

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
Confirmation Sunday
May 31, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Fantasia auf die Manier eines Echo* Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
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.)

THE PEACE* ✚

INTROIT *“Sanctus”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Katie Stewart

May the Glory of the Lord endure forever;
May the Lord rejoice in his works –
He who looks at the earth, and it trembles
Who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)* *“Morning Has Broken”*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ Megan and Morgan Mavoides

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR: Megan Mavoides, Morgan Mavoides, Elise Root, Katie Stewart, Devin Sullivan and Ryan Vandenberg.

PRESENTATION AND OPENING STATEMENT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

C. **I do.**

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

C: **I will, with God's help.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed*

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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. 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 Confirmands)

L: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

C: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

L: By publicly professing their faith, these young people have confirmed the covenant God made with them in their baptism. 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: The peace of God be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE	Jeremiah 29:11-14	Ryan Vandenberg Pew Bible pg. 731
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ANTHEM	<i>"Sanctus"</i>	Charles Gounod The Chorale
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SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:34-39	Devin Sullivan Pew Bible pg. 25
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SERMON	<i>"The Greatest?"</i>	Brett Butler
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THE RESPONSE

HYMN #368 (Hymnal)*	<i>"I've Got Peace Like a River"</i>
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ROCK CEREMONY*

Confirmands

Please follow the instructions from the ushers. This ceremony is meant to keep us mindful of all the blessings we have and all the weight of our failures that we don't have to carry any more because of Jesus. Our confirmation class would like you to think on Jonah's prayer while we move through this ceremony. "I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me. Out of the Belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God. When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went up to You, Into your holy Temple."

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

Cromhorne en Taille

Jean Adam Guilain
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #455 (Hymnal)*

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Verses 1, 3, and 6

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

Confirmation Class

POSTLUDE*

Fugue in G Major

Arcangelo Corelli
Organ

RETIRING OFFERING

Nepal

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

"I am the resurrection and the life.

**Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

Marlene French

January 30, 1938 – May 25, 2015

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 my husband, Ted, whose birthday was May 27 from his wife, Joy Barclay.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

Head Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

Greeters are Gail Geijer and Heidi Knowlton.

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; Gaylord French and family due to the death of his wife, Marlene French; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Walter "Pete" Keve; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Anne Taylor; and 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 & Brian Mancino and family; 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 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! **Registration deadline is June 19.**

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

What a great time CPNS families had marching in the Cranbury Memorial Day Parade, thank you everyone that participated. It was a great way to share in the 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.

Our last days for the 2014-2015 school year, will be on Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2. We will celebrate our "Wonderful Year Celebration" with all of our 4/5-year-old children on Wednesday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to share in this celebration and enjoy a special snack with us.

We are currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year, as well as our Pre-Summer and Summer Programs, there is still space available. 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

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)

Today, we 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: Now through 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

June Wish-List for Skeet's Pantry: For June, we are hoping for the following foods:

- CEREAL – Especially varieties without lots of extra sugar
- PASTA – any and all kinds
- TUNA FISH – high protein foods like this are terrific!
- FRUIT– Canned or plastic packages of any variety

We've taken PB & J off the list for now because you have all been VERY kind with your donations. But we always welcome 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. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: With pastors and lay people working together, with help from a loan from Frontera de Cristo, the Cafe Justo cooperative became a reality. In 2006, an Agua Prieta laundromat became a coffee-roasting shop supporting the operation. Cafe Justo is a program designed to address a border crisis by making it possible for farmers in Chiapas, Mexico, to continue growing coffee on their own farms through ensuring that they receive a just price that enables them to support their families. Ten years in, 200 families are participating, over 500,000 pounds of coffee have been processed and shipped to 500-plus churches in 50 states and six foreign countries, growers have received over \$3.5 million and more than \$500,000 has been paid in salaries.

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.

OTHER NEWS

Our Brass Band will perform at the Historic Association Barn on Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. The Barn is located on Cranbury Neck Road. The Band will perform a variety of music featuring all sections of the band. They will perform music in the concert and stage band idiom.

OUTREACH

You are welcome to join us for a **free pasta buffet dinner** on **Friday, June 12** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship

Hall. Outreach is happy to host all for a casual family friendly meal. Tickets can be picked up at coffee hour or at the Strawberry Festival on June 7 or just join us on Friday, June 12. Any questions, please contact Brenda Kirkenir.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: June 1, June 4, June 8 & 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: 5/31 (Team #4) – 6/7 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 5/24/15
Weekly Offering	\$3,778
YTD Offerings	\$210,187
YTD Expenses	\$164,074
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$46,113
YTD Per Capita	\$5,114
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 24%	

WORSHIP

We are looking for **Lay Readers** to sign up on the July through December schedule, which can be found on the notice board in Fellowship Hall. We would love to have new readers sign up, please do join us. If you have any questions, please call Joan Fraser.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 31, 2015 (Confirmation 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

June 1, 2015

CPNS Last Day of School

10:00a Senior Exercise
 1:30p Martha's Circle – Lib.
 7:30p Brass Choir
 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

June 2, 2015

CPNS Last Day of School

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Lib.
 7:15p APNC – Room 10
 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib.
 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

June 3, 2015

9:00a – 12:00p CPNS Wonderful Year Celebration – FH/
 Sanctuary/ Courtyard
 12:00p – 3:00p CPNS - FH
 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
 7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg. – Lib.

June 4, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
 11:00a-7:00p Strawberry Festival Prep-Kitchen/FH
 2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)
 4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
 7:00p Worship Meeting–Lib.

June 5, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
 8:30a-7:00p Strawberry Festival Prep-Kitchen/FH

June 6, 2015

9:00a Strawberry Festival set-up
 2:30-7:00p Senior Fellowship-VAN
3:00p – 7:00p Strawberry Festival

June 7, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)

10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service

4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs

5p - 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH

6p-7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-FH

6:15p-8p Boy Scouts-McK Rm (GC)

8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office