

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
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2015 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Fanfare Fugue

J. S. Bach
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

People of God, whom will you serve?

As for this house, we will serve the Lord.

Where else can we turn? To whom can we go?

Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #464 (Hymnal)* *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD



Homecoming Picnic
Sunday, September 13, 2015
11:00 a.m. (after Worship)
in the courtyard

Congregational Life Committee
will provide burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and
drinks

Last names beginning with:

A-R bring salad/sides **S-Z** bring a dessert

The Brass Band will perform. Everyone is invited –
help us celebrate!!!



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.

Head Usher is Ginny Swanagan.

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: Vicki Bain and family due to the death of her mother; Ray Barnes; Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Walter “Pete” Keve; Karen Moser; 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: Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha George; Nancy Chonko’s mother, Shirley Armstrong; Joan and Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain 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.

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: Ken Rossman on August 25.
Happy Birthday!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

If everybody does a little - it becomes a lot! Do you have two hours a month to help with Christian Education at our church? If so, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Daune Arsnow, at deersnow@verizon.net or 609/448-6181 to learn how you too can be an important part of our phenomenal Sunday School Team!

Save the Date! The first day of Sunday School is September 20 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for Pre-K to 12 grade. The first day is our Open House so bring your friends and family along! We can't wait to see you there!

The **Teachers/Shepherds Enrichment Meeting** will be held Sunday, September 13 in Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. A light breakfast will be served!

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 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 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

TASK: We need youth (ages 13 and older) on **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: The First Presbyterian Church in Phillips, WI tore down its 118-year old historical landmark to construct a smaller more energy-efficient structure. The church offers the building as a resource for hosting new expressions of church in downtown Phillips. Multifunctional by design, the new space will welcome experimentation in worship styles and approaches to Christian education as together members discern creative ways to make use of their different spiritual gifts. This 50-member church tithes, which allows it to support a full-time pastor and move forward with a building program. The church is identifying with the downtown and finding partners in economic development, social services, law enforcement and public education.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 8/23 (Team #4) – 8/30 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 8/16/15
Weekly Offering	\$6,580
YTD Offerings	\$291,804
YTD Expenses	\$253,204
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$38,600
YTD Per Capita	\$5,254
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) =	25%

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 23, 2015

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

August 24, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

August 25, 2015

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

August 26, 2015

7:15p APNC – Library
7:00p Helene Cody Foundation Mtg. – McK Rm

August 27, 2015

7:00p Intrepid Warriors Planning Mtg. – Library (GC)

August 28, 2015

Church Office Closed

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

August 29, 2015

August 30, 2015

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