

***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.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Commitment Sunday**  
**November 9, 2014 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune* Christopher Tambling  
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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Congo Carol Kientz

INTROIT *“Let all the world in every corner sing”* Erik Routley  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler

Choose this day whom you will serve.

**We will serve the Lord, and worship God alone.**

Do not hide these things from your children.

**We will proclaim to coming generations the wonders God has done.**

HYMN #139 (Hymnal)\* *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We waste our days with idle pursuits, instead of choosing to serve you. We spend our nights in foolishness, instead of watching for your return. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✦

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚		Pastor Brett
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 12: 1-9	Don Winchell Pew Bible pgs. 252-253
ANTHEM	<i>"Lord, I hold most dear"</i>	C. G. Geisler The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 13	selected verses
SERMON	"666"	Dr. Lou Mitchell

**THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #309 (Hymnal)\*      *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Mr. Butler

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.**

OFFERING AND COMMITMENT 2015

Offertory	<i>Duo sur la Trompette</i>	Jean-François Dandrieu Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)\*      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

POSTLUDE*	<i>Basse et Dessus de Trompette</i>	Jean- François Dandrieu 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. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator. 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 loving memory of the Rev. Wendy Thode by her children, Annie, Betsy and Teddy, her sister and brother-in-law, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton and her mother, Hennie Sushereba.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by Stewardship & Finance Committee.

**Greeters** are Earl Davison and Marie Perrine.

**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 Moser; Russ 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; 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; Ron & Ann Riemann's friend, Susan Seibert; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family.

**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 DeStein on November 11. **Happy Birthday!**

## CHILDCARE NEWS

We are looking for non-church members to help with childcare. If you know of anyone age 18+, please contact Linda Protinick at [Protinick.cpn@cranburypres.org](mailto:Protinick.cpn@cranburypres.org).

## CHOIR NEWS

**Does your child love to sing?** If so, we'd love to invite them to our Children's Choir rehearsals! The Children's Choir meets on Thursday afternoon's beginning at 4:30 p.m. in our sanctuary for rehearsal. They usually sing

once a month during our Worship Service. The Children's Choir Director is Jo D. (Jody) Sechler Andrews. Music and children have always been two of her greatest joys in her life and she would like to share her gifts and talents with the children of the Children's Choir. Jo D. wants to teach and share with the children how God speaks through music. The Children's Choir will sing all kinds of music from around the world; one and two part Sacred Anthems, Old Favorite Hymns, Gospel, Folk, and even some of their favorites from the music they all loved at Vacation Bible School. If you have any questions, please contact Jo D. at [joand23@earthlink.net](mailto:joand23@earthlink.net).

**A note from Donovan Klotzbeacher:** I would like to mention that I have a newly-published music book. It can be obtained by going to [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and searching for the title Donovan D. Klotzbeacher: Twenty-One Pieces for Organ. This book is available in various bindings. The coil-bound version will be most useful to other organists because it will conveniently lie flat on a music desk. Other bindings (such as hardcover) may be of interest to libraries, etc. Regardless, if you have a musician friend, perhaps this would make an interesting gift. It can also be purchased (in paperback) from Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Gaylord French for reviewing the manuscript prior to publication!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adult Ed:** Join us Sunday mornings on November 16, November 23 and November 30 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1 with Gaylord French as he leads us on a journey through Hymnity! We will explore favorite hymns, how they were inspired, and how they have influenced worship through the ages!

**Malawi Children's Hospital Bake Sale!** On November 16 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., join the Christian Education Committee and the Mission, Service and Grants Committee as the Confirmation Class will sell baked goods during Coffee Hour to help support the Children's Ward of Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi!

**Cranbury Men's Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.):** All men are invited to join us in a relaxed setting at the Cranbury Inn. Please contact Brett Butler at [bbutler532@gmail.com](mailto:bbutler532@gmail.com) for more information.

## CPNS

This week at CPNS there will be plenty of smiles. Our picture days are on Wednesday and Thursday and several parents will be helping to make everyone even cuter than they already are. It's always great to have extra helpers on these special days.

Community Child Care Resource & Referral (previously known as United Way) will be providing our teachers with Creative Curriculum materials and training at no charge; what a great opportunity, thank you. We use Creative Curriculum as a resource to our own curriculum, and the training will be held after school on Wednesday so all of our teachers can take advantage of this opportunity.

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](http://www.cranburypres.org) or call Janice at 609 655-8663 for the details.

## MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Although we missed observing Children's Sabbath, I think it is important to pass on to you portions of a letter written by Children's Defense Fund president Marian Wright Edelman that accompanies the 2013 Children's Sabbaths materials: "In 2010 a child or teen was killed by guns every three hours and fifteen minutes--that's more than 21 lost lives every three days from gun homicides, suicides and accidents. A child or youth was killed or injured by a gun every half hour. Between 1963 and 2010 an estimated 166,500 children and teens aged 0-19 lost their lives to gun violence....Of these deaths, 62% were among white children and youths and 36% were among black children and youths; 52 were homicides; 29% were suicides and 16% were accidental deaths...It's time to say enough! This tragic, relentless taking of life by gun violence will continue if you remain silent and do not act. The sacred texts, teachings and traditions of our religious faiths call us not to harm others and point us to the way of nonviolence and the power of love and to protecting the poor and vulnerable."

**Skeet's Pantry News and Needs:** We ask all who are able to keep our Pantry in your thoughts whenever you go food shopping. If you can pick up just one or two items for us each time you shop, it's amazing just how much that kind of help adds up. Between now and our Christmas Food Pantry distribution on December 12, we are asking especially for donations of:

**Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta and/or Rice, Tuna Fish, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Detergent (32 loads or larger), other protein foods such as Canned Beef Stew and hearty soups**

## OUTREACH

**Looking for a Church Home? If you missed today's new member class it's not too late!** Join Pastor Lou and members of the Session on November 16 and November 23 for the New Member Class.

This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of our church. We are a congregation which offers members of all age's opportunities to join in fellowship and expand their faith experiences.

The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. on November 16 in the library and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 23 with breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office at 609/395-0897 to join the class or for additional information.

## SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, November 20** at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The Senior Breakfast group will host their monthly meeting and we will hear from Clifford W. Zink. He will tell us about John Augustus Roebing, a classic American tale of immigration, hard work and entrepreneurship. He built the cables for the Brooklyn Bridge, George Washington Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright.

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

**Senior Exercise Schedule:** November 10, November 13, November 17, November 20, **No Classes on November 24 and November 27**

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

**Counting Teams:** 11/9 (Team #3) – 11/16 (Team #4)

<b>Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 11/2/14)</b>		
	<b>Week Ended 11/2</b>	<b>YTD to 11/2</b>
Offerings	\$9,211	\$383,123
Expenses	\$12,595	\$363,310
Net Income/(Loss)	<b>(\$3,384)</b>	\$19,813

## YOUTH GROUP

**Christmas Wreaths:** This year the Christmas Wreaths are not coming from Mission at the Eastward (they are no longer making wreaths) but from our Youth Group! Please support our youth group this year as we sell beautiful Christmas Wreaths to support our Mission Trip this summer!

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

### November 9, 2014 (Commitment Sunday)

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

### November 10, 2014

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

### November 11, 2014 (Veterans Day)

**9:00a Bulletin Material Due**  
 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office  
 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office  
 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office  
 7:30p AA – McK Rm

### November 12, 2014

**9:00a Session Material Due**  
**ALL Day** CPNS School Pictures – McK Rm  
 9:30a Sr. Fellowship Trip (VAN)  
 3:30p-5:00p CPNS-Lib  
 3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee @ ML Mtg Rm  
 7:30p Bell Choir

### November 13, 2014

**ALL Day** CPNS School Pictures – McK Rm  
 10:00a Senior Exercise  
 4:30p Children's Choir – Sanctuary  
 6:30p-8p Nominating Committee Meeting – Church Office (downstairs)  
 7:30p P&A Mtg.-church office (upstairs)  
 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary  
 8:00p B&G Meeting - Library

### November 14, 2014

8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room

### November 15, 2014

### November 16, 2014

9:00a New Member Class - Lib  
 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)  
 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service  
 11:30a Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser - FH  
 11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.  
 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice  
 5:30p-8:30p Youth Group & Jr. High Youth sorting of food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit  
 6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)  
 8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to rake leaves and the time to look through your pantry and search for canned goods and other goodies for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Your Deacons could be filling as much as 150 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2014 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

### Items needed are:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars; copy paper boxes (for packing the baskets)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there will be a large box labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets." You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door or weekdays at the church office. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. **Food collection will run through November 19.**

Donations are also accepted to be used to purchase turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables. Checks should be made out to the Board of Deacons earmarked "Thanksgiving Baskets" which can be placed in the collection baskets during worship. Thank you very much in advance!



## Christmas Wreaths

The winter holidays offer so many wonderful opportunities to "deck the halls" including hanging wreaths. The youth group will be selling Christmas wreaths this year to support the Youth Mission trip.

You can order these lovely wreaths for only \$15.00. Not only will the wreaths brighten doors during the holidays, but the sale of them will support the youth group of our church.

Please drop off your order form at the church office or leave it in the collection plate on Sundays. **The deadline to order wreaths is November 24.** They may be picked up during coffee hour on Sunday, November 30, 2014.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of wreaths: \_\_\_\_\_

