

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
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2015 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Partita on “Wer nur den lieben Gott laßt walten”* **D. Klotzbecher**
(If thou but suffer God to guide thee)
Duet: Gaylord French and Donovan Klotzbecher

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

Sing, dance, and rejoice in the Lord,
for the word of God is among us.
Give thanks to the Holy One, our God,
for in Christ our salvation has come.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #483 (Hymnal)* *“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You show us what is good, but we choose the ways of evil. You show us what is right, but we fail to do your will. Forgive us, God of grace. Redeem us from our sin and restore us to your image so that our lives may honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

Flowers are given in loving memory of Claire Maselli, Happy Birthday from her husband, children and grandchildren.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Pat Bohrs in honor of her father, Judson Hagerty's 102nd birthday.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Greeter is 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; Gretchen Stults; Carole Vandercher; 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; Flo Kremann's friend, Maureen Boyd; Leah Moy's friend, Joanne Post; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Gretchen Stults on July 12, Judson Hagerty on July 14, and Monty Hagerty & Walter Wright on July 17. **Happy Birthday!**

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

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 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 - We need hosts for COFFEE HOUR. 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.

CPNS

Our CPNS Summer Program begins on Monday, July 13 and continues until Friday, July 20. Rosellyn Cassidy will be returning to teach the class both weeks. We are looking forward to seeing Rosellyn again, and sharing these weeks with our Summer program friends.

I will be traveling to Alexandria Virginia this week to attend the QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement Systems) national meeting. As many of you know CPNS is part of the New Jersey quality rating system which is called GROW NJ Kids. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about what it takes to ensure CPNS continues to provide a high quality program for our children and families.

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 **August 6 and September 3** from 2:30 p.m. 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: Abraham House in Honesdale, PA exists for the purpose of providing clothing, food and fellowship to anyone experiencing financial strain or social need. Guests shop for free clothing during open hours and are invited to a brief worship service followed by a family dinner each Thursday night. Church volunteers serve and dine with 20-40 guests each week and are aided by helpers and

donations from throughout the area. Volunteers enjoy opportunities to build relationships with guests and to encourage them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pentecost Offering: Thank you for supporting our Pentecost Offering with your gifts totaling \$1,075.82. We are pleased to have donated 40% of that amount, \$430.00 to Better Beginnings Day Care Center in Hightstown. The remaining 60% goes to support programs involving children and youth in the larger Presbyterian Church. Our congregation consistently responds to special offerings with kind and generous gifts year after year! We are faithful and generous givers and that is truly a blessing. Thank you!

Anne Gordon, Chairperson, Mission, Service & Grants

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/12 (Team #2) – 7/19 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 7/5/15
Weekly Offering	\$9,512
YTD Offerings	\$251,378
YTD Expenses	\$212,813
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$38,565
YTD Per Capita	\$5,254
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 25%	

WORSHIP

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

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 12, 2015

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

July 13, 2015

CPNS Summer Program
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
7:30p Bible Study – Lib. (SSC)
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

July 14, 2015

CPNS Summer Program
3:30p Bible Study – Meadow Lakes – Meeting Rm
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

July 15, 2015

CPNS Summer Program
9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing
7:15p APNC – Library

July 16, 2015

CPNS Summer Program

July 17, 2015

CPNS Summer Program
Church Office Closed
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution

June 18, 2015

June 19, 2015

10:00a Worship w/Baptism & New Member Recognition followed by refreshments
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:00a-2:00p VBS Decorating - FH
4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs
5p-9p All Youth: VBS Decorating Party – FH