

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
19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Allegretto* Franz Joseph Haydn
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 *“I to the hills will lift mine eyes”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 121: 1-2) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Youth Class

We dwell in the shelter of the Most High, and rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

The Lord is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.

Let us worship God who will answer when we call.

We will worship the God of our salvation!

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)* *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* Dr. Louis Mitchell

Gracious God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment, we confess that we easily set our hopes on uncertain riches, harmful desires, and senseless things. Failing to pursue godliness and discounting the gift of contentment, we soon wander from the ways of faithful obedience and neglect those with whom we might share your plentiful gifts. Forgive us, O God, and inspire us anew to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, that in storing up eternal treasure and building on a good foundation for the future, we may take hold of the life that really is life, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Mitchell

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Jane Curran, Matt Curran, Jeswin Ebenezer, Merlin Sheeba, John Weber and Pauline Weber. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

C: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

C: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	James 3: 1-12	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 230
ANTHEM	<i>“Come and be among us, Lord”</i>	Lloyd Larson The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 18: 21-35	Pew Bible pg. 20
SERMON	“The Neon Bible”	Brett Butler

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #487 (Hymnal)*	<i>“When Morning Gilds the Skies”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Mitchell
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Peacemaking Offering	Pat Demers

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	<i>“Aus der flotenuhr”</i> <i>(flute music for clockwork)</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #538 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”</i>	
RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale

BENEDICTION*		
POSTLUDE*	<i>Allegro Moderato</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn 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 William Eller's 90th birthday with much love from his children and grandchildren.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Deacons.

Greeters are Linda Campbell and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

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 Jurrens family and Mary Tamm; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; 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: William Eller on September 30 and Earl Davison on October 4. **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.

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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 begin our enrichment classes this week. We are blessed with so many talented individuals who have so much to share with our children. The teachers are all very excited about teaching the children about these different interests as they explore and discover the topic in greater depth. This year, the enrichment classes include; Alphabet Soup, Art, Story & Theater, Creative Movement, Discover 123, Library Adventures, Power of Play and The Little Music Makers.

If you are not currently a CPNS student or are attending kindergarten for a half day program, you are welcome to participate in any of the enrichment classes that fit into your schedule. Many of our CPNS families have already registered, but if you haven't or want to add more, we still have openings, it's not too late. Details can be found on our website, www.cranburypres.org or please call Janice at 609 655-8663.

~~ 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 ~~

OCTOBER is CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP & TUNA Month at Skeet's Pantry!

Again, we THANK YOU for being so generous with your donations to Skeet's Pantry. Now we are getting ready for our October Food Pantry (3rd Friday of the month) and we REALLY NEED FRUIT – canned, any and all varieties. In addition, we need PANCAKE SYRUP and canned TUNA FISH. If you can help us with any of those three needs, that would be absolutely great! (Just please be

sure your donated food hasn't expired – we can't give out food with expiration dates which have already passed.)

As always, just leave your donations in the wheelbarrow outside church on Sunday morning, or in the front hall of our Fellowship Hall building (Parish House), with some kind of note that it's for Skeet's. We hope each donation brings you as many blessings as your help brings to the families we are serving at Skeet's Pantry.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Those of us with water at our finger tips are not always aware of the dangers that lurk when clean, safe drinking water is not available. Children are especially vulnerable to the diseases carried by contaminated water. As a result, they frequently have chronic diarrhea and even if they have enough food to eat their bodies are not able to absorb the food's nutrition. It is not surprising then that the children are often lethargic and miss many days of school. Such was the situation in Villa Madero, Mexico when several years ago a Presbytery of Transylvania mission team partnered with the Presbyterian Church in the village to install a clean water system and to provide health and hygiene education to mothers and children. Now, after several years of drinking clean water, a new life has opened for these children as they attend school, run and play, grow bigger, stronger, healthier.

~~ 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.** 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.

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 Waciegas at waciegas@comcast.net for details and meeting location.

****A Mass in memory of Elizabeth Mitchell (Pastor Lou's mom) will be said at Queenship of Mary Church in Plainsboro on Monday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

~~ PEACEMAKING OFFERING ~~

For over 30 years, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have been committed to pursuing a peaceful and just world. Peace seekers and advocates, those who work and pray for reconciliation and justice, have found their home in the Presbyterian peacemaking community. In 1980, the General Assembly adopted Peacemaking: *The Believer's Calling*, a document that has guided Presbyterian peace efforts. It is no less critical today. The document declares, among other things, that "the church is obedient to Christ when it nurtures and equips God's people as peacemakers."

Peacemaking is in the helping of others who have no food or place to sleep. Local uses for this offering have been a 13 year old girl in Kentucky starting "A Place to Sleep" which provides beds for young people who need them. Our own Skeet's Pantry helps people by distributing food once a month to those in need in our local community.

"One heart at a time, we can change cultures of violence into communities of peace with this year's Peacemaking Offering." Our church will participate in this Offering on October 6, and our share of this offering will be given to Skeet's Pantry. Special envelopes may be found in the pew racks and should be placed in the collection plates on October 6. It would be a help to have "Peace offering" noted on any check that is donated.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 30, October 3, October 7, October 10, October 14, October 17, October 21, October 24, October 28

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/29 (Team #1) - 10/6 (Team #2)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 29, 2013 – October 6, 2013

Sunday 29	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McK Rm/Room 1) 9:00a New Member Class Breakfast - FH 10:30a Worship with New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 4p-5p 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
Monday 30	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 1	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 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
Wednesday 2	7:30p Bell Choir 5:00p - 10:00p Women's Club meeting - FH 8:30p APNC meeting - Library
Thursday 3	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting – Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 4	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 9:00a Outreach set-up for Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Kit/FH 5:30p-7:30p Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 5	9:00a - 11:00a B&G Workday
Sunday 6	(World Communion/Peacemaking Offering) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 7:00p Mini Session Meeting 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn