

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
Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“We gather together”* Franklin Ritter
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 *“Oh, give thanks unto the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

HYMN #551 (Hymnal)* *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we do not follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God and make us a thankful people; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ Pastor Lou

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Anne Barstow, Tom Driver and Kelly Klein. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

NM: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

NM: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

NM: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe 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.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: 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.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

NM: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 18: 33-38

Marie Perrine
Pew Bible pg. 113

ANTHEM

“With a Voice of Thanksgiving”

Hank Beebe

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 11: 15-18

Pew Bible pg. 252

SERMON

“The Return of the King”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #147 (Hymnal)*

“Blessing and Honor”

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

Fantasia on “Forest Green”

Lani Smith
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #555 (Hymnal)*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Nun danket alle Gott”

Georg Kaufmann
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on December 7, 2014, for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Following our Congregational Meeting head over to Fellowship Hall for chicken soup and Christmas cheer! Please bring a dessert to share which can be dropped off in the kitchen before Worship.



Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee

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 Ethel and Jake Klotzbeacher and Ellen and George Vandercher by Dorothy Klotzbeacher. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Bob Shimer from the family.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the 5th and 6th Grade Sunday School Classes.

Greeters are Linda Campbell and Earl Davison.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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; Marlene French; 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!

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.cpns@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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jo D. at 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 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 next Sunday, November 30 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1 with Gaylord French as he concludes his program. We have explored favorite hymns, how they were inspired, and how they have influenced worship through the ages!

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 for more information.

CPNS

This week at CPNS, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. It gives us another opportunity to reflect on everything we are thankful for. God has given us so many wonderful blessings here at CPNS. We are thankful to have a safe warm building that we can go to school in. We are thankful for our parents, board members, church staff and the many volunteers that help us in so many ways. We are thankful for our teachers who love and care for our children every day and we are thankful for our children, those very special blessings, who make us smile and warm our hearts. Please feel free to stop by on Monday at 10:45 a.m. and/or Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 a.m. to enjoy the program and have a special snack with us.

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

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The Presbytery of Genesee Valley is attempting to give its young adults heading out into the world the answers to the question of how God calls them to be in the world. The program, Lagom Landing, offers young people 10 months to reflect on these questions while learning from the monastic practices of labor, simplicity, and community. Students work with their hands primarily in the skilled building trades and learn gardening, food preservation and cooking.

Along with the hands-on aspects of the program students critically reflect on our world through reading, journaling and worship. These youth are learning to listen to God's spirit working through the rhythms of the day. They are learning a much slower pace, creatively using their hands to build up their community, as God guides them to embrace their free lives.

Skeet's Pantry Christmas Wish List: As always, our members and surrounding communities have been VERY generous and our Pantry shelves are looking healthier these days. There are still some gaps on the shelves, though. We'll need enough for about 100 families at our Christmas food distribution on December 12, but we have less than a dozen jars of peanut butter and jars of jelly. The shelves with cans of tuna fish and canned fruit could use some help, too. So our Christmas Wish List is short and sweet! Thanks, and Merry Christmas!

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, TUNA FISH, CANNED FRUIT

OTHER NEWS

Our current bulletin cover illustration was adapted from a drawing done by Clara Amend who died on October 29. Clara created the illustration of our church along with a series of other Cranbury sites to raise money for the preservation of the Old School, now Town Hall, for Cranbury Landmarks. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to her family for her generosity in sharing her talent with this congregation.

An **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service**, sponsored by the Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium, will be held at our church **tonight, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.** Ministers, Rabbis and Choirs from the Ministerium will be participating, with The Rev. Bruce Wood, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hightstown preaching. There will be a "pick-up" community choir, and anyone who wishes to sing is invited to come at 6:30 p.m. to rehearse "Let All Things Now Living". All are Welcome!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Exercise Schedule: No Classes on November 24 and November 27

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a full luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS. Starting on November 15, we will be contacting our regular participants on our calling list. If you are not one of the people on our calling list and you would like to attend, you must call the church office at 609-395-0897 to preregister for this program before noon on November 26.

Special Thanks: Senior Fellowship has had a wonderful year of programs and trips. Connie Bauder, coordinator of Senior Fellowship, would like to give thanks to the following members of the Senior Fellowship Committee who make it possible for the Senior Fellowship mission of this church to flourish. Please give your thanks to them for doing God's work, Bill Bauder, Nancy and Dennis Chonko, Joan Fraser, Jean Randazzo, Audrey Smith, Larry White and Heidi Knowlton. Please keep these people in your prayers and join with me in giving thanks for their service.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/23 (Team #1) – 11/30 (Team #2)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 11/16/14)		
	Week Ended 11/16	YTD to 11/16
Offerings	\$7,847	\$398,527
Expenses	\$7,034	\$373,883
Net Income/(Loss)	\$813	\$24,644

Stewardship Update: Earlier this month, each household was sent a Stewardship packet containing our annual appeal for a commitment of time, talent and a financial pledge toward our 2015 budget needs. Last week was Commitment Sunday, when these stewardship pledges were received and dedicated. If you missed this, it's not too late, please consider making your pledge soon. Pledge cards are available in the church or if you contact the church office, we'd be happy to send you another copy. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship & Finance Committee, the pastors or church staff.

WORSHIP

January is open for flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or call 609-890-0822.

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 as we sell beautiful Christmas Wreaths to support our Mission Trip this summer! See our insert for details and the [deadline to order wreaths is tomorrow, November 24.](#)

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 23, 2014 (Christ the King)

9:00a New Member Breakfast- FH
9:15a Christian Ed for all ages(CRs/Lib./McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship w/New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
1:00p Sr. High Retreat Returns - VAN
4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
6p - 7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service-Sanct/FH
8:30p CPNS set-up for Thanksgiving Day Program-FH

November 24, 2014

10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Day Program – FH/Kit
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

November 25, 2014

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Day Program – FH/Kit
2:15a CPNS Thanksgiving Day Program – FH/Kit
7:30p AA – McK Rm

November 26, 2014

CPNS Closed/Church Office (9:00a to 12:00p)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
7:30p Bell Choir

November 27, 2014 (Thanksgiving Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

November 28, 2014

CPNS/ Church Office Closed
4:00p Court of Honor – FH/Kit (GC)
8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room

November 29, 2014

November 30, 2014 (1st Sunday of Advent)

9:15a Celebration Sunday
9:15a Christian Ed for all ages(CRs/Lib/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