

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
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2015 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Echo Fantasia in D Minor

J. P. Sweelinck
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

With our words and in our actions,

let us praise the living God.

With our lips and in our lives,

let us glorify the Lord.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #229 (Hymnal)* *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold. You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us a new religion: to love you and one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Adelina Grace Gluck
daughter of John K. and Candice L. Gluck
sister of Gianna and Sophia
born on December 11, 2014

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

Dorothy Klotzbeacher
Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Adelina the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

The Apostles' Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

John 18: 33-38a

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 113

ANTHEM

"Lo, a voice to heaven sounding"
(Rev. 14: 2)

Dimitri Bortniansky
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 14: 6

Pew Bible pg. 108

SERMON

“I AM the Truth”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #140 (Hymnal)*

“Holy, Holy”

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

“Es ist das Heil uns kommen her”

Anon.

(Salvation comes to us)

Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Allegretto

William Boyce

Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**



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.

Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Richard G. Wagner by Leah Moy and family.

Coffee hour today is hosted by the Deacons.

Head Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

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; Gay Ingegneri and family due to the death of her sister, Penny; Bill Keller; Walter “Pete” Keve; Karen Moser; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Ken Rossman; Mark Sasso; Audrey Smith; Carole Vandercher; and Margo & 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; 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

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.

Registration continues 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, if you can help serve on September 3.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Nebraska's Homestead Presbytery with its 52 congregations is represented on the Farm Crisis Response Council (FCRC) which operates Nebraska Rural Response hotline for counseling and referrals. The number of persons who have been helped by this almost 30 year old ministry is staggering. On average the hotline receives 436 calls a month and more than 2,800 vouchers for professional counseling are provided each year. Sometimes callers just need to be heard and other times they need help with suicide, depression or abuse. The FCRC is funded by all the major denominations with a presence in Nebraska and help is available to anyone in rural Nebraska involved in agriculture.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 8/30 (Team #1) – 9/6 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 8/23/15
Weekly Offering	\$3,984
YTD Offerings	\$295,789
YTD Expenses	\$261,997
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$33,792
YTD Per Capita	\$5,254
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) =	25%

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

August 31, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

September 1, 2015

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
1:00p Outreach Cmte. Mtg.- Lib.
7:30p MS&G Mtg.-FH
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

September 2, 2015

8:30a-3p CPNS Teachers Mtg. – FH/Lib./Kit.

September 3, 2015

2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)
7:00p Worship Mtg.—Lib.
7:30p B&G Mtg.-Lib.

September 4, 2015

Church Office Closed

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

September 5, 2015

September 6, 2015

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