

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the
Courtyard immediately following the service.*
(✦ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2015 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Ricercare & Toccata* **Bernardo Pasquini (1637-1710)**
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

Look to the Lord, for God is faithful,
giving us our food in due season.

Call on the Lord, for God is near,
ready to rescue us from danger.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #458 (Hymnal)* *“Earth and All Stars”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦

COMMISSIONING OF VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS: Tory Anderson, Jo D. Andrews, Samantha Andrews, Daune Arsnow, Nicolas Arsnow, George Arsnow, Sr., George Arsnow, Jr., Kyle Bussone, Jack Bussone, Val Cier, Malcolm Coates, Jane Curran, Jessica Curran, Bea Davison, Jean Dunham,

Emily Ellsworth, Carol Fisher, Maggie Hughes, Anna Khazem, Megan Khazem, Cassandra Khazem, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Carron Kohn, Shawn Kohn, Ethan Kohn, Flo Kremann, Reesa Lewandowski, Ann Mooney, Nishan Pannu, Carlee Pederson, Elise Root, Barbara Santoro, Lilly Santoro, Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Stella Solvibile, Ginny Swanagan, Olivia Theal, Leslie Vandenberg, Kylie Vandenberg, Alex Vogen, Vickie Waciega, Cassi Waciega, Maggie Welch, Renee Welch, Janet Wheeler and Matthew Wheeler

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.' Then, in the fullness of time, Jesus told his disciples: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.'

What we have heard and know for ourselves, we must hand on to the next generation. These in their turn will tell others to put confidence in the Lord, never forgetting God's faithfulness and always keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS

We give thanks to God that you are leaders in our VBS Family Ministry. Through your efforts, the good news of God's love will be celebrated among another generation. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ your Savior, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit by calling children to faith in Jesus Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

You are now commissioned to be a leader in the VBS Family Ministry. May the light of God's love shine through all that you say and do!

PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have appointed teachers and leaders to tell of your love and power, your justice and peace. We thank you for these brothers and sisters who will teach children and young people your ways this week in VBS. Give them the gifts of your Spirit, so that they may be bold witnesses of your good news. Guide them as they serve in your name. May they speak your word and show your kindness. O Lord, help us to turn to you in obedience to your commandments and to live in the hope and joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 24	Lil Conley Pew Bible pg. 502
ANTHEM	<i>“Call to Remembrance”</i> (Ps. 25: 6-7)	Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580) Summer Chorale
SCRIPTURE	John 10: 1-10	Pew Bible pg. 103
SERMON	“I AM the Door”	Rev. Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #377 (Hymnal)* *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

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	<i>Two Versets</i>	Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726) Organ
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Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>
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COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Our mission as the church is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people by our words and actions. Jesus taught us, saying: “I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”. We celebrate your devotion to the tasks ahead of you, as you join with other people in mission working with **NextStep Ministries in Lexington, SC**. Through the gift of your service and its example of love, you show others the infinite love that God has for all people. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. We ask that you publicly affirm your commitment to this work. Will you accept the people you serve right where they are and just the way they are? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you work in glad cooperation and mutual support with others, being sensitive and helpful, according to the needs presented to you? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you conduct yourself in a manner which witnesses to what God has done through Christ in your life and for all humanity? **I will, with God's help.**

Do you sincerely believe that the work you are about to undertake is truly the work of God in our world? **I do.**

Almighty God, look graciously upon these people now being commissioned. Send them forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to love and serve you with joy. Grant them an extra measure of grace as they serve together. Strengthen them as your faithful witnesses, so that many may share the good news of your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING

Brett Butler, Emily Curran, Jessica Curran, Emily Ellsworth, Evan Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Branden Kenny, Karlee Pederson, Nina Reyes, Elise Root, Villana Tkac, Cole Toto and Ryan Vandenberg, on behalf of the Session, you are commissioned to share the love of Jesus Christ throughout your time of service at the **NextStep Ministries in Lexington, SC**, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in this congregation, I commend to you those who will participate in this mission. Let us support them with our love and care and uphold them in our prayers this week for the work that they will perform.

CONGREGATION: (Unison)

We rejoice to send you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gifts of service. We pledge our prayers and support. With you, we renew our commitment to God and to service in the name of Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessings for you and for the people you go to serve. Amen.

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*

"Here I Am, Lord"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 memory of Gladys and John Frisch’s parents, Irene and George Evans and Myra S. and John Frisch, Sr.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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: Ray Barnes; 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 and 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; Linda Campbell’s friend, Christine Higuera; Jean Dunham’s friend’s granddaughter, Alana Bunting; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain Fraser; 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 and 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: Bub Danser on July 30. **Happy Birthday!**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be opened from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, July 27 through Thursday, July 30.

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.

	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.

YOUTH - Today, July 26 - VBS Decorating Party No. 2 - Please help us complete the transformation in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We need hosts for COFFEE HOUR. Please 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

CPNS is now closed for the rest of the summer; however, we are not taking a vacation from all the things that go into making CPNS the quality program it is. We are working on ensuring our curriculum is research based, and aligned with the NJ State Learning Standards. We are reviewing our assessment documents to ensure that our families get the information they need regarding their child's progress at CPNS. We are meeting with our QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement Systems) specialist and working on meeting the criteria to enhance our program. With this support we are researching the appropriate developmental assessment to use for all of our children when they begin school in September.

In addition, we are in the process of completing our annual report for our NAEYC accreditation and updating our CPNS Personnel Manual. Everyone at CPNS is getting everything ready for a new school year to begin, which will be here before you know it.

We also continue to register children for the 2015-2016 school year, and the various enrichment offerings. We have a few spots left, so 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

TASK: We need youth (ages 13 and older) on **August 6 and September 3** from 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m to serve a meal. 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, if you can help.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Niger in Africa is a semiarid, landlocked country that constantly struggles with food security. With a small grant provided by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger (EERN) initiated a pilot project building wells and community gardens. With access to wells, communities are able to extend the growing season from three short months to the entire year. While staple crops such as sorghum and millet can still only be grown during the June-to-August rainy season, a well allows communities to grow fruits and vegetables year round.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/26 (Team #4) – 8/2 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 7/19/15
Weekly Offering	\$6,296
YTD Offerings	\$262,443
YTD Expenses	\$223,510
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$38,933
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 26, 2015

9:00a VBS Meeting - Library

10:00a Worship w/VBS Volunteers & Youth Mission Trip Volunteers commissioning followed by refreshments

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

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

5p-8p All Youth: VBS Decorating Party – FH

July 27, 2015

VBS All Areas

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

7:30p Bible Study – Lib. (SSC)

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

July 28, 2015

VBS All Areas

3:30p Bible Study – Meadow Lakes – Meeting Rm

7:30p AA – McKnight Room

July 29, 2015

VBS All Areas

7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting – Library

July 30, 2015

VBS All Areas

July 31, 2015

VBS All Areas

Church Office Closed

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

August 1, 2015

August 2, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC - VAN

10:00a Worship w/communion followed by refreshments

11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service

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