

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Plain-Jeu, Duo, Recite de Nazard and Basse de Cromhorne* François D’Agincour
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 *“Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness”* Samuel Sebastian Wesley
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler
Christ Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.
Whether we live or die, we belong to God.
Here we stand before the Lord of all life.
Let every knee bow, and every tongue sing praise.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)* *“How Great Thou Art”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We are unmoved by the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive the debts of others. Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*
HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*
THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Daune Arsnow

SCRIPTURE	Revelation 7: 9-17	Janice Parker Pew Bible pgs. 249-250
ANTHEM	<i>“Lo, a voice to heaven sounding”</i> Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825) (Rev. 14: 2)	The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 8: 1-5	Pew Bible pg. 250
SERMON	“The Grand Pause”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)* *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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>Trio</i>	François D’Agincour Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #309 (Hymnal)* *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	The Chorale
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BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Dialogue</i>	François D’Agincour Organ
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Join the fun at the
3rd Annual Pasta Dinner
Friday, October 3, 2014
5:30 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors

Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour on September 14, September 21 and September 28. For more information contact the church office at 609-395-0897



Kindergartners and younger eat for free. **Take-out orders** are available for those busy families who can't join us!



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 available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Jeanne, Ernest E. and Richard McKenrick by Arthur and Gloria-Jean (McKenrick) Ryba.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Bea Davison and Jean Randazzo.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Barbara Hannon.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; 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; the Danser's family friend, Lynda Patterson; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; 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; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Karen Moser's friends, Zachary Cail and family; Leah Moy's mother, Helen Wagner; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family; and Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko Bodo.

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: Betty Borgeson on September 18. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIN EDUCATION

Christian Education for all ages begins on **September 21** at 9:15 a.m.

Lost and Found: If you happen to know where either of the following Sunday School items are located could you please call the church office (609-395-0897) with their whereabouts? Thank you for your help!

- Bows and Arrows (i.e., large bows made of white PVC piping and string; large arrows made of wood with foam tips). These bows and arrows are needed for Bible Blast this October!
- A large bright pink rectangular cardboard box labeled "Hands-On Bible Curriculum Learning Lab" for Pre-K and K (ages 5 & 6) and dated Fall 2013. This curriculum is needed for next year's Kindergarten Sunday school class.

CPNS

Parental involvement in a child's preschool education is an important factor in their success. CPNS has many opportunities for our families to participate, one being able to help as a room parent or room parent helper. On Wednesday we will have our room parent orientation to go over the expectations of what being a room parent is all about. It's a great opportunity for families to participate and help at the same time.

We are once again hosting students from The College of New Jersey as they fulfill their field observation requirements for their sophomore curriculum class. They will be with us on Wednesday mornings beginning on September 17 until the beginning of December. We are honored to have been asked again to share our quality preschool program with these students and share our early childhood expertise with students learning to be teachers.

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.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

A **Special Thanks** to Phoebe Kong who collected donations for Skeet's Pantry for her 10th birthday in lieu of gifts.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: With the creation of a new staff position, that of mission action enabler, First Presbyterian Church in Owensburg, KY has become a more mission focused congregation. It has been able to fulfill more assistance requests while serving the community more extensively and wholeheartedly. New mission enterprises include initiating ecumenical partnerships for the maintenance of a community food bank and increasing support for community help agencies through greater giving. The church has also provided children with a free "store" that allows them to shop for gifts to give their parents and siblings at Christmas. Once all children have shopped for their loved one, parents come in and shop for their children. Thus, everyone is assured of receiving a gift for Christmas!

September Wish List for Skeet's Pantry: Our next food pantry date is September 19, and we could really use everyone's help to re-stock our pantry shelves with PASTA SAUCE, "MAC-N-CHEESE", and CEREAL (regular or family size). We would also like to start collecting Laundry Detergent (regular size – not giant size, please) so that we can give one container to each family at our October Food Pantry – that will be on October 17.

The "new normal" for our pantry seems to be at least 80+ families, compared to the 50 to 60 families we used to expect just a few years ago. In August we gave bags of groceries and fresh produce to 83 families, totaling 262 people of all ages in those families. So needless to say, your generous help continues to be deeply appreciated!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We congratulate Dennis and Nancy Chonko on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Matteo and Lara Nigro, born on September 4, 2014.

OUTREACH

Greeters Needed! We are in need of church greeters. Please contact Walter Wright for more information or to sign-up. Thank you!

OTHER NEWS

Thanks for your prayers and thanks be to God! Our son, Devin, is well; recovered from severe pneumonia. The calls, cards, prayers and power of God sustained us and enabled us to be supportive to Devin. With appreciation, Larry and Margo Wegner

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: September 15, September 18, September 22, September 25 and September 29

Reminder: On September 16, Sr. Fellowship will visit Duke Farms in Hillsborough. We will leave from the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. for all those who previously registered. This trip will be rescheduled if it rains.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/14 (Team #3) – 9/21 (Team #4)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 9/7/14)		
	Week Ended 9/7	YTD to 9/7
Offerings	\$10,711	\$325,652
Expenses	\$4,928	\$295,952
Net Income/(Loss)	\$5,783	\$29,700

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14, 2014

- 8:45a Annual Sunday School Teachers Retreat
- 10:30a** Worship followed by coffee hour
- 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
- 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice

Monday, September 15, 2014

- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 7:30p Brass Choir
- 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Lib.
- 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

- 9:00a** Bulletin Material Due
- 9a-4p Sr. Fellowship VAN
- 10:00a Sr. Fellowship Trip to Duke Farm
- 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
- 7:30p Session Meeting - FH
- 7:30p AA – McK Rm

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

- 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing
- 9a-10a CPNS Room Parent Meeting - FH
- 7:30p Bell Choir

Thursday, September 18, 2014

- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

Friday, September 19, 2014

- 8a-11a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution
- 8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Sunday, September 21, 2014

- 9:15a** **1st day of Christian Education** for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
- 10:30a Worship w/Christian Education Commissioning followed by coffee hour
- 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
- 11:45a Lib. Committee – Lib.
- 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
- 6p-7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
- 8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn