

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
(✦ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Two Verses* Christopher Gibbons
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.)

INTROIT *“Whoever would be great among you”* Ron Nelson
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP
Who will be first in the kingdom of God?
The one who is last and servant of all.
Who will be great in the realm of heaven?
The one who comes as a humble child.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #285 (Hymnal)* *“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS ✨

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Then in the fullness of time, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

UNISON STATEMENT: What the Lord has taught us through his Word and Spirit, and by the witness of his people, we must hand on to the next generation. These in turn will teach others to put their confidence in the Lord, remembering God's faithfulness and keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

You are leaders in our congregation's educational ministries to children, youth and adults. Through your efforts, the good news of God's love will be taught and nurtured in the hearts, minds, and lives of people in this faith community. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit, by calling children, youth and adults to faith in Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

By the authority of the Session, you are commissioned to lead in our Christian education and youth ministries. May the light of Christ shine through all that you say and do. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 1-12

Dorothy Klotzbeacher
Pew Bible pg. 4

ANTHEM *“I am the vine, you are the branches”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Luke 6: 17-26 Pew Bible pg. 64

SERMON “Blessed” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #158 (Hymnal)* *“The One Is Blest”*

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 *Concert de flûtes* **François D’Agincour**
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)* *“This Is My Father’s World”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Festival Toccata* **Christopher Tambling**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**Christian Educators and Youth Ministry Leaders
2015 - 2016**

**Adult Education Leaders, Christian Education Committee,
Youth Ministry Committee, Sunday School Staff, Substitutes
and Other Education Leaders**

Jo D. Andrews, Caren Anuszewski, Daune Arsnow, Vicki Bain, Andrea Baverov, Jane Curran, Rose Eller, Mark Hughes, Becky Huselid, Cassandra Khazem, Brenda Kirkenir, Kelly Klein, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Jennifer Kong, Flo Kremann, Susan Mavoides, Maggie Miller, Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell, Ann Mooney, Janice Parker, Megan Pease, Leigh Perry, Ann Riemann, Barbara Santoro, Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Kristen Stewart, Blasé Toto, Leslie Vandenberg, Vicki Waciega, Margo Wegner, Renee Welch, Janet Wheeler and Pat Willard

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Staff

Vicki Bain, Kathleen Cenci, Francine Coffee, Jenni Collins, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, Felicia Halligan, Kathy Iorio, Noél Kinney, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Helen Lazzaro, Sheila Morrissey, Cyndi Oresto, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Sandy Price, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Patty Skapyak, Jill Staples, Pam Szabo, and Theresa Vaccaro.

Library Subcommittee

Jenni Collins, Barbara Hannon, Mike Kasper, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, David, Hannah and Leah Moy, Carole Vandercher and Kirstie Venanzi

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.

Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Rhoda and Walter White and Ella Jeannette White by Mrs. T. E. Sushereba and Heidi & Cabot Knowlton.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

Greeter is Heidi Knowlton.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS).

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: Joy Barclay; Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; 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; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Joan and Gordon Fraser's son, Iain Fraser; Paul & Janet Furchak's niece, Jaelyn Lyon; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga

Zelder; Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates' son, Charlie; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Ann Zimmerman on September 24. **Happy Birthday!**

CHOIR NEWS

Musicians Needed – We need substitute ringers for the Bell Choir and a pianist to accompany the Brass Choir. Some musical background required. Please contact Pat Bohrs if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth Events Calendar

TONIGHT, September 20: 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.

CPNS

Beginning school for the first time is not always an easy transition for some children, but our first days of CPNS are now behind us, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year together. Filling the classrooms, and the empty halls with the sounds of children is always a wonderful thing. We are so blessed having such wonderful teachers that love and care for the children every day at CPNS. Our teachers this year are Vicki Bain, Kathleen Cenci, Francine Coffee, Jenni Collins, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, Felicia Halligan, Kathy Iorio, Noél Kinney, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Helen Lazzaro, Sheila Morrissey, Cyndi Oresto, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Sandy Price, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Patty Skapyak, Jill Staples, Pam Szabo and Theresa Vaccaro. Please join us for coffee hour in honor of all of our Christian Educators.

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: Hope Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, Indiana, felt a call from God to serve the community in a new way when members discovered that no one in Hendricks County consistently provided hygiene products to their most financially challenged neighbors. Indispensable products such as toilet paper, Laundry detergent, and toothpaste cannot be purchased with food stamps, so Hope started a hygiene-products pantry and began gathering donations. For five years Hope has partnered with nine country food pantries by delivering hygiene products each month to be distributed to patrons. Hope has been blessed to serve over 700 residents a year, a number they plan to grow.

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

Reminder - NO OUT-OF-DATE food can be accepted

PEACEMAKING OFFERING (“The Peace and Global Witness Offering”): Abuse in homes – bullying in schools – sex trade in women – misuse of guns - all of these forms of violence concern us when we try to live up to our calling as Christians. The Presbyterian Church USA works in many ways to educate us away from violence into ways of nonviolent action: from Sunday School curriculum to ethics-centered Bible Study to bringing aid to those in distress, we are instructed to help the most vulnerable among us.

Each October, we have the opportunity to support programs against violence in our community and around the world. One-fourth of the amount we raise stays in our congregation. This year we have designated the work of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship as recipient. This volunteer group has long worked for gun control and to support young Presbyterians whose conscience will not permit them to go to war. At present, its main efforts include trips to Israel-Palestine and providing international accompaniment for the Colombian Presbyterian Church. This church has suffered during the 50-year-long civil war in Colombia, because it has spoken up for the war’s main victims, the small farmers whose land is being taken from them. Colombia has the second-largest displaced population in the world. But for trying to help these millions, Colombian Presbyterians are suffering death threats and kidnappings. Our Peace Fellowship has sent volunteers to stand with, to “accompany” these fellow Presbyterians.

Keep in mind these urgent projects when you give your annual gift to the Peacemaking and Global Witness offering. It will be collected on **October 4**.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Join us on September 24 as Cathy Frohbieter will share her experience in South Africa and the largest waterfall in the world, Victoria Falls.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, New Jersey. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)799-1179.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: September 21, September 24 and September 28

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/20 (Team #4) – 9/27 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 9/13/15
Weekly Offering	\$7,300
YTD Offerings	\$314,917
YTD Expenses	\$289,634
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$25,283
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 20, 2015

- 9:15a 1st day of Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
- 10:30a Worship w/Christian Educators, Youth Ministry Leaders & CPNS Teachers Commissioning followed by coffee hour
- 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
- 11:45 Library Committee – Lib.
- 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
- 6p–8p All Youth Kick-off BBQ–Courtyard/FH

September 21, 2015

- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 7:30p Brass Choir
- 7:30p CPNS Board Mtg. – Lib.
- 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

September 22, 2015

- 9:00a Bulletin Material Due
- 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
- 4:00p Presbytery Mtg. – Middletown
- 7:30p Deacons - FH
- 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

September 23, 2015

- 9:30a-11:30a CPNS Parent Orientation – FH
- 7:30p Bell Choir

September 24, 2015

- 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 4:15p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

September 25, 2015

- 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

September 26, 2015

- 10:00a-4:00p Cranbury House Tour - Sanctuary

September 27, 2015

- 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
- 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
- 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
- 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
- 6p–8p All Youth Jello Games-Courtyard/FH