

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
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Te Deum Prelude

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
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

“New every morning is the love” (John Keble)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, you servants of God.

Praise the name of the Lord!

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

Praise the name of the Lord!

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, God’s glory above the heavens.

Praise the name of the Lord!

Brett Butler

HYMN #464 (Hymnal)*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God our Father, 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! Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we might live the new life in and through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✦

Pastor Brett

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Then in the fullness of time, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

UNISON STATEMENT: What the Lord has taught us through his Word and Spirit, and by the witness of his people, we must hand on to the next generation. These in turn will teach others to put their confidence in the Lord, remembering God's faithfulness and keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH LEADERS

You are leaders in our congregation's educational ministries to children, youth and adults. Through your efforts, the good news of God's love will be taught and nurtured in the hearts, minds, and lives of people in this faith community. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit, by calling children, youth and adults to faith in Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

By the authority of the Session, you are commissioned to lead in our Christian education and youth ministries. May the light of Christ shine through all that you say and do. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE	Luke 18: 9-17	Janice Parker Pew Bible pg. 81
ANTHEM	<i>"The King's Highway"</i>	David McK. Williams The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Romans 3: 21-28	Pew Bible pg. 154
SERMON	"A Sinner's Prayer"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

Dialogue de Voix Humaine

Jean Adam Guilain
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #268 (Hymnal)*

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Plein Jeu

Jean Adam Guilain
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

Hazel Reinecke

October 9, 1912 – September 15, 2013

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

9/29 William Briggs, PhD Candidate; "Wisdom Literature"; Room 1

MARTHA CIRCLE: All Women of the Church—You are All Part of this Circle—**Mark Your Calendars!!!!** Join us in the Library on **Monday, October 14 (please note the change in the regular date of first Monday)** at 1:30 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study.

The October meeting will continue the Old Testament study from Exodus with the story of how God called Moses despite Moses' hesitation just as we are called to service. The topic is "God's Promise to Us."

FYI - The five women whom Rose Eller, our discussion leader, told us about in September were Shiphrah, Puah, Jochebed, Bithiah, and Miriam. For those of you who were not there—do you know who these women were??

~ CPNS ~

We all now feel more comfortable in our own classrooms, and this week we will be introducing our school family to the children. We will be visiting and meeting the children and teachers in the other classrooms. Our lunch teachers will visit and have snack with the children, so their transition to the lunch program will be easier for them. The children will also explore other classrooms where they might have an enrichment class. It's a great day for our children as we all learn about our extended CPNS family. You might just see a lot of yellow t-shirts on Tuesday and Wednesday for these special days. As the children are getting to know our CPNS family, we will also be having a "Parent Social" so our families will have the opportunity to get to know each other as well. Please stop by and visit on Tuesday and/or Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and/or 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We hope to see you at one or all four of these opportunities. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and light refreshments will be served.

We have some very exciting enrichment classes that you might be interested in signing your child up for. You don't have to be a current CPNS student to participate. We have limited openings and the enrichment classes begin in October. You could find the offerings on our website or feel free to call Janice at 609 655-8663.

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: Just as Cranbury once had many migrant workers entering their community every year, so each year approximately 5,500 migrant farm workers arrive on Virginia's Eastern Shore in April and stay through the fall. They work hard 10-12 hours a day through the growing and harvesting season. Some stay through the winter searching for odd jobs. These workers are the backbone of the local agricultural economy yet live and work in poverty and isolation. Presbyterians have for many years partnered with the Virginia Council of Churches whose Rural Family Development agency operates four Head Start Centers that serve nearly 300 migrant children from birth to age 5. Congregations have provided health kits, food kits, and baby kits, as well as participated in vacation Bible school with migrant children during summer months.

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 loving memory of Rhoda and Walter White and Ella Jeannette White by Mrs. T. E. Sushereba.

Coffee Hour is hosted by CPNS in honor of all our Christian Educators.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Gloria Jean Ryba.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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; 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; Kathy Mitchell's friends, Jean Lubas and family; Connie Jurens family and Mary Tamm; 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: 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.

~~ NEW MEMBER CLASS ~~

Looking for a Church Home? It's not too late to join the new member class. The last class 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 ~~

**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 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 ~~

Jesus calls us to be peacemakers at all times and in all ways. We see this every day as we experience the world's need for Christ's reconciling love, peace, and justice. The way we make peace, especially in a violent and conflict-ridden world, is not be eliminating all conflicts but by learning to address them through peaceful means; namely, through dialogue, education, and knowledge. Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ, God restores our relationship and grants us the gift of grace. We experience God's grace as peace. God's peace restores, sustains, and heals. In response to this good news, Christians go into the world to proclaim and become part of God's peace-giving as peacemakers.

Increasingly younger trauma patients who are violent; repeat visits to the emergency room by the same children; and a rising number of youth repeating violent acts are the reasons Mimi Sutherland, a nurse in Miami-Dade County, Florida, felt anger, sorrow, and frustration almost every day. Taking on a culture of violence would not be easy, but in 1999, Mimi decided it was time to begin a preventative action program. It has had a positive impact on the lives of 600 young people.

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

With your support of the Peacemaking Offering, we can support programs to prevent gun violence.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

Join us on Thursday, September 26 as Dr. Anthony DeCanto will tell us how to feel better again with Holistic Medicine.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, New Jersey. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Stan Dickerson at (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright at (609)799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

Sept. 23, Sept. 26, Sept. 30, October 3, October 7, October 10, October 14, October 17, October 21, October 24, October 28

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/22 (Team #4) - 9/29 (Team #1)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 22, 2013</p> <p>9:15a Christian Education Open House 9:15a 1st day of Christian Ed for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McK Rm/Rm 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</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 23, 2013</p> <p>10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 24, 2013</p> <p>9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:00a CPNS set-up - FH 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 9:30a-12:00p Women's Bible Study - Classroom #10 11:00a CPNS Parent Social - FH/Kit 2:30p CPNS Parent Social - FH/Kit 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room 7:30p Presbytery Meeting-Forked River</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 25, 2013</p> <p>11:00a CPNS Parent Social - FH/Kit 2:30p CPNS Parent Social - FH/Kit 6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:00p-10:00p Cranbury Camera Club Mtg. - FH 7:30p Bell Choir 8:30p APNC meeting - Library</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 26, 2013</p> <p>8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 27, 2013</p> <p>9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:30p-8:30p preparation for Cranbury House Tour - FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 28, 2013</p> <p>9a-3:30p Cranbury House Tour - All areas</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 29, 2013</p> <p>9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McK Rm/Rm 1) 9:00a New Member Class Breakfast - FH 10:30a Worship with New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-9p Boy Scouts Potluck - FH/Kit 6:00p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn</p>