

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
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Pieces d’Orgue

François d’Agincour
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

Shout from the Highest Mountain

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Third and Fourth Grade Sunday School Class

With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we have what we need,

The Lord leads us on peaceful paths, restoring our souls.

Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil,

The Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

We will live in the house of the Lord forever!

HYMN #430 (Hymnal)*

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Brett Butler

Holy Lord, you have promised to write your law within our hearts. We confess that we have not held fast to your sacred word, but we have accommodated your teaching to suit ourselves. We have shied away from your truth when it seemed to demand too much of us. Forgive us, O God, and hold us back from every evil way, that we may learn to keep your word. Renew us in your covenant, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ Third Grader’s receive Bibles Pastor Brett
Nicholas Arsnow, Troy Curran, Malcolm Ferguson, Luke Pease, Connor Stewart, Kylie Vandenberg

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 1-10 Taylor Miller
Pew Bible pg. 82

ANTHEM *Here I am to Worship* Children’s Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 11-28 Pew Bible pgs. 82-83

SERMON “Response [ability]” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #428 (Hymnal)* *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

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 *“My Lord, What a Mourning”* William Dawson
(c.f. Matt. 24: 29-31) The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #391 (Hymnal)* *“Take My Life”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Dialogue* François d’Agincour
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 memory of Elizabeth D. Hagerty by her family.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School Class.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

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; Rose Eller; 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; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay and family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Ken and Dina Ellsworth's son, Will; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Barbara Hannon's cousins, Donald and Lucy Teel; 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: Pastor Lou will continue his series on the book of "Romans," which some feel is the single most important book in the *Bible* through the month of October. Don't worry if you have not taken previous classes or missed a week—Pastor Lou will summarize. 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.

~ CPNS ~

Our parent-teacher conferences will be held this week. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to meet with families and share information about the children. These conferences help to provide information to our teachers to guide in the planning for the appropriate instruction for each child; and help to give us a better understanding of their development.

On Wednesday, CPNS will be closed so our teachers will have the opportunity for their own learning. Our staff development this month will focus on our accreditation renewal as well as give teachers the opportunity to participate in some individualized learning opportunities. We look forward to spending this time together in our own professional development community as we continue to learn and improve upon our practices for the education of 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.

~~ 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. 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.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE! Christmas Wreaths will be sold at coffee hour today through Sunday, December 1. The price is \$12.50 per wreath. Checks can be made out to the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. If there are any questions contact Heidi Knowlton on 609-799-1724

SNIPPETS FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Restore (www.restorekids.org) is an outreach begun by a man who felt God was calling him to reach out to the youth in his community to talk about their lives and purpose. The program, begun informally, moved, by invitation into the Second Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, NJ. Students from the community and congregation have blended and influenced each other in positive ways.

Ten members of Restore have joined Second Presbyterian Church. On any given day, the church gym is divided into sections where youth ages 10-18 play soccer, football, basketball, and table tennis. Students receive healthy snacks as soon as they arrive. From 4:30-6:00 p.m. everyone does homework and after that they have a full meal. Some then return to the homework centers, while others participate in a group sport. Everyone does an assigned chore. At 7:45 p.m. rides are offered in the Restore van. Twelve high school seniors graduated in June 2012. Restore offered them SAT prep classes, funded pre-college programs, took them to college tours and interviews, helped them secure financial aid and worked to get all of them into colleges or universities.

~~ 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 hour in Fellowship Hall today.

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!

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

October 21, October 24, October 28, October 31 (No Class)

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 10/20 (Team #4) - 10/27 (Team #1)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

FALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH RETREATS: It is hard to believe that Fall is upon us. Registration has begun for the Fall Junior and Senior High Johnsonburg Retreats.

The Senior High Retreat will be held from November 22-24, 2013, and the Junior High Retreat will be held from December 6-8, 2013. The cost totals \$99.00 per person which is due by the day of the retreat. Please pick up and complete the Senior or Junior High permission form, as well as, the last page of the Johnsonburg Youth Retreat Packet.

IMPORTANT: In order to register the correct number of students due to limited space at the retreats, please email Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Brett Butler at bbutler532@gmail.com as soon as possible if you plan to attend!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

October 20, 2013 - October 27 2013

Sunday 20	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with 3 rd Graders receiving Bibles followed by coffee hour 11:45a Library Committee Mtg-Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 21	9:00a- 3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Library/Room1 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a Outreach - Church Office 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 22	9:00a- 3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Library/Room1 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 23	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Staff Development - Kitchen/Library/FH 6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting-Rm #10 7:00p-10:00p Cranbury Camera Club Mtg. - FH 7:30p Bell Choir 7:30p - 8:30p Cemetery Board-Library 8:30p APNC meeting - Room 1
Thursday 24	9:00a- 3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Library/Room1 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Worship Choir-Sanctuary 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 25	9:00a- 3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Library/Room1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p Youth Event: Corner of Chaos - (VAN) 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 26	7:00p Cub Scouts - FH (JY)
Sunday 27	(Reformation) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 1:45p Youth Mission @ Miller Chapel- (VAN) 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 6:00p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn