

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

Mission Sunday

November 10, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Christopher Tambling
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

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”
(Ps. 100: 1-3)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved of God, live as children of the light.

We clothe ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation.

Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with Christ.

We give thanks for Christ’s saving work.

Brett Butler

HYMN #417 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we continue to live in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE Acts 1: 1-8 Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 118

ANTHEM “*On Jordan’s Stormy Banks*” American Spiritual, arr. by K.L Scott
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28: 16-20 Pew Bible pg. 34

SERMON “Mission Impossible?” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)* “*Lift High the Cross*”

MINUTE FOR MISSION NAMI Mercer Karen Marquis

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 “*O for the wings of a dove*” Felix Mendelssohn
Organ

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

HYMN #564 (Hymnal)* “*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*”

RESPONSE* Choral Amen Donovan Klotzbeacher
(*Materna*) The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Reverie* Noel Rawsthorne
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 loving memory of my husband, Philip Hull.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Perry and Waciega families.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Gail Geijer.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; Ken and Dina Ellsworth's son, Will; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; 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; Kathy Mitchell's friends, the Connie Jurrens family and Tracy LaMana family; 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; 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: Betty DeStein on November 11.
Happy Birthday!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Adult Education: Join the group in Room 1 as we go through the Bible. We have read "Obadiah" and "Philemon" and look forward to reading another book "II John" next Sunday, November 17, in Room 1 with Dr. Gretchen Hull. Just think—if you have attended each

week you will have read 3 entire books of the Bible from beginning to end—if you come this week, you will have one to your credit (just so you know—they are all a page or so in length). Our group is amazed at how much information we get from each of these very short books. So come out at 9:15 a.m. next week—we'll see you there!

~~ BRAINERD CEMETERY NEWS ~~

The Board of Brainerd/ Westminster Cemetery is very happy to announce that work on the Revolutionary War Soldiers & Brainerd Cemetery Information Site, next to our church office/ across from the Cranbury Inn, has been completed. Two new granite benches at the site are gifts from Doug Sutphen, proprietor of A.L. Duryee & Son Monuments in Hightstown. The sign at the site, depicting our church and cemetery history, is a gift in memory of Anna and Walter Wahler. In addition, new brick walkways have also been installed.

This site improvement work has been part of the ongoing Brainerd/ Westminster Cemetery preservation program which was begun in 2009. The Board hopes congregation members and visitors to our town will enjoy these improvements and find the history of the cemetery a fascinating trip into our past.

~ 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

NAMI support and education services are a direct response to the expressed needs of individuals and family members for support and information needed to manage recovery from mental illness. The combination of both support on an ongoing basis and education beginning early in the onset of mental illness, provides the optimum assistance to both families and consumers to manage the long-term illness and recovery processes. In addition, the educational outreach in the general community assists individuals and families in combating stigma and in identifying mental illness early so that early intervention is possible.

People who are affected by mental illness as caregivers, family members, friends or consumers, are welcomed to participate in NAMI Mercer programs. This includes people from all socio-economic and racial-ethnic groups. NAMI Mercer serves people from the greater Mercer County area, including Cranbury. NAMI Mercer holds many meetings throughout the county to provide our support and education to a diverse group of people in need.

Karen Marquis, President of NAMI Mercer will present the Minute for Mission on Sunday and be available during coffee hour to discuss the many programs that are available in their offices. Among them are support and education programs for children, young adults, adults and family members. Please come and hear what they have to offer.

Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer: It is interesting to know what one of our neighboring presbyteries is doing for youth. Several churches in the Presbytery of Long Island, NY, minister to young males through the W.A.N.T.E.D. The question was "What do we most want our sons, even the perpetrators of crime to know about themselves?" The answer was, "We want them to know they are wanted". So, instead of telling the young men of the world that they are "wanted" in a negative sense, the W.A.N.T.E.D. Project tells young men instead that they are worthy, accountable, named, thankful, empowered and determined. It has taken the future of young males to heart and is addressing the issues that plague many young men between the ages of 12 and 18. Fifteen young men were in the first class which met for a seven-week program, learning what it means to be wanted in positive terms. The program continues with monthly meetings to support the young men. Parents who hear about the program almost always respond "Thank God! When can they start?" The congregations in the partnership are grateful to answer God's call and serve their community in a loving and caring way.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

November 11, November 14, November 18, November 21

Upcoming Event

Senior Fellowship will have "An Arm Chair Tour of Cranbury", presented by Historical Society member Richard Moody on Tuesday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall. Normally, he does walking tours but this tour of the town will be with slides. He will share with us his vast knowledge of the town. We will also have a hot dog lunch which will begin at 12 noon.

If you are over age 55, not on our calling list and you would like to attend this program, please contact the church office at (609)395-0897 by Monday, November 11. Be sure to tell the office how many hot dogs you would like.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 11/10 (Team #3) - 11/17 (Team #4)

Commitment Sunday was November 3. If you haven't returned your 2014 pledge card and/or your time and talent sheets it isn't too late. Just drop them off in the church office or in the offering plate.

~~ 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 10, 2013 – November 17, 2013

Sunday 10	(Mission Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4:00p–5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom 6p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 11	(Veterans Day) 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 12	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 10:00a-4:00p Sr. Fellowship set-up and Program at 12:00 noon - FH/Kit/VAN 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wednesday 13	9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a- 12:00p CPNS – FH 4:00p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee @ ML Meeting Room 7p-10p Cranbury Camera Club Mtg. - FH 7:00p – 9:30p Mercer Area District Committee meetings – McK Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 14	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 15	8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 16	Boy Scout Food Collection
Sunday 17	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4:00p–5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group & Jr. High Youth sorting of food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn