

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
4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2014 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

March

John Marsh
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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Gaylord French

We come here today, in the presence of the Holy One:

Who will show us the way to hope and grace.

We come today to the spring of hope:

Where Jesus will draw for us all the living water we can drink.

We speak from our hearts, lifting our praise and prayers:

Leaning over to listen, the Spirit hears us, filling us with peace.

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

We are sinners, Creator of gentleness, and cannot make good choices. We know what is the right thing to do, yet end up acting in wrong ways. We know the gentle words a friend needs, yet raise our voices in anger and hurt. We hear you inviting us to crawl up into your gracious lap, but run outside to play with our old friend, evil. Forgive us, Blessor and Blessing of our hearts, and rescue us from our foolish lives. Speak to our aching spirits with your healing hope. Yoke us with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might lead gentle and gracious lives in the days to come. Amen. (*Silence is kept*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

God deals faithfully and truly with us. Choosing to forget our mistakes, and to forgive our sins, God blesses us with love and hope.

Blessed, forgiven, and healed – we are God’s new people, going out to bring others to the waters of life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✨

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27

Don Winchell
Pew Bible pgs. 503-504

ANTHEM

"Tis a gift to be simple"

Shaker, arr. Hal Hopson
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Pew Bible pgs. 11-12

SERMON

"The Secret that Sinners Know" Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

The Apostles' Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Voluntary in C

Samuel Jackson
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. French

HYMN #516 (Hymnal)* *"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"*

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

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that at the Table you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #561 (Hymnal)* "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Concluding Voluntary* **Anon.**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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

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

VBS 2014 Giving Tree

The Giving Tree tags/ornaments are items needed for Summer 2014 VBS! Please take one and return the item in the baskets below the tree. Thank you for making VBS a fun learning experience for our children!

July 27 Commissioning for VBS Volunteers AND Commissioning for Youth Mission Trip Volunteers

Please Help Donate Items to the Youth Group Mission Trip Yard Sale!

Donation Drop-Off Dates

July 6 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 7 - July 11 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Drop-Off your Donated Item(s) in the Fellowship Hall

Items Accepted:

- Gently worn clothing
- Books
- Tools
- Furniture, home décor & artwork
- DVDs, CDs, & video games
- Collectibles
- Small appliances or electronics
- Toys and games
- Please no bedding or broken items

**All proceeds sponsor the Youth Group Mission Trip to Braxton, West Virginia!



Join us on
Saturday, July 12
for the Youth Group Mission
Trip Yard Sale
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine!
Front Lawn
(Fellowship Hall if raining)

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 Communion Servers are Vicki Bain, Pat Bohrs, Ken & Anne Gordon and Ann Mooney.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Gladys and John Frisch's parents, Irene and George Evans and Myra S. and John Frisch, Sr.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Ken and Anne Gordon.

Greeter is Earl Davison.

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; Alan Danser; Will Ellsworth; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Cheryl Richardson; Elsie Sutton; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

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; Jean Dunham's son, Jay Dunham; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Dina Ellsworth's cousin, Aaron Briggs; 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; friends of the congregation, Robert & Patricia Grasso's, friend Michelle Martin; Barbara Hannon's daughter, Cynthia Wood; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Mark & Joanne Hughes' friend, Phil Peery; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Leah Moy's mother, Helen Wagner; friend of the congregation, Rich Pape; Jean Randazzo's daughter, Susan; Cheryl Richardson's god-daughter, Kimberly Foley; 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: Helen Lee on July 8, Dorothy Klotzbecher on July 11 and Gretchen Stults on July 12. **Happy Birthday!**

CPNS

• We had a fantastic two week pre-summer program. Everyone had a great time and learned so many wonderful things. We now have a few weeks to get ready for our summer program and look forward to another two weeks of fun and exciting times of discovery and learning. We are still taking registrations for that program, it will be held the weeks of July 14 and July 21. Plan on stopping by to visit and check out the fun.

We are currently accepting registrations for the school year 2014-2015 as well as our summer program. 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. You could find the registration forms on our website, www.cranburypres.org or call Janice at 609 655-8663 for the details.

MEADOW LAKES

• **Bible Study**, led by Suzanne Schafer-Coates, will be held on at Meadow Lakes on Tuesday afternoons during July and August, (eight weeks in all) beginning on Tuesday, July 8, from 2:30-3:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room. We will be using another in the series presented by the Rev. Dr. Ray Vander Laan, (which includes wonderful teaching videos filmed on location at eight biblically significant sites), this series is called Life and Ministry of the Messiah. Following the 20 minute video, we will discuss the Biblical story highlighted and how it touches our lives. Everyone from CPC and ML is welcome to attend.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

- **Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Stories of struggle, of sorrow, of laughter and tears, of family separation--all these stories are heard by a Young Adult Volunteer worker at the Southside Worker Center in Tucson, Arizona simply because she is present. And she makes us realize how important is presence or accompaniment in the ministry of the church. It is then that we become Christ's hands and feet in the world and stand with others who are facing difficult situations. Jesus found rest as he faced the crucifixion, knowing that God was with him. It is a blessing and a joy to be comforted by someone's presence and to be that presence for someone else.
- **TASK Mission:** Due to van driver schedule changes, we are in need of additional van driver(s) to take volunteers to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) the first Thursday of each month to serve a meal. If you can help this important ministry of our church, please contact Anne Gordon at 609/409-7885.

OTHER NEWS

A slide show of the 2014 Strawberry Festival is now posted on the church website at www.cranburypres.org. See everyone in Fellowship Hall enjoying their ice cream and all the great games that were set up on the lawn with the children having a good time.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

- **Counting Teams:** 7/6 (Team #1) – 7/13 (Team #2)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 6/29/14)		
	Week Ended 6/29	YTD to 6/29
Offerings	\$7,101	\$262,240
Expenses	\$4,704	\$212,304
Net Income/(Loss)	\$2,397	\$49,936

WORSHIP

• **All Lay Readers** - please be advised that the calendar for July through December 2014 is now available in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to be a Lay Reader, please sign up. New Readers are very welcome!!!

- **Flower Openings** available on Sunday, July 27 and August 17. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or (609)890-0822.

CALENDAR (July 6, 2014 – July 13, 2014)

Sunday 6	9:15a-9:45a Summer Pickup Choir 10:00a Worship w/communion followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service with Communion **Youth set-up for Garage Sale - FH 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
Monday 7	**Youth set-up for Garage Sale - FH 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 8	**Youth set-up for Garage Sale - FH 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 2:30p-3:30p Bible Study-ML Meeting Rm 7:30p AA – McK Rm
Wednesday 9	**Youth set-up for Garage Sale - FH
Thursday 10	**Youth set-up for Garage Sale - FH
Friday 11	Church Office Closed 6:00p – 8:00p Youth sorting/pricing for Garage Sale - FH 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 12	8:00a – 1:00p Fundraiser – Youth Garage Sale – Courtyard(FH is rains)
Sunday 13	9:15a-9:45a Summer Pickup Choir 10:00a Worship (VBS Children’s Message) followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice