

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

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Andante Tranquillo

Peter Warlock
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

“I will Celebrate”

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Gaylord French

You are a chosen people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood.

We proclaim the mighty acts of God, who calls us from darkness to light.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Once we were no people; now we are the people of God.

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You call us to be a holy temple, but we reject the very cornerstone. You call us to be a holy people, but we resist your saving grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Make us new people, a new temple, filled with the Spirit of life—the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 6: 10-17	Dr. French Pew Bible pg. 195
ANTHEM	<i>“Beautiful People”</i>	Young Worship Choir
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 6: 9-11	Pew Bible pg. 249
SERMON	“D-Fence”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #119 (Hymnal)*	<i>“The Strife Is O’er”</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Bread for the World	Gretchen Stults
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Mitchell
L: Lord, in your mercy,		
P: hear our prayer.		

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	<i>“Christ is made the sure foundation”</i>	Dale Wood The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Dr. French
HYMN #122 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Thine Is the Glory”</i>	
RESPONSE*	<i>Chorale Amen</i>	The Chorale
BENEDICTION*		
POSTLUDE*	<i>“Praise to Thee and Adoration”</i>	Georg Boehm Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 7

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(rain or shine)

strawberries, cake, ice cream
music—games—face painting—clown and more

Purchase tickets in advance

Family Pass up to five people: \$25

Individual Tickets: \$6

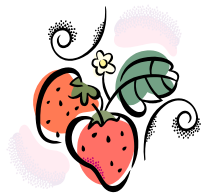
Tickets are available during coffee hour, at the church office, CPNS or from any Deacon

Tickets at the door

Family Pass up to five people: \$28

Individual Tickets: \$7

**Sponsored by the Board of Deacons to benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund



Vacation Bible School 2014!!

July 28 – August 1

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

for 4yr olds – 6th grade

Register online: www.cokesburyvbs.com/cranburypres
or at the church office (M-F 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Registration is \$25 per child, cash or check

Registration Deadline: June 15

This year children will celebrate God's works and wonders together! At *The Workshop of Wonders*—where God's world shines with beauty and wonder!

Together we will...

- † Discover how to imagine and build with God
- † Experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary through the love of Jesus
- † Meet people from the Bible who had to use what they had to make something amazing with God
- † Discover that God's love welcomes everyone



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.

Coffee Hour is in Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

Greeters are Earl Davison and Heidi Knowlton.

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; Jean Dvorak; Will Ellsworth; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Elsie Sutton; Lindsey Warne; and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles & brother, Ralph Stiles; Judy Barbour's son, David; Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Wayne & Cyndi Girardet's son and Karen & Andy Moutenot's son-in-law, Benjamin Girardet; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius & Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder & great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Leah Moy's mother, Helen Wagner; Jean Randazzo's daughter, Susan; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family; and Margo & Larry Wegner's son, Devin.

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: Len Swec on May 25. **Happy Birthday!**

Further details for our events can be found on our website at www.cranburypres.org. If you do not receive our weekly emailed newsletter, please contact the church office so you can be added.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- On **Sunday, May 25**, join Dr. Tom Driver and Anne Barstow in the library at 9:15 a.m. for the conclusion of the series entitled: *Should the Presbyterian Church be a 'Peace Church'?*

CPNS

- The children in our 4/5-year-old program will be visiting one of the historic barns in Cranbury on Cranbury Neck Road. Audrey Smith who is a member of the Cranbury

Historical Society and a former Cranbury Kindergarten teacher will be sharing information about the barn and reading a book or two. We really appreciate this wonderful opportunity for the children to explore and discover one of the things that makes Cranbury so special.

- Summer will be here before you know it and we don't want you to pass up the opportunity of sending your children to one or all four weeks of our CPNS Pre-Summer or Summer program. They will have wonderful adventures as they explore, discover and learn. We hope you will sign them up today; children going into our 3-year-old program through children going into 1st grade are welcome to participate. Registration forms are available on our website.
- We are currently accepting registrations for the school year 2014-2015. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school and encourage them to contact us. We would be happy to show them our school and tell them about all the wonderful learning opportunities that we have each and every day. Registration forms are on our website, www.cranburypres.org or call Janice at 609 655-8663 for the details.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

- **Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Since 2007, volunteers from Kiskiminetas Presbytery, PA congregations from teenagers to volunteers in their 80's have rolled up their sleeves and dug into disaster-recovery work. Traveling in teams as large as 58 members they have ventured to Mississippi, Iowa City, New Orleans, Nashville and Queens to help individuals and families clean up, repair, and rebuild their homes. The couple who lead these trips say that the most exciting aspect of this hands-on ministry is the enthusiasm for mission that participants bring home. Touched by stories of disaster and loss, but also of hope and determination, teenagers in particular have returned to their congregations and schools, eager to share their experiences, and recruit others. Best of all, presbytery work-trip veterans are forming smaller local and regional teams and working long weekends at disaster sites within PA and beyond.
- Yes, today is the day we invite you to come to the Bread for the World table in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour to participate in our **BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS**. All you have to do is to sign the pre-written letters to our Senators, Cory Booker and Robert Menendez and Representative, Rush Holt, urging them to support measures to Reform US Food Aid. We have been pointing out the need--an unbelievable amount of hunger in the world, the large part the United States has played and continues to play in helping to remove or reduce this scourge from the world, and the urgent changes that are needed in the way we send this help.

One we have not dwelt on is the need to provide better nutrition and the importance of proper nutrition in a child's life from the time the baby is conceived until he/she is two. New types of specialized food-aid products have been developed to address this issue, and reforming food aid will make it easier to provide them where they are needed. We are all aware of the terrible pressures on the federal budget and these pressures have caused funding to decrease 37 percent from its peak five years ago. When rising transportation costs and higher food prices are factored in, an equivalent amount of funding reaches only half as many people as it did when the Food for Peace program began. Certainly, it is up to us to even this more limited amount of funds as wisely as possible. The reforms suggested will make a positive difference for the hungry. We hope to see you in the Parish Hall at the BREAD FOR THE WORLD table May 18. You can help to make a difference!

OUTREACH

- **Website Help Needed!** Do you have an hour to spare once every three weeks or so? Do you have some computer experience? Would you like to learn more about creating and working on websites?

The Outreach Committee is looking for a few folks to help with the church website. Please consider sharing your talents by helping the webmasters maintain the website. Contact the Outreach Committee or the webmaster for more information at webmaster@cranburypres.org or outreach@cranburypres.org.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

- **Senior Exercise Schedule:** May 19, May 22, (NO CLASS on May 26), and May 29

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

- **Counting Teams:** 5/18 (Team #2) – 5/25 (Team #3)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 5/11/14)

	Week Ended 5/11	YTD to 5/11
Offerings	\$5,374	\$212,555
Expenses	\$6,279	\$169,890
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$905)	\$42,665

WORSHIP

- **Flower Openings** available on Sunday, June 1 and June 29. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or (609)890-0822.

CALENDAR (May 18, 2014 – May 25, 2014)

Sunday 18	Jr. High Johnsonburg Retreat 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Library Committee – Library 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 19	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 20	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wednesday 21	6p-8p Sr. High Youth Group-Youth Room/FH 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting–Rm #10 7:00p – 9:30p Mercer Area District Committee meetings – McK Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 22	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts–McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 23	8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Rm
Saturday 24	
Sunday 25	(Ascension of the Lord Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn