

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
6th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord
May 25, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Voluntary* **John Hingeston**
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 *“Enter into His gates”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Mrs. Vicki Waciega**
Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with joy!
Sing praises to God; sing praises!
Christ is risen from the dead and reigns in heaven.
How majestic is the Lord on high.

HYMN # 263 (Hymnal)* *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You made Christ the head of the church; still we seek to exalt ourselves. You put all things under his feet; still we seek to humble others. Forgive us; give us new life! Lift up our hearts to heaven, where your new life awaits us, 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 Brett**

SCRIPTURE	1 Peter 3:13-22	Peter Miller Pew Bible pg. 234
ANTHEM	<i>“Plenty Good Room”</i>	Kirby Shaw The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Acts 17:22-31	Pew Bible pgs. 137-138
SERMON	“To an Unknown God”	Mr. Brett Butler

THE RESPONSE

HYMN # 368 (Hymnal)* *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 *“According to Thy Gracious Word”* Gilber M. Martin
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Mrs. Waciega

HYMN # 561 (Hymnal)* *“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Toccata* Bernardo Pasquini
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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given by Barbara and Martin Santoro in loving memory of her parents, Maria and Antoni Ochnio and his parents, Reynold and Helen Santoro.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Kirstie Venanzi.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Don Winchell.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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; Judy Barbour's son, David; Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak's friend, Lori Sigley; 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; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanian; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Len Swec on May 25 and Lil Conley on May 27. **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. Weekly bulletin info is due to the church office every Tuesday.

CHOIR

- Luke Sickle, a very talented member of the church brass band, died on Friday, May 16. Our baritone horn player will sorely be missed.

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:** Washington Presbytery in PA has had a partnership with Christian congregations in Ethiopia since 1991. Several leaders from Ethiopian congregations have come to PA to deliver firsthand accounts of the Holy Spirit's work in gathering new believers and growing churches in their area. The visits have renewed the partnership covenant and have seen the hand of God working in education, agriculture, medical care, and economic development as well as becoming better at understanding the challenges faced by Ethiopian sisters and brothers. Many Presbyterian congregations have provided, among other things, literacy materials, clean water wells, and sewing machines.
- **Bread For The World Offering of Letters** - Many thanks to those who participated in last Sunday's Bread for the World Offering of Letters. We sent 134 letters to Washington, with Senators Menendez and Booker and Representative Rush Holt receiving assurance that we are concerned about hunger and will appreciate their favorable vote on proposed changes in the Food Aid program. This number of letters tops what we have sent in the past and you are all to be congratulated!

Gretchen Stults and Pat Demers

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: (NO CLASS-May 26),** May 29, June 2, **(NO CLASS-June 5),** June 9, June 12
- **All seniors of the church are invited** to sit and eat their ice cream at the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 7 with the members of Senior Fellowship at 4:00 p.m. Look for our marked tables when you arrive! The church band will play from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

- **Counting Teams:** 5/25 (Team #3) – 6/1 (Team #4)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 5/18/14)

	Week Ended 5/18	YTD to 5/18
Offerings	\$5,350	\$217,905
Expenses	\$5,880	\$175,770
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$530)	\$42,135

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 25, 2014 – June 1, 2014)

Sun. 25	(Ascension of the Lord Sunday) 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./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
Mon 26	(Memorial Day) CPNS/Church Office Closed 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tues. 27	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wed. 28	
Thurs. 29	(Ascension of the Lord) 10:00a Senior Exercise
Fri. 30	
Sat. 31	8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Sun. 1	9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./McK Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service with Communion 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:00p Boy Scouts – FH/Kit 7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn