

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
PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 24, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzona IV

Girolamo Frescobaldi
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

“Veni Creator Spiritus”
(*Come, Creator Spirit*)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

From the valley of dry bones, we cry:

Come, Spirit, and renew the church!

All creation groans for redemption.

Come, Spirit, and renew the earth!

HYMN #464 (Hymnal)*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You send your Word to enliven us, yet we remain dry bones. You send your Spirit to empower us, yet we fail to dream new dreams. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us according to your way, guide us into your truth, and deliver us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE John 21: 15-19 Stan Dickerson
Pew Bible pg. 116

ANTHEM *Psalm 150* Cesar Franck
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21 Pew Bible pg. 119

SERMON “*Dial V for Vocation*” Brett Butler

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)* “*Be Thou My Vision*”

MINUTE FOR MISSION Pentecost Offering 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 *A Memorial Piece* Hubert Parry
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* “*Doxology*”
Prayer of Dedication* Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #262 (Hymnal)* “*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*”

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Festival Finale* Malcolm Archer
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 by Barbara and Martin Santoro in loving memory of her parents, Maria and Antoni Ochnio and his parents, Reynold and Helen Santoro.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Pat Scott.

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; Kelly Klein's cousins, Anthony and Brian Mancino and their families; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Lil Conley on May 27. Happy Birthday!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TODAY in the Courtyard, we will have a **BBQ Fundraiser** 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 is NO coffee hour today.

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

CPNS will be celebrating Memorial Day this year with our CPNS family marching in the Cranbury Memorial Day Parade. We are so excited for this opportunity to share in this celebration in the remembrance of all those people who served our country to keep our land safe, the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

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.

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

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Give, Act, Pray for the people of Nepal: *And after the earthquake...a sound of sheer silence. Then there came a voice...that said, "What are you doing here?"*

(1 Kings 19: 12-13)

On Sunday, May 31 after worship our church will have a retiring offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the people of Nepal affected by the earthquake. Your gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - large or small - will go to support the urgent needs and the long-term recovery of the survivors of this terrible earthquake. Donations may be made at any time at pad.pcusa.org.

Guatemala Mission 2015: Beginning immediately until June 14, we will be collecting slightly used or **new children's shoes (no open toes) and socks.** Financial donations to purchase much needed medicine would be greatly appreciated. All monetary donations can be made payable to the First Presbyterian church of Cranbury marked "Guatemala 2015".

The bucket can found under the CPNS Panda bulletin up the stairs from the back door, marked Guatemala.

Once again a big thank you to everyone for your support in this mission. Thank you for helping us help those less fortunate.

Yours in Christ, George Conley

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 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. THANKS AGAIN!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: It takes us back many years to Salem when we think of witches in our country. But in Ghana, bad forces are attributed to the devil and his human agents who are sometimes branded witches. When communities experience an unexplained death or misfortune and cannot pinpoint a cause, blame might be attributed to a particular person who is termed a witch. In the north of Ghana there are a handful of communities, called witches' camps, where women and men have had to flee after being accused of practicing witchcraft in their hometowns. The situation in these camps is deplorable. The Presbyterian Church of Ghana has been working for several years in the largest witches' camp in the country. They are helping to meet basic needs of the people in the camps and working for reconciliation in the home communities, so a person who has been banished can return.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters: The 16 million children who live in homes that struggle to put food on the table don't, of course, know those of you who signed the letters Sunday, urging our Senators and Representatives to support measures that provide food for children. But, if they did, they would, I know, be grateful to you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. And those of us who worked together to make ready these letters--Pat Demers, Carol Kientz and Anne Gordon appreciate your willingness to support this worthy cause. Until next year, be on the alert to be certain that important safety net provisions are always in place in our federal laws. For now, rejoice with us that we are mailing 125 letters to our Senators and Representative - letters that urge protection of these necessary provisions. 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 25 (No Class), May 28, June 1, June 4, June 8, and June 11

Strawberry Festival: All seniors of the church are invited to sit and eat their ice cream at the Strawberry Festival, Saturday, June 6, with the members of Senior Fellowship at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Look for our marked tables when you arrive. The church band will play from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/24 (Team #3) – 5/31 (Team #4)

	Week Ended 5/17/15
Weekly Offering	\$14,230
YTD Offerings	\$206,409
YTD Expenses	\$161,900
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$44,509
YTD Per Capita	\$4,977
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 23%	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 24, 2015 (Pentecost)

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

May 25, 2015 (Memorial Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

May 26, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 7:30p Deacons - FH
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

May 27, 2015

10a-12:30p CPNS Panda Picnic at Village Park (Rain date)
 7:15p APNC – Lib.
 7:30p Bell Choir

May 28, 2015

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
 10:00a Senior Exercise
 10a -12:30p CPNS Panda Picnic at Village Park (Rain date)
 4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
 7:00p Intrepid Warriors Planning Meeting – Library (GC)

May 29, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

May 30, 2015

May 31 (Trinity Sunday)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
 10:30a Worship with Confirmation followed by coffee hour
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice--CR upstairs
 5p - 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
 6p- 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
 8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible --Church Office