

***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.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 6, 2015 10:00 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *Toccata & Fugue* **Josef F. N. Seger**  
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**

For the stranger and the guest

**the Lord prepares a table.**

Every child of God is welcome

**to share this feast of grace.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)\* *“How Great Thou Art”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call  
us to seek justice, yet we ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet  
we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the  
wisdom and courage to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✦

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦

SCRIPTURE	Romans 1: 18-25	Don Winchell Pew Bible pg. 108
ANTHEM	<i>“Come and be among us, Lord”</i>	<b>Lloyd Larson</b> Summer Chorale
SCRIPTURE	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	Pew Bible pg. 166
SERMON	“I AM the Way and the Truth”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

#### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>Fantasia</i>	<b>Johann Krieger</b> Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>
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HYMN #171 (Hymnal)\*     *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

### 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.  
We await his coming in glory.**

*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 #333 (Hymnal)\*

*"Seek Ye First"*

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Fugue on Tone V*

**Johann Pachelbel**  
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.

**Flowers** in the chancel today are given by Mrs. Elsie Sutton and family in memory of her husband, Russell, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton and Elsie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fryer.

**Head Usher** is George Arsnow.

**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:** Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Gay Ingegneri and family due to the death of her sister, Penny; Bill Keller; Walter "Pete" Keve; Ed Luffey; 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; Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates' son, Charlie; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family.

**Meadow Lakes members with special needs:** Frank Elliott 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!

**Birthdays of Distinction:** Harvey Davison on September 9 and Diane Cox on September 13. **Happy Birthday!**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Sunday School News**

The most precious hour of your week is waiting for you! We need your nurturing and guidance in our preschool/kindergarten Sunday School class! We need your creativity and dramatic flair in our Rotation classes! Please contact Daune Arsnow at 609/448-6181 or [deersnow@verizon.net](mailto:deersnow@verizon.net) to learn how you can play an important part in our Christian Education programs. The time you share with our Sunday School is guaranteed to be meaningful and rewarding. Short on time? Even volunteering for an hour or two a month will make a big difference in the quality of the programs we provide! Thank you!

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

**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 also our Open House so bring your friends and family along! We can't wait to see you there!

**Youth Events Calendar**

**Sept. 13** - Youth Group Kick-off Barbeque from 6:00 p.m. to 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](mailto:eluffey@gmail.com).

**CPNS**

Our teachers return this week for our first meeting of the new school year; however, many of them have been working hard all summer preparing for the children to arrive. We are all so excited about seeing families we already know, and meeting new friends in the next few weeks as we begin our 31<sup>st</sup> year of preschool for children at CPNS.

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

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, Wisconsin is reaching out in a new direction through our international outreach ministry. It is promoting in-depth cross-cultural exchange between Americans and internationals. The church has been able to initiate and develop meaningful friendships with internationals and other community members in a way that transforms lives. A graduate student from Uganda at the University of Wisconsin-Madison describes the ministry as "a therapy to her homesickness and culture shock". Every Friday night the fellowship hall is transformed into a global forum as church members, people from the community and international students from all over the world gather together for English practice and friendly chats. A Center was created in 2009 to assist low-income immigrants with immigration issues and, since its creation the center has served more than 1,000 people.

**SEPTEMBER at SKEET'S PANTRY:** Families continue to come to us for food and thanks to all of you, our shelves are looking much better than this time last year! We do still need help with a few items including:

CEREAL – family-size boxes of any kind – but the healthier the better!

CANNED FRUIT – all varieties are welcome

TUNA FISH – always a great source of protein for our families

We also need your help to remind friends of our Pantry that any donated food MUST be current – NO OUT-OF-DATE food can be accepted because we just can't risk distributing it to the community. We realize that "slightly out-of-date" food is very probably okay – but it's better for us to be safe than sorry. Recently an unknown donor very kindly left us two big boxes of a variety of food – literally left on our doorstep. BUT unfortunately almost all of it was very out-of-date, by 2 to 3 years or more. We had no choice but to discard it even though it broke our hearts. So please help us spread the word. Thanks!

## OTHER NEWS

Dear Church Family,

On Saturday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a dedication to the Meditation Circle held by Dr. Louis Mitchell and Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates.

Shortly following are the Troop 52 Court of Honors. We are celebrating the Troops 100<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout. Are all welcome!!!

Thank you, Ruth Jost

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Fellowship will go on a trip to the Days of The Past Festival in Washington Crossing State Park, Rt. 579 and Church Rd at Titusville on Saturday, September 19. We will depart the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

This event features exhibits of how things used to be done in the past before electricity. There will be restored working old agricultural machinery, antique mechanical washing machines, blacksmith demonstrations, stationary

engines, lumber mills, wood working displays, antique tractors, trucks and cars. There will be hay rides, crafts and flea market. There is a large covered area with picnic tables where you can eat your lunch which you can purchase or bring your own. They offered last year: sausage sandwich \$5.50; hamburger \$4; hot dog w/kraut \$2.50; both off the charcoal grill, chili \$2.50; and homemade ice cream \$3. Wear sunscreen, a hat and shoes for walking on grass. There are benches around the area and the picnic tables where you can sit and watch the festivities.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to go on this trip, please preregister by calling the church office at 609-395-0897 by Monday, September 14. Please leave your phone number with the office. We will reschedule this trip if it rains on Saturday and we will go the following day, Sunday, September 20.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

**Counting Teams:** 9/6 (Team #2) – 9/13 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 8/30/15
Weekly Offering	\$4,965
YTD Offerings	\$300,754
YTD Expenses	\$269,448
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$31,306
YTD Per Capita	\$5,289
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 25%	

## WORSHIP

We have **flower openings on October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25 and November 1.** Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 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

### September 7, 2015 (Labor Day)

**Church Office Closed**

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

### September 8, 2015

**All Day/Night** CPNS Playground Gatherings/Back to School Night/Open House – CRs/Playground/FH

**9:00a Bulletin Material Due**

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office

7:30p Youth Ministry Cmte Mtg.-Church Office

7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office

7:30p AA – McKnight Room

### September 9, 2015

**All Day/Night** CPNS Playground Gatherings/Back to School Night/Open House – CRs/Playground/FH

**9:00a Session Material Due**

3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmte Mtg-ML Board/Conf. Rm

7:30p Christian Ed. Mtg.-Lib.

7:30p Bell Choir

**September 10, 2015**

**All Day** CPNS Playground Gatherings/Back to School

Night/Open House – CRs/Playground

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p P&A Mtg.-church office (upstairs)

7:30p Brass Choir

7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

**September 11, 2015**

**Church Office Closed**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

**September 12, 2015 (Cranbury Day)**

6:00p Court of Honor and Bench Dedication - FH

**September 13, 2015 (Homecoming)**

8:00a – 10:00a Annual Sunday School Teachers Retreat

10:00a Worship followed by the **Homecoming Picnic**

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

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

6p–8p All Youth Kick-off BBQ–Courtyard/FH