

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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2015 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John Hingeston
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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daughters and sons of God, arise!

Jesus our Lord is coming near.

He reaches out to us with healing.

He raises us up to new life.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We follow the crowds around you but fail to grasp the good news you offer. We weep at the power of death but laugh at your promise of new life. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal us of all doubt and despair and give us the gift of faith by which you make us whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3: 1-15 Gretchen Stults
Pew Bible pg. 50

ANTHEM *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* Crawford Thoburn
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE John 8: 48-59 Pew Bible pg. 102

SERMON "He IS [the] I AM" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)* *"This Is My Father's World"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

RESPONSE *"Our Father, Which Art in Heaven"* (see page 3)

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Fantasia on "Forest Green"* Lani Smith
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #457 (Hymnal)* *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Rigadoon* Geo. F. Handel
Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en: hal-low-ed-a be thy name. Thy
king-dom come; thy will be done hal-low-ed-a be thy name.
On earth as it is in heav-en: hal-low-ed-a be thy name.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread: hal-low-ed-a be thy name.
And for-give us all our debts: hal-low-ed-a be thy name.
As we for - give our debt - ors: hal-low-ed-a be thy name. And
lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion: hal-low-ed-a be thy name.
But de - liv - er us from e - vil: Hal-low-ed-a be thy name. For
thine is the king-dom the power, and the glor-ry: Hal-low-ed-a be thy name. For
ev - er and ev - er, a - men: hal-low-ed-a be thy name.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

JULY 27 – JULY 31

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

AGES: Pre-K thru 6th Grade

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, getting everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Registration is \$27 per child for the whole week!

Register Online:

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cranbury

Teachers and Volunteers NEEDED for this

Awesome Adventure!!

- ◆ Lead Teachers for Home Room Pre-K, Kindergarten, 5th-6th, Imagination Station(science/discovery), Mountain Top Treats (snacks)
- ◆ Assistant Teachers and Youth Leaders for Home Room Pre-K - 6th, Imagination Station(science/discovery), Mountain Top Treats (snacks)
- ◆ Decoration Team Volunteers!!

Please contact Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates at firstpressuz@comcast.net or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com.

Calling All Outdoor Enthusiasts!

The VBS Decorating team is asking for donations of the following items:

Climbing Rope	Backpacking Pack
Tents	Sleeping Bags
Camping Stove	Camping Pots and Pans
Hiking Poles	Snow Shoes
Cross Country Skis	Christmas Lights (icicle shapes)
Climbing Gear (harnesses, carabineers, pitons, etc...)	
White Blankets and Linens	

Please mark your donations as we will return all of them at the end of VBS. Thank You!!

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.

The Flowers are given with blessings to all our church family from Joy Barclay.

Head Usher is Ginny Swanagan.

Greeters are Joy Barclay 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; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Walter "Pete" Keve; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Jane Siebert on the death of her friend, Bob Taylor; and Margo & Larry Wegner

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha George; Jean Dunham's son, Jay; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Joanne Hughes' mother, Bella Tannis; Kelly Klein's cousins, Anthony & Brian Mancino and family; 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!

CHOIR

Summer Pickup Choir Throughout the summer, anthems during worship are offered by members of The Chorale as well as volunteers from the congregation. We rehearse an easy anthem each Sunday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. This anthem is then sung during the worship service that follows. The summer pickup choir is basically informal and since we do not wear robes, Sunday church attire (non-distracting) is appropriate. If you have previous choral experience, or are musically inclined, please speak with me. Thank you.

Don Klotzbeacher, Music Director

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Martha's Circle will have its last meeting tomorrow, **June 29** at the home of Ginny Swanagan at 1:30 p.m.

Bible Study taught by Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates will be held on Mondays in the church library at 7:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays at Meadow Lakes in the Meeting Room at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us at either site. The study is "Making Sense of the Bible" and is based on a book of the same name by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. The six lessons we'll study are:

- July 6/7** Making Sense of the Old Testament
- July 13/14** Making Sense of the New Testament
- July 20/21** Questions about the Nature of Scripture
(Note: ML will meet in the Swan Room on July 21)
- July 27/28** The Bible and Science
- Aug. 3/4** Violence, Suffering and other Troubling Issues
- Aug. 10/11** Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Attention - Everyone who enjoys a cup of coffee, a few sweets and fellowship - we need 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. Any questions, please contact Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com. SIGN UP TODAY!!!

CPNS

CPNS will be closed the weeks of June 29 and July 6 and will reopen for our CPNS Summer program on Monday, July 13. There is still time to register if you are interested in having your children attend.

During these weeks that we have no children in our school we will be reviewing our assessment documents, and our CPNS curriculum to ensure we are meeting the needs of our children and families. The preschool years are so important for young children we want to make sure we provide them with the most developmentally appropriate academic foundation possible.

We are currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year, and the various enrichment offerings. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the opportunity to send their child to our Christian preschool. Ask them to e-mail 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

TASK: Summer is a great time to help serve a meal at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen! We need youth (age 13 and older) on **July 2, August 6 and September 3** from 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. Closed-toed shoes (no sandals or flip flops), jeans, a regular tee shirt (no tank tops), a **willingness to serve AND have fun is required!** The van departs from the front of the church at 2:30 p.m. Please contact Anne Gordon, agordon321@outlook.com, with which days you can serve.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: PC(USA) World Mission recognizes three critical global issues: Evangelism, Poverty Alleviation, and Reconciliation. African partners are elated about the campaigns the PC(USA) has initiated related to these initiatives: (1)Training Leaders for Community Transformation, (2)Educate a Child, Transform the World and (3)Ending

Violence against Women and Children. Our partners have scores of programs as well as God-inspired dreams for the future that connect directly with these campaigns. Educate a Child, Transform the World (which aims to provide quality education for 1 million children by 2020) supports the work of partners in Africa who realize that a good education is one of the most effective ways to address the root causes of poverty and share the good news of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 6/28 (Team #4) – 7/5 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 6/21/15
Weekly Offering	\$4,003
YTD Offerings	\$237,022
YTD Expenses	\$192,599
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$44,423
YTD Per Capita	\$5,254
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 25%	

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.

We have a **flower opening on August 16**. Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 28, 2015

Guatemala Mission Trip (Returning) - VAN
 10:00a Worship followed by refreshments
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs

June 29, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
 1:30p Martha's Circle – Ginny Swanagan's home
 7:30p Brass Choir
 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

June 30, 2015

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 7:15p APNC – Library
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

July 1, 2015

July 2, 2015

2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN)
 7:30p B&G – Lib.

July 3, 2015

Church Office Closed
 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

July 4, 2015

(Independence Day)

July 5, 2015

10:00a Worship w/communion followed by refreshments
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service
 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs