

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
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2015 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Freu’ Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele”* George Boehm
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
Jesus Christ is the bread of life,
the bread of heaven for the world.
Come to Christ and never be hungry;
believe in him and never thirst.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #272 (Hymnal)* *“God of the Sparrow”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show
us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us
the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. Forgive us,
God of grace. Speak your truth to us in love, so that we may return to
you in peace, and grow more and more in grace; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*
HYMN #577 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*
THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦

SCRIPTURE	Galations 5: 16-26	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pgs. 190-191
ANTHEM	<i>“Let the praise go’round”</i>	Wm. Boyce, arr. Hal Hopson Summer Chorale
SCRIPTURE	John 15: 1-11	Pew Bible pg. 109
SERMON	“I AM the Vine”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>Devotional Piece</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher Organ
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Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>
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HYMN #501 (Hymnal)* *“Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #403 (Hymnal)* *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Toccata

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
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.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

Communion Servers are George Conley, Lil Conley, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Chris Welch and Renee Welch.

Flowers are given by Mary Jane and Fritz Hager in loving memory of their parents.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Bea Davison and Ann Mooney.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

Greeter is Jack Britton.

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!

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 upcoming lessons we'll study are:

Aug. 3/4 Violence, Suffering and other Troubling Issues

Aug. 10/11 Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships.

Vacation Bible School was in full swing this past week! Over 70 children registered, from pre school age to 6th grade, and the halls, classrooms, and many outside spaces were buzzing with activities! In Fellowship Hall which was decorated to resemble the theme of mountain climbing in the Himalayas, we opened and closed our day with skits and songs; during the rest of the morning, the children were singing and dancing their hearts out in Fellowship Hall; in the kitchen and in the courtyard, snacks were being prepared and consumed by hungry children, in another part of the courtyard, science experiments usually involving something wonderfully messy were being experienced, over on the lawn on the other side of the church driveway, games were being played, upstairs in the storyteller's tent, children were learning and acting out bible stories, and in the individual classrooms, craft projects illustrating the bible story were being constructed. We had wonderful teachers, assistant teachers, youth helpers (and we are so grateful for every single one of them!), and the decorating team knocked their socks off making everything look so festive. And the children!, what a terrific group of kids!; they were learning about God and Jesus, they were having fun, and they felt the love that is swirling all around them. What a wonderful church we have!, that opens its doors and heart to all these children, both of our own membership and from other churches and neighborhoods. THANK YOU, First Presbyterian members, for all your support for our VBS!

-- Suzanne Schafer-Coates

Youth Events Calendar

Aug. 2 - Aug. 8 - Youth Mission Trip with Brett

Aug. 6 - TASK - Ages 13 and older are welcome to help serve a meal at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen from 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. For more details, contact Anne Gordon at agordon321@outlook.com

Sept. 3 - TASK - Ages 13 and older are welcome to help serve a meal at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen from 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. For more details, contact Anne Gordon at agordon321@outlook.com

Sept. 13 - Youth Group Kick-off Barbeque from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Courtyard

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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

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. 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.

SKEET'S Pantry Summer Needs: We are continuing to provide groceries to 70+ families during these summer months and we're grateful for all the support our congregation and community have given the pantry to make this program possible. The shelves are fairly well-stocked thanks to your help with both food and monetary contributions.

There are just a few things we would really appreciate your help with for August:

- DETERGENT - 32 laundry loads or more
- CANNED FRUIT – all varieties are welcome
- TUNA FISH – always a great source of protein for our families

Thanks very much!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: A message from a mission worker in The Republic of South Sudan is heartbreaking and heartwarming--heartbreaking because of the terrible conditions existing as a result of the hostilities

that have broken out and heartwarming from the realization that God is not powerless. Children are suffering from life-threatening diarrhea; people are drinking muddy water and cooking with mud. A nine-year old child was shot in the stomach in the UN compound where a father thought his family would be safe. And yet-- God is demonstrating the most loving kind of power-- providing endurance, comfort, and everlasting presence even in this most difficult of times. Love is a much stronger power than the power of guns and tanks.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 8/2 (Team #1) – 8/9 (Team #2)

WORSHIP

We have a **flower opening on August 23**. Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

August 3, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC- VAN
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
7:30p Bible Study – Lib. (SSC)
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

August 4, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC- VAN
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
1:00p Outreach Cmte. Mtg.- Lib.
3:30p Bible Study – Meadow Lakes – Mtg. Rm
7:30p Christian Ed. Mtg.-Lib.
7:30p MS&G Mtg.-FH
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

August 5, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC- VAN
7:15p APNC – Library

August 6, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC- VAN
2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)
7:00p Worship Mtg.—Lib.
7:30p B&G Mtg.-Lib.

August 7, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC- VAN
Church Office Closed
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

August 8, 2015

Youth Mission Trip to Lexington, SC- VAN

August 9, 2015

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