# Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

 $(*Late comers\ may\ be\ seated.)$ 

## AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2015 10:00 A.M.

### THE APPROACH

**PRELUDE** 

Chorale Variations: "Auf meinen lieben Gott" Dietrich Buxtehude (In God, my faithful God) Harpsichord

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

Give thanks to God with all your heart. Great are the works of the Lord! The Lord is gracious and merciful to us, faithfully feeding us, day by day. Let us worship God.

HYMN #485 (Hymnal)\*

"To God Be the Glory"

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You bestow the gift of wisdom, yet we continue in our foolishness. You provide the bread of life, yet we persist in the ways of death. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to make better use of the lives you have given us, giving glory to you in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\* HYMN #577 (Hymnal)\* THE PEACE\* ≁

"Gloria Patri"

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ❖

SCRIPTURE Acts 17: 22-34 Bob Kane

Pew Bible pgs. 137-138

ANTHEM Devotion John Ness Beck

Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE John 14: 1-6 Pew Bible pg. 108

SERMON "I AM the Way..." Dr. Louis Mitchell

## THE RESPONSE

HYMN #309 (Hymnal)\* "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

REPORT OF THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

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 Lament Paul Bryan
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)\* "Doxology"

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

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\* Canzona Dietrich Buxtehude

Organ

# \*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

<u>Visitors</u>! 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".

<u>Childcare is provided during worship</u>. 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.

<u>Hearing devices</u> are available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

<u>Friends</u>, 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 to celebrate Flo Kremann's birthday from her husband, Andy.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeter is Jack Britton.

<u>Prayer Chain</u> 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**

<u>Church members with special needs</u>: Vicki Bain and family due to the death of her mother; Ray Barnes; Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Walter "Pete" Keve; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Ken Rossman; Mark Sasso; Carole Vandercher; and Margo and Larry Wegner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Nancy Chonko's mother, Shirley Armstrong; Joan and Gordon Fraser's son, lain Fraser; Paul & Janet Furchak's niece, Jaclyn Lyon; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Gay Ingegneri's sister, Penny Barry; Fran Stewart's father,

Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family.

<u>We pray for all the people</u> who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

<u>Prayer Requests in the Bulletin</u>: 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 "<u>Pipeline to Session</u>" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

<u>Birthdays of Distinction</u>: Bill Keller on August 17 and Stan Stults on August 20. **Happy Birthday!** 

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### **Youth Events Calendar**

**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 <a href="mailto:eluffey@gmail.com">eluffey@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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 that 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 just completed our annual report for our NAEYC accreditation, and are 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**

<u>TASK:</u> We need youth (ages 13 and older) on <u>September 3</u> 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 <u>willingness</u> 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, <u>agordon321@outlook.com</u>, 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. Thanks very much!

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** – a great source of protein for our families

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In August 2002, the walls of Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis crumbled to the ground. The congregation began worshiping at a YMCA on the campus of the University of Minnesota and participated in ministries that served international students. In 2010, construction started on a new building and in September 2013 Andrew-Riverside Church moved into its new home--a modern, four-story apartment building, providing housing for students and local residents. The congregation's worship and fellowship space occupies about half of the first floor. The congregation is committed to discovering

the best ways to demonstrate Christ's presence in its old, but new, location.

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**Counting Teams**: 8/16 (Team #3) – 8/23 (Team #4)

	Week Ended 8/9/15
Weekly Offering	\$8,637
YTD Offerings	\$285,224
YTD Expenses	\$247,845
YTD Net Income/ (Loss)	\$37,379
YTD Per Capita	\$5,254
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 25%	

#### **WORSHIP**

We have a <u>flower opening on August 23</u>. Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

#### **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### August 16, 2015

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs

### August 17, 2015

### 9:00a Bulletin Material Due

7:30p CPNS Board Mtg. – Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

### August 18, 2015

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Mtg. - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

### August 19, 2015

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

### August 20, 2015

### August 21, 2015

## **Church Office Closed**

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly

## August 22, 2015

#### August 23, 2015

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs