

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2014 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Siciliana & Giga (Sonata V)

Geo. F. Handel

Larry Kettelkamp, flute

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. Anne Barstow

God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*

“This Is My Father’s World”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Our God lavishes us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive now that for which faith has hungered: we are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Let us believe God’s Good News and live in peace. Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Suzanne

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 133 and 134

Janet Furchak
Pew Bible pg. 575

ANTHEM

Consecration

John Ness Beck
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15: 1-9, 21-28

Pew Bible pgs. 16-17

SERMON

“The Saints and the Sinners” Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN*

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth’s failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

But we make His love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness
With a zeal He will not own.
Was there ever kinder shepherd
Half so gentle, half so sweet,
As the Savior who would have us
Come and gather at His feet?

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

Air (Orch. Suite No. 3)

J. S. Bach

Larry Kettelkamp, flute

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Barstow

HYMN #377 (Hymnal)* *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Thanks be to God”

Geo. F. Handel

Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A drawing by Rembrandt



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 hosted by Carol and Jack Fisher.

Greeters are Barbara Danser and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Will Ellsworth; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Pastor Lou Mitchell; Kathy Mitchell; Karen Moutenot; 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; 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; Barbara Hannon’s daughter, Cynthia Wood; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga Zelder; Karen Moser’s friends, Zachary Cail and family; 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



Homecoming Picnic
Sunday, September 7, 2014
11:00 a.m. (after the service)
in the courtyard

Congregational Life Committee
will provide burgers, hot dogs, veggie
burgers and drinks

Last names beginning with:
A-R bring salad/sides
S-Z bring a dessert

The Brass Band will perform.

Everyone is invited – help us
celebrate!!!



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: Marge Scott on August 24 and Ken Rossman on August 25. **Happy Birthday!**

CPNS

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, and had time to rest, relax and spend time with family. This week our CPNS teachers will be meeting for our first teacher's meeting of the new school year 2014-2015. It's always a great time together; we have the opportunity to catch up and finalize plans we have been making over the summer months. There are so many exciting things happening at CPNS this year and we hope you have the opportunity to share in the activities and fun we have planned.

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: An interesting and, it develops, an effective way to run a vacation Bible School is practiced by a 45-50 member church in Indiana. Since 1997 this church, in partnership with its local nursing home and rehabilitation center, has offered its four-day summer VBS program. With 10-20 children and up to 25 nursing home residents and 15-20 adult buddies who help supervise and assist, the VBS program is a special time when God moves in the midst of this multigenerational community. Typical VBS days--held in the dining room of the nursing home--include name tags, prayers and greetings, action songs, Bible storytelling, a craft related to the lesson, a table game that encourages

communication a snack, and a big group game. The program's lasting results are inspiring. Children who participate are completely comfortable going to the nursing home, have developed long-term friendships with the residents, and have asked their parents to take them to visit residents whom they have grown to love.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 8/24 (Team #4) – 8/31 (Team #1)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 8/17/14)		
	Week Ended 8/17	YTD to 8/17
Offerings	\$5,942	\$306,304
Expenses	\$6,971	\$273,843
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$1,029)	\$32,461

WORSHIP

All Lay Readers - please be advised that the calendar for August 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!!!

CALENDAR (August 24, 2014 – August 31, 2014)

Sunday 24	9:15a-9:45a Summer Pickup Choir 10:00a Worship followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
Monday 25	7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 26	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 2:30p-3:30p Bible Study – Meadow Lakes Meeting Rm 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA – McK Rm
Wednesday 27	8:30a-3:00p CPNS Initial Teacher's Meeting – FH/Lib/Kit 6:30p-10:00p Helene Cody Foundation Meeting – McK Rm
Thursday 28	
Friday 29	Church Office Closed 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 30	
Sunday 31	9:15a-9:45a Summer Pickup Choir 10:00a Worship with Communion followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice