

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
Ascension of the Lord Sunday
May 17, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *"God is gone up with a shout"* **Robert J. Powell**
(Ps. 47: 5) 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 *"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?"* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 24: 3-4a) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Bohrs
Clap your hands and sing to the Lord.
God has gone up with a shout of joy!
Jesus Christ has risen from the dead.
Now he will reign in glory forever.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #144 (Hymnal)* *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. While Jesus was with us on earth, we dismissed him as a heavenly dreamer. Now that he reigns in heaven we forget that he is Lord of all the earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Be the sovereign of our lives and make us always ready to welcome your return in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *"Gloria Patri"*
THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✦ Pastor Suzanne

SCRIPTURE Psalm 47 Confirmand
Pew Bible pg. 518

ANTHEM *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Proverbs 3: 5-6) The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Acts 1: 6-11 and Luke 24: 44-53 Pew Bible pgs. 118 and 91

SERMON *“Clouds above, Footprints below”* Rev. Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #151 (Hymnal)* *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Bread for the World* Gretchen Stults

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 *Devotional Piece, No. 12* Dom Paul Benoit
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Mrs. Bohrs

HYMN #145 (Hymnal)* *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Fugue Grave* Jacques Bovin
Organ

***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 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.

Friends, as we prepare to worship please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. Either refrain from wearing perfume or lessening the amount of perfume worn to church on Sundays. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

Flowers are given in loving memory of our dear friend Claire Maselli from Rose Eller and Diane Smith.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

Greeters are Heidi Knowlton and Ken Rossman

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: Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Walter "Pete" Keve; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Anne Taylor; Margo and Larry Wegner.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Betty Anne Clayton; Peg Dubell; Frank Elliott; Warren Moore; and Bob Smith.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Joan Fraser's friend, Rev. Greg Keosaian; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Joanne Hughes' mother, Bella Tannis; Leah Moy's friend, JoAnn Post; the people of Nepal; 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers!

During coffee hour **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall, we will continue to sell tickets for the **BBO on Sunday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m.** following our Worship Service.



Tickets are \$5; with your ticket you will get a hamburger, cheeseburger, or hotdog, a bag of chips and a drink. As a side note, there will be **NO** coffee hour on this Sunday.



YOUTH CAR WASH: On **Sunday, June 14**, the final fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip to South Carolina will be a car wash from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: We are already getting all ramped up with excitement here getting ready for VBS 2015!!

Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Youth Director, Brett Butler and VBS Coordinator, Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to help with the planning and organization for VBS and we are looking for team members!

Please feel free to email anyone of us (firstpressuz@comcast.net, bbutler532@gmail.com and/or ckhazem@gmail.com), if you are interested in being a small part of this amazing adventure!

VBS 2015 Everest! Join us from July 27 to July 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an awesome and unforgettable VBS experience!

At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Registration is \$27 per child for the whole week! It's easy and fast, just visit this website to register today!

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cranbury

Cranbury Men's Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.): All men are invited to join us in the church office. Please contact Brett Butler for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Attention - Everyone who enjoys a cup of coffee, a few sweets and fellowship. We are having difficulty recruiting hosts for Coffee Hour. If you enjoy these times, please take the time to sign up in Fellowship Hall. The committee is always available to guide and offer assistance to those who are new to hosting and need some mentoring. Please don't hesitate. Any questions, please contact Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com. **SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

CPNS

On Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21 (Rain dates are May 27 and May 28); CPNS will be having a "Panda Picnic in the Park". These special days will be held at the Village Park in Cranbury from **10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, which is **different than our regular class times.** This time together will be filled with music, movement and fun filled activities.

*A Graveside Service will be held for
Leonard F. Swec
on Sunday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. in
Brainerd Cemetery*

Please join us and bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy as we picnic all together with our CPNS families.

We are currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year, as well as our Pre-Summer and Summer Programs. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the opportunity to send their child to our Christian preschool. Ask them to email or call me for a private tour of our school. We look forward to sharing our wonderful school with the families of our church and our local community. Registration forms can be found on our church website, or at CPNS.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

May Wish-List for Skeet's Pantry:

- PASTA – any and all kinds (this is a really important food staple for our families);
- TUNA FISH – lots of protein for our families
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY – either or both. Ditto the protein & everyone likes “PB&J”
- FRUIT JUICE – Any variety is very welcome

We've taken Pasta Sauce and Beef Stew off the list for now because you have all been VERY kind with your contributions of those items. But, as always, we accept any and all good food, as long as the expiration date hasn't been reached yet. If you have “odd items” of food which you're not sure people might like, we do have a miscellaneous table each month from which our families can select items which we don't have in enough quantity to put in every bag. But again, please double check that the expiration date is still current on all items. THANKS AGAIN!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In Mission Presbytery in Texas Divine Redeemer, a predominantly Hispanic congregation located on the west side of San Antonio supports A Multi-level Educational Youth Outreach (MEYO) a holistic integrated ministry serving the at-risk children and teens of the community. MEYO focuses on life skills, character development, academic support, and community service. There are two after-school programs, Peace Pals for elementary school students and House of Teens for middle and high school students. The program also awards scholarships and are thrilled that for more than 10 years, 100 percent of MEYO participants have graduated high school with plans for the future in place.

Bread for the World: Today is THE DAY for all of us to come to the Fellowship Hall after church to participate in the BREAD FOR THE WORLD Offering of Letters that will urge our Senators and Representative to vote against any proposal that will reduce the means of Feeding our Children. In previous articles, we have listed two other things for which BFW is asking Congress. The third thing Congress is being asked is to ensure improvements to child nutrition programs are not paid for by cuts to other vital safety-net programs like SNAP (formerly known as food stamps). Congress has in recent years cut SNAP funding to pay for other programs and it was also cut in the 2014 farm bill. Nearly half of all SNAP recipients are children and so Congress must no longer look to SNAP or any other safety net program to pay for investments in our children. We hope to see you this morning at our BFW table where you can sign already prepared letters to our Congress people asking them to act with wise, compassionate hearts as they make decisions on the budget.

Gretchen Stults

May is Mental Illness Awareness Month. In recognition of the needs of those who are affected by mental illness and receiving treatment in Trenton Psychiatric Hospital (TPH), we are asking for donations to be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall for the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Auxiliary to distribute for birthday gifts and prizes for Bingo, etc. The items they could use are: grooming and cosmetic supplies, playing cards, jewelry, and greeting cards as well as, books, current magazines, DVD's of movies or TV programs. Please donate new or gently used items. (Note that there should be no glass items or anything containing alcohol.) Collection through the month of May.

Those being discharged can always use good grooming supplies such as deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and

tissues, as well as small luggage. Please be generous. Many of these folks have no one else who helps them but this small band of auxiliary workers.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 18, May 21, **May 25 (No Class)**, and May 28

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/17 (Team #2) – 5/24 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 5/10/15
Weekly Offering	\$15,718
YTD Offerings	\$192,179
YTD Expenses	\$154,053
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$38,126
YTD Per Capita	\$4,977
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 23%	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 17, 2015 (Ascension of the Lord 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
 11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.
 1:30p Jr. High Retreat returns from Johnsonburg – (VAN)
3:00p Annual Women's Tea-FH/Kit
 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
 5p – 6p Jr. High Youth Group – McK Rm
 6p– 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
 6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)
 8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible –Church Office

May 18, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
 7:15p APNC – Rm 10
 7:30p Brass Choir
 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Lib.
 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

May 19, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 6:30p Session and Confirmand Dinner – FH
 7:30p Session Meeting - FH
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

May 20, 2015

10:00a – 12:30p CPNS Panda Picnic at Village Park
 12:00p Women's Club Mtg set-up – FH/Kit
 3:00p – 9:00p Women's Club Mtg – FH/Kit
 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
 7:30p Bell Choir

May 21, 2015

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
 10:00a Senior Exercise
 10:00a – 12:30p CPNS Panda Picnic at Village Park
 4:30p- Children's Choir – Sanctuary
 6:00p-8:00p Celebrity Scoopers – Gil-n-Berts
 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs)
 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

May 22, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

May 23, 2015

May 24, 2015 (Pentecost)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
 10:30a Worship followed by Youth BBQ Fundraiser
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
 11:30a Youth Fundraiser: BBQ
 11:30a Graveside Service: Len Swec in the Brainerd Cemetery
 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
 5p – 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
 6p– 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH

