

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments

in the Courtyard following the service.

(✦ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Suite in D Minor

Daniel Purcell (c. 1660-1717)

Harpsichord

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

Ann Mooney

Like light that scatters the darkness,

surely the Lord is in this place!

Like wheat gathered up at the harvest,

the kingdom of heaven is near.

HYMN #464 (Hymnal)*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Ode to Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

We have tried to hide from your searching gaze, O God: we’ve climbed mountains, and burrowed deep into earth’s caverns; we’ve fled to the farthest edges of our souls, and longed to sail in our fears to the dark side of the moon. And wherever we go – you are waiting for us! Even in the dimmest corners of our hearts, your light is able to find us. Lost, we are found; afraid to speak of our sinfulness – you hear our stumbling words before we shape them in our minds; unable to help ourselves – you redeem us through the gracious love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort; in moments so dark we stumble over ourselves, God lights the way; in joy which cascades into our souls, God fills us with healing.

P: **Even when we cannot see it, God’s hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚		Pastor Suzanne
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 139	Mary Speer Pew Bible pgs. 577-578
ANTHEM	<i>"O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"</i> (Ps. 95)	L. Stanley Glarum Summer Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Romans 8: 12-25	Pew Bible pg. 158
SERMON	"The God Who Will Never Let Us Go"	Rev. Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #384 (Hymnal)*	<i>"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"</i>	St. Margaret
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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>Elevation</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher Organ
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Ms. Mooney
HYMN #298 (Hymnal)*	<i>"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"</i>	In Babilone

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Rigadoon</i>	Geo F. Handel Organ
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***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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Elizabeth Dusik Hagerty by her family.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Art and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Pat Scott.

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; 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; Roselynn Cassidy’s father, Jim Savasta; Jean Dunham’s son, Jay; 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; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Barbara Danser on July 21. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VBS 2014 Giving Tree: We are one week away from Vacation Bible School, we have gotten so many great donations for the Giving Tree, thank you all! Please feel free to try and finish off some of our remaining tags this week!!

Reminder: July 27 is the Commissioning for VBS Volunteers AND the Youth Mission Trip Volunteers.

CPNS

We had a fantastic first week of our summer program. Everyone had a great time and learned so many wonderful things. Some of the children had fun learning about the zoo and the animals that live there, while others learned about recycling and spent some time in our CPNS Garden. We are looking forward to another week of fun and exciting times of discovery and learning. Registrations for the week of July 21 are still being accepted, it's never too late to join in the fun. Plan on stopping by to visit if you are in the area.

We are currently accepting registrations for the school year 2014-2015, including a variety of enrichment programs. 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 at Meadow Lakes on Tuesday afternoons through August 26, 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 is welcome to attend!

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Perhaps some of you have read about this particular project--the making of little girls' dresses from pretty pillowcases. A woman in the First Presbyterian Church of Wellsboro, PA, was inspired with the idea of making these garments for little girls living under circumstances that would not normally allow for such things. Her idea was met with enthusiasm and the combined effort produced nearly 100 dresses which were sent to southern Thailand and Burma, both because the pastor had a contact there and because the situation in that country was bad enough that it knew the gifts would be appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/20 (Team #3) – 7/27 (Team #4)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 7/13/14)		
	Week Ended 7/13	YTD to 7/13
Offerings	\$6,814	\$276,080
Expenses	\$4,234	\$227,587
Net Income/(Loss)	\$2,580	\$48,493

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Yard Sale: A Big Thank You to all who donated to and helped with the Yard Sale, we raised \$1,040 dollars for the Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia! Thanks so much!

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CALENDAR (July 20, 2014 – July 27, 2014)

Sunday 20	9:15a-9:45a Summer Pickup Choir 10:00a Worship followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 1:00p – 4:00p Youth Group Event @ the Miller’s house 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
Monday 21	CPNS Summer Program 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 22	CPNS Summer Program 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 2:30p-3:30p Bible Study – Meadow Lakes Meeting Rm 7:30p AA – McK Rm
Wednesday 23	CPNS Summer Program
Thursday 24	CPNS Summer Program
Friday 25	Church Office Closed CPNS Summer Program 7:00p Haring/Patterson Wedding Rehearsal 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 26	4:00p Stephanie Haring/Michael Patterson Wedding
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