

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

**World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2013 10:30 A.M.**

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“My Shepherd, The King of Love”* **arr. J. Evanovich**
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 *“Grace be unto you, and peace”* **Donovan Klotzbecher**
(I Corinthians 1: 3) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Brett Butler**
Even when we feel most alone and everything seems hopeless,
we remember the faithfulness of God and our hope is restored.
When our circumstances make it difficult to sing the Lord’s song,
we remember God’s acts of saving grace and our hope is restored. Let us worship the God of hope!

HYMN #138 (Hymnal)* *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Merciful God, you are good to those who seek you and wait for you. Great is your faithfulness. Yet we confess that the fires of our faith often burn low. We have relaxed the standard of sound teaching, and we see the results in our own lives, in the life of the church, and in the culture around us. Our sins testify to our lack of love and self-discipline. Forgive us, O God, and fill us anew with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Give us the power and the integrity by which we may bear witness to him, unafraid of the world and unashamed of the gospel. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | | Pastor Brett |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 12: 13-21 | Rosellyn Cassidy Pew Bible pg. 74 |
| ANTHEM | <i>"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"</i> | arr. J. Atteberry Bell Choir |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 12: 22-34 | Pew Bible pgs. 74-75 |
| SERMON | "The Ways of the World" | Dr. Louis Mitchell |

THE RESPONSE

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| OFFERING AND PEACEMAKING OFFERING | | |
| Offertory | <i>"To save us all"</i> | Jay Althouse The Chorale |
| Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication* | <i>"Doxology"</i> | Mr. Butler |
| HYMN #171 (Hymnal)* | <i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i> | |

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [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

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #333 (Hymnal)*

"Seek Ye First"

RESPONSE*

"Amen"

**Dresden
Bell Choir**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Fuga del 9° tono

**Giovanni Gabrieli (1557 – 1612)
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.

Gluten free bread will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Communion Servers are Deanna Anderson, Vicki Bain, Jack Britton, Jim Dixon, Carol Kientz, John Kirkenir, Brenda Kirkenir and John Sprout

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of my parents, Thomas and Stella Ericson and my brothers, Thomas, Jr. and David Ericson by Liz Callaway.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Becky Huselid.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Heidi Knowlton.

Head Ushers are Mike Kasper and Rick Norland.

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; Liz Callaway; 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!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

ADULT EDUCATION: Today, October 6 and through the month of October, Pastor Lou continues his series on the book of “Romans,” which some feel is the single most important book in the Bible. Don’t worry if you have not taken previous classes – Pastor Lou will summarize the beginning chapters/verses we have looked at and then pick up the new material. We meet in the Library at 9:15 a.m. Get up a little earlier – there are great parking spaces then! – drop off the kids and join us – you can bring your cup of Dunkin Donuts coffee with you – make every

effort to join the group and hear about the basis of our beliefs. It is amazing that these verses are so timely today in our world.

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 ~

This week the Cranbury Fire Department will visit with the children at CPNS. They will talk about fire safety and “Stop, Drop and Roll”. We will also have our first fire drills with the help of the fire department. It’s important that we are able to get the children to a safe location as quickly as possible in case of any emergency; and practicing always helps. The 4/5-year-old classes will be walking to the fire department to see where the fire fighters keep all their equipment and of course the fire trucks. It’s an exciting time for the children and a great way to share our community volunteers with our CPNS families. We are blessed to have so many people helping to make the preschool experience for our children one that is so exciting and developmentally appropriate for all our children.

It’s never too late to join our CPNS family. If you are not currently a CPNS student or are attending kindergarten for a half day program, you are also welcome to participate in any of the enrichment classes that fit into your schedule. Many of our CPNS students are already registered, but if you haven’t registered your child or want to add more enrichment classes, we still have openings, it’s not too late! We also have a few openings in our regular classes as well. 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: A year or so ago the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Easton, Mass., was certified as an Earth Care Congregation and then worked to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all faces of its congregational life. The youth of the congregation took the lead in this effort, and, after recruiting others, formed the

Environmental Preservation Council to assist in performing an environmental audit and in introducing new green emphases and projects into the building and Christian education programs. They designed reusable bags emblazoned with the Earth Care Congregation and the congregational logo, instituted a program to reduce electricity use in the building, planned a community garden and a memorial garden, and created a set of EPC (Environmental Preservation Council) web pages on the congregation's website. The Pentecost worship and celebration of mission of the church was combined with a project to prepare food packages for distribution in North Korea.

~~ OUTREACH COMMITTEE ~~

DINNERS FOR EIGHT: In late October, the Outreach Committee will once again offer dinners for eight. Members of the church are invited to deepen and strengthen their ties with one another through conversation and a meal. The intent is to get to know people across age and interests so we encourage young and old, singles or couples, to sign up during coffee in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 6, October 13 and October 20.

The host/hostess will invite six other people to their home and provide the entrée and the beverage. The other six people will provide the d'oeuvres, salad, and dessert. Your host/hostess will contact you in late October for a date in October or November. Bon Appetite!

~~ PEACEMAKING OFFERING ~~

Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. We see this every day as we experience our world's need for Christ's reconciling love, peace, and justice. We feel this as we long to know God's peace in our hearts and relationships. The promise of Jesus, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" Is both a comfort and a challenge. It reminds us that the path of peace is something we both follow and forge. The journey of peace is a pilgrimage of our whole selves; spirit and body; heart, hands, and mind. The pursuit of God's peace is both an inner and outer journey where the well-being of one is held in the well-being of all. In order for us to walk farther along this road of peaceful living, we can and should engage both inner and outer aspects of faithful spiritual living. Doing so allows us to become more authentic and effective bearers of peace in our entire world.

"One heart at a time, we can change cultures of violence into communities of peace with this year's Peacemaking Offering." Our church is participating in the Peacemaking Offering today. 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 today. It would be a help to have "Peace offering" noted on any check that is donated.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

October 7, October 10, October 14, October 17, October 21, October 24, October 28

Senior Fellowship and the Golden Age Neighbors will be hosted by the Deacons on October 19 at 12:00 p.m. to a luncheon. **If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend the luncheon, please preregister by calling the church office at (609) 395-0897 by Monday, October 14.**

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 10/6 (Team #2) - 10/13 (Team #3)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Help End Hunger by donating or walking in this year's **Crop Hunger Walk!** On Sunday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the East Picnic entrance of Mercer County Park, the Cranbury CROP Team will be joining together with peoples of all faiths as we join together in an effort to provide those in need with clean water and healthy food.

Please support our effort by donating online at <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/cranbury> or by signing up to walk by grabbing a packet in Fellowship Hall this Sunday! Thank you for your support!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

October 6, 2013 - October 13 2013

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| Sunday 6 | (World Communion/Peacemaking Offering/Home Communion) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib/FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:00p Mini Session Meeting 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |
| Monday 7 | 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a Senior Planning Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm |
| Tuesday 8 | 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 10 or 11:00a Senior Planning Meeting - Library 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room |
| Wednesday 9 | 9:00a Session Material Due 6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:00p-10:00p Cranbury Camera Club Mtg. - FH 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting - Rm #10 7:30p Bell Choir 8:30p APNC meeting - Library |
| Thursday 10 | 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary |
| Friday 11 | 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6p Barclay/Witkowski Wedding Rehearsal 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room |
| Saturday 12 | 2:00p Barclay/Witkowski Wedding |
| Sunday 13 | (CropWalk) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 1:00p CropWalk at Mercer County Community Park 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |