

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
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Capriccio* **Johann Jacob Froberger**
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 *“Thank You Lord”* **Diane Davis**
Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Jesus Loves Me”*
Pre-K through 2nd Grade Sunday School Classes

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)* *“Be Thou My Vision”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* Dr. Gaylord French
Holy God, you are surely our salvation, for though our idleness and sin deserve your anger, you turn to us in grace and comfort us. You are our strength and our might, enabling us to work peaceably and to do what is right, drawing deep from your wellsprings of life, and putting the former things out of mind. Grant us, we pray, ever deeper gratitude for your grace in Jesus Christ, that we may offer you enduring praise and exalt your name, singing with joy at your merciful presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 9:9-12

Cole Toto
Pew Bible pg. 438

ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts”

from Godspell
Children’s Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Pew Bible pg. 205

SERMON

“When the Lights go Out”

Mr. Brett Butler

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #474 (Hymnal)*

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. French

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

“Open our eyes thou loving and compassionate Jesus”

Will C. Macfarlane
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #275 (Hymnal)*

“God of Our Life”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Fugue on the “Kyrie”

François Couperin
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on December 1, 2013, for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

We give thanks to God for the birth of

Jake Wilson Taylor and James Morrison Taylor, III
on November 7, 2013
sons of Jay and Kristen Taylor
brothers of Gracie

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.” I John 3:1

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 Bob Shimer from the family.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the First and Second Grade Sunday School class.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Ken Rossman.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Mark Sasso; and Agnes Winchell.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Rosellyn Cassidy’s father, Jim Savasta; Barbara Danser’s mother, Evelyn Walton; Martha Donovan’s pastor in Virginia, The Rev. Dusty K. Fiedler; 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 Tracy LaMana family, and Doug and Jean Lovejoy; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis and brother-in-law Joseph, family member, Harriet George and friend Allarv Hollis Lewis; Leah Moy’s friends, Irene and Marty Goldberg; 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: Join the group in Room 1 as we go through the Bible. We have read “Obadiah”, “Philemon”, “II John” and look forward to reading another book “III John” next Sunday, November 24, in Room 1 with Dr. Gretchen Hull. So come out at 9:15 a.m. next week—we’ll see you there!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House and Parent Program last week. We were so happy to be able to share all the wonderful things we do here at CPNS. It's our job as parents and educators to provide the necessary tools for each child's appropriate development. Sharing the discussion with our family and friends on the topic of teaching young children in the media age provided an opportunity to look at our practices at home and in our classrooms. 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 that I'm glad we were able to share, thank you for attending.

Registration for the school year 2014-2015 will begin in January. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school and encourage them to contact us. 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

The Presbyterian Serious Mental Illness Network (PSMIN) welcomes those who advocate in the church and greater community for those who have been touched by mental illness. They seek equity, justice, human dignity and full acceptance into the life of the church. Our church in Cranbury is supporting the same mission through our volunteerism and financial support of NAMI Mercer.

“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.”
Isaiah 40:1 (NRSV)

The Comfort My People policy statement on serious mental illness by PSMIN is “We walk in faith with Christ who stepped over social and religious boundaries and dared to touch and heal the lepers of his day. Like the Prophet Isaiah, we are called to be faithful companions of the Lord by breaking down dividing walls that exile us from each other, and celebrating the gift of community for all people.”

The first step in helping ourselves, our loved ones, and our community is to learn all that we can about mental illness. Since many people tend to fear and shun what they do not understand, education is the best way to clear up misconceptions, eliminate stigma, and break down barriers to treatment and recovery.

The definition of mental illness: *Mental illness is a health condition characterized by changes in a person's thinking, feeling, and/or behavior that result in personal distress and difficulty in daily functioning and in relating to others.*

Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas and anemia a disorder of the blood, mental illnesses are brain disorders that interfere with managing the everyday demands of life. Unfortunately, many people continue to see "mental" functions and "physical" functions as distinct, when, in fact, the mind and the body are inseparable. When we understand more about mental illness, we challenge stigma and support the causes which lead people to lives of recovery. This is why our church supports NAMI Mercer and their efforts to educate, support and advocate for those families affected by mental illness.

Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer: One of the Presbyteries near to us is that of New York City. To read of the involvement of their several churches is an impressive journey. Faith Presbyterian Church in Maspeth, Queens, has outgrown its building and now rents additional commercial space for its blossoming ministry to Korean Americans. Olive Presbyterian Church in Staten Island converts its only church school classroom into an eight-bed-women's' shelter and provides opportunities that bring congregation members and shelter guests together. Madison Avenue Presbyterian partners with the Harare Synod Church of Central African Presbyterian in Zimbabwe for mutual strengthening of each other's ministries. The First Presbyterian in Jamaica, Queens attracts neighborhood families through its midweek LOGOS ministry, a players drama group and strong community presence. Obviously the Presbyterians in the NYC area are making a healthy contribution to people here and people abroad.

Skeet's Food Pantry is looking for small new gifts (for all ages) to be given out on December 13 with their monthly food distribution. Thank you.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

Join us on Thursday, November 21 as Monty Hagerty will share with us the history of Hagerty the Florist.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, New Jersey. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Stan Dickerson at (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright at (609)799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

November 18, November 21

Special Thanks...Connie Bauder, coordinator of Senior Fellowship would like to give thanks to the following members who make it possible for the Senior Fellowship mission of this church to flourish. Please give your thanks to them for doing God's work, Bill Bauder, Nancy and Dennis Chonko, Joan Fraser, Heidi Knowlton, Jean Randazzo, Audrey Smith and Larry White. Please keep these people in your prayers and join with me in giving them thanks for their service.

Upcoming Event

Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10 at 12(noon) in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a full luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS.

Starting on November 15, we will be calling our calling list of regular participants. If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to attend, you must call the church office at 609-395-0897 to preregister for this program before November 29.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL - FROM SENIOR FELLOWSHIP. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to carry out this mission and especially to have this Christmas program.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 11/17 (Team #4) - 11/24 (Team #1)

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.

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Would you like to help usher one of the 3 beautiful services for this year's holiday season?

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, DECEMBER 24, 2013

5:00 p.m. – Children's Service

8:00 p.m. – Family Service

11:00 p.m. – Communion Candlelight Service

The sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex or contact Caren Anuszewski, Ushers Guild Coordinator, at (609)587-8883 or [crrabbe91@optimum.net](mailto:crcrabbe91@optimum.net).

~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 17, 2013 – November 24, 2013

Sunday 17	9:15a Christian Education for all ages 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 5:30p-7p Youth Group/Jr. High Youth sorting food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study
Monday 18	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 19	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wed. 20	9:30a CPNS Thanksgiving Rehearsals - FH 1:00a CPNS Thanksgiving Rehearsals – FH 6:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep-FH 7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting - Library 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting-Rm 10 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 21	8:30a Senior Breakfast Club at Cranbury Inn 9:15a CPNS Thanksgiving Rehearsals - FH 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:00a CPNS Thanksgiving Rehearsals - FH 3:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep-FH 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 22	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 12(noon)-5p Thanksgiving Basket set-up and preparation – FH 5:00p Sr. High Trip – Johnsonburg – (VAN) 8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 23	8a – 12(noon) Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets Sr. High Trip – Johnsonburg – (VAN) 7:00p Cub Scouts – FH (JY)
Sunday 24	(Christ the King) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 1:00p Sr. High Trip – returns – (VAN) 1p CPNS Thanksgiving Day Prog set-up-FH 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:00p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-8:30p Community Thanksgiving Worship Service 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study