offering is World Communion Sunday which is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ when Christians around the world participate in the Lord's Supper.

Gifts to this Offering held on October 6 go to all levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

- 25% is retained by congregations, and this year we will donate our share to our Skeet's Pantry.
- 25% is used by presbyteries and synods.
- 50% is allocated to General Assembly peacemaking ministries.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 16, September 19, September 23, September 26

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/15 (Team #3) - 9/22 (Team #4)

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 15, 2013 - September 22, 2013

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
Monday 16	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 17	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 9:30a-12:00p Women's Bible Study - Classroom #10 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 18	9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 7:00p - 9:30p Mercer Area District Committee meetings - McK Room 7:30p Bell Choir 8:30p APNC meeting - Library
Thursday 19	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 20	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 21	
Sunday 22	9:15a Christian Education Open House 9:15a 1st day of Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McK Rm/Room 1) 9:15a New Member Class - Library 10:30a Worship with Christian Education Commissioning followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn