

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

Commitment Sunday/All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"Joyful Thanksgiving"

Anna L. Page
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

"O Quam Gloriosum"

Donovan Klotzbeacher

(O how glorious is the kingdom where all the saints rejoice with Christ) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

First and Second Grade Sunday School Class

We praise you, our God the King.

We will praise your name forever and ever.

You are great, O Lord! You are most worthy of praise.

There is no end to God's greatness!

HYMN #451 (Hymnal)*

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Brett Butler

Eternal God, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Even though they have marked well the path of faith, we are aware that following in that way is hard for us to do. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us though that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven. They were not righteous, just saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the faith to trust in that grace, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3: 1-15

Peter Miller
Pew Bible pg. 50

ANTHEM

"Call to Remembrance"
(Ps. 25: 6-7)

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 4: 1-17

Pew Bible pg. 51

SERMON

"What's Your Excuse?"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENT FOR 2014

Offertory

"Mighty Jehovah"

Dan R. Edwards
Bell Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*

"Here I Am, Lord"

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 #526 (Hymnal)*

"For All the Saints"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Processional

Warren Martin
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:

Communion Servers are Daune Arsnow, Becky Huselid, Ann and Ron Riemann, Art and Gloria-Jean Ryba and Janet Wheeler.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of the Reverend Wendy Thode by her children, Annie, Betsy and Teddy, her sister and brother-in-law, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton and her mother, Henrietta Sushereba.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Yeager family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Barbara Hannon.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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; Cyndi Girardet; 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; (CPNS family) Kathy Edwards and family due to the death of her granddaughter, Molly Anastasia Edwards; 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 and 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 and brother-in-law, Joe, cousin, Nomabele and co-worker, Aaron Hollis; Kathy Mitchell's friends, the Connie Jurrens family; Mary Tamm due to her husband's death; and for the family of Tracy LaMana; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Marty Goldberg; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn and friend's dad, John; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike; Doris Wiegartner's son, Brian; and Walter Wright and family due to the death of his brother, James.

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: Lucille Kirkenir on Nov. 1. **Happy Birthday!**

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Have you ever made a New Year's resolution and said you would read the Bible—the whole Bible even? Well, join the Adult Ed Class. We will be meeting for the month of November. The first class began this morning taking a look at the book of "Obadiah" with Dr. Gretchen Hull. Join us next week as we take a look at the book of "Philemon". We will meet in the Room 1, first room on right as you enter the Parish Hall 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. Gretchen has been officially designated as "an amazing teacher" by our own Sunday School staff.

~ CPNS ~

We would like to invite you to an Open House and Parent Program on Wednesday, November 13 beginning with the Open House at 9:30 a.m. and the Parent Program at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Parent Program is titled "Teaching Young Children in the Media Age". Media culture forms an increasingly central part of our children's experiences and it affects how children learn and understand the world around them. The more we understand how today's media culture influences our children's development, learning, behavior, relationships and ideas about the world, the better equipped we are to build on the positive aspects of media and counteract the negative ones. As parents and educators, this is a very important topic and a discussion you won't want to miss.

Registration for the school year 2014-2015 will begin in January, but information will be available to begin the process at our Open House on November 13. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school and encourage them to attend our Open House. 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 ~~

The Deacons are asking for your help to help others....As the time for filling Thanksgiving baskets draws near, we need many hands to help us achieve our goal. Please try to find some way in which you can help us.

Cash donations and food donations are welcome. We also need empty copy paper boxes and green cloth shopping bags. The week before Thanksgiving we will need people to help fill boxes and get everything ready for pick-up. There are sign-up sheets on the Deacons bulletin board in Fellowship Hall with dates and times. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP.**

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

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 at 609-799-1724

Mission of the Month: NAMI Mercer

Our congregation has long supported the work of NAMI Mercer, a local affiliate of the national NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) organization through volunteerism and grants. Their mission is to work to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness through education, advocacy and mutual support.

Many of us saw the excellent movie, adapted from the book, *The Silver Linings Playbook* which touches on mental illness and football and how they both affect a family. The Princeton Public Library has taken the opportunity to present a month long series of programs as part of Princeton Reads, entitled *The Playbook* which couples these two topics in a week of programs beginning with a discussion of the movie with a panel of NAMI Mercer members. It explores the importance of family and community as well as the role of classic literature through the story of the main character that has been recently released from a mental health facility. He adopts a philosophy of being "kind instead of right," and finds his life transformed through a series of encounters with relatives and friends of old and new including the stands of the Philadelphia Eagles home games to the floor of an unusual ballroom dance competition. The Library executive director says, "We hope the book, and the many scheduled programs and events associated with it, create awareness about helping people get the diagnoses and treatment they need."

Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer: All of us may not realize that among the Presbyteries in the Synod of the Northeast there is a nongeographic Eastern Korean Presbytery. It was established in 1997 with 12 congregations but now includes 29 organized Korean-speaking congregations, one English-speaking Korean congregation and three new church developments--the 33 bodies totaling 7180 members in New Jersey and Connecticut. The Presbytery is very active in global ministry to the peoples of North Korea, China Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. With a Presbytery in Korea, they jointly sponsored evangelistic and medical mission trips to the Dominican Republic. The Presbytery has not been idle here at home, either. For instance twice a week the members of the Presbytery's congregations serve breakfast to more than 200 people and they have reached out through multicultural ministries with other ethnic minority groups and have established second-generation Korean ministries.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

November 4, November 7, November 11,
November 14, November 18, November 21

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 11/03 (Team #2) - 11/10 (Team #3)

The 2014 Stewardship campaign has started. Your Stewardship packet, including a pledge card, time & talent survey and Stewardship brochure has been mailed to your home. Please review these materials and prayerfully consider making your pledge of financial support, time and talents to our Church.

Commitment Sunday is today, please return your pledge so Session can begin their budget planning with as complete information as possible.

~~ 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 ~~

November 3, 2013 – November 10, 2013

Sunday 3	(All Saints' Sunday/Commitment Sunday/Daylight Saving Time Ends) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion 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
Monday 4	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle – Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 5	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 6	11:00a-4:00p Woman's Club Mtg. - FH 6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting – Room #10 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 7	CPNS Closed/NJEA 10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 8	CPNS Closed/NJEA 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 4:30p Cranbury Historical Society meeting and potluck supper - FH 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 9	
Sunday 10	(Mission Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 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