

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
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Fuga del 9° tono

Giovanni Gabrieli
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

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”
(Ps. 103: 1-2)

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord our God,
who has delivered us from evil.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)* *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

SCRIPTURE Luke 4: 14-21 Gretchen Stults
Pew Bible pg. 61

ANTHEM "Come to the water" John B. Foley, arr. Jack Schrader
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 1-3, 6; Luke 6: 20-21 Pew Bible pgs. 4 and 64

SERMON "Blessed are the Poor and Hungry" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)* "Morning Has Broken"

MINUTE FOR MISSION Peacemaking Offering Dr. Anne Barstow

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 *Reverie* Noel Rawsthorne
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)* "God of Grace and God of Glory"

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Postlude* Flor Peeters
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Matt. 5:3-12

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the ¹gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

12 “Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹Or, *humble, meek.* ²Lit., *do to.* ³Lit., *having been filled.*

Luke 6:20-26

20 And turning His gaze on His disciples, He *began* to say, “Blessed are you *who are poor*, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

23 “Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to ²treat the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.

25 “Woe to you who are ³well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets.

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our greeters or pastor 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 honor of William Eller's 92nd birthday with much love from his children and grandchildren.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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: 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 Conant; 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; 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: Betta Elliot and family due to the death of her husband, Frank Elliott; and Eleanor Speers.

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: Earl Davison on October 4.
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

Christian Education classes for all ages (Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

Youth Group

Jell-O Games TONIGHT, September 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for 6th through 12th Grade (Please come with comfortable clothes that can get messy)

In October (10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25), the Youth Group schedule will generally be:

6-7 p.m. - Jr. High (6th-8th Grade) Youth Group
7-8 p.m. - Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) Youth Group

We will keep you posted on special events as they approach!!

Adult Education

MARTHA'S CIRCLE: All Women of the Church—Mark Your Calendars!!!! Join us in the Library on **Monday, October 5 at 1:30 p.m.** for fellowship and Bible study.

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

This week at CPNS, our children will be getting to know their school family during our "Getting to Know You Days". We will be celebrating with the panda, wearing our yellow shirts and learning about the other teachers at CPNS. The children will be taking a tour of our school learning about programs, such as music, lunch and enrichment classes offered at CPNS. Our parents, families and care-givers will also have the opportunity to meet the other families in their child's class during our "Parent Socials". They will be held in the library on Monday and Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. both days. Please stop by for a snack, and say hello to our CPNS families, everyone is welcome.

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: Through some partnerships with the Synod of the Living Waters and Living Waters for the World and the Presbytery of the Mid-South, the Presbytery of St. Andrew in Mississippi has reinvigorated its mission. The increased income has enabled the Presbytery to expand significantly its budget for campus ministry and general mission. One of the most exciting results is an emerging partnership between the evangelism and church development committee, the commission on ministry and several congregations to develop a viable Presbyterian health ministry in the Mississippi delta. The region, largely within presbytery bounds, is marked by extreme poverty and has some of our nation's highest rates of heart disease, diabetes, and other serious medical conditions. The Presbytery of St. Andrew is definitely learning to think outside its box and discovering new ways to participate more actively and faithfully in God's mission and its unique cultural and socioeconomic context.

OCTOBER at SKEET'S PANTRY: The Shelves are Empty Again! Seems hard to believe, but in just one month we've gone from a good supply of food to empty shelves in our pantry. Difficulties with staffing at Mercer Street Friends has been a big part of the problem, and has made it hard for them again to supply as much food as usual to area food pantries. Thanks to your kind monetary gifts over the past months, we will be buying food for our next food distribution on Friday, October 16 but donations of food from all our friends in the congregation and neighbors in the community would also be wonderful!

The food which is most helpful includes:

CEREAL – family sized boxes; **SOUPS** of all varieties; **CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES; PASTA** and **PASTA SAUCE; TUNA FISH; PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY;** and **BABY FOOD** would also be appreciated

And PLEASE be sure your donated food is NOT out-of-date. THANK YOU!!!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: September 28, October 1, October 5, October 8, October 12, October 15, October 19, October 22 and October 26

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/27 (Team #1) – 10/4 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 9/20/15
Weekly Offering	\$6,360
YTD Offerings	\$321,277
YTD Expenses	\$294,569
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$26,708
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 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(6th through 12th Grade) Jell-O Games-Courtyard/FH

September 28, 2015

9:00a CPNS Set-up for Parent Social – Lib/Kit
 10:00a Senior Exercise
 11:00a CPNS Parent Social – Lib/Kit
 2:30p CPNS Parent Social – Lib/Kit
 7:30p Brass Choir
 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

September 29, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
 9:00a CPNS Set-up for Parent Social – Lib/Kit
 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 11:00a CPNS Parent Social – Lib/Kit
 2:30p CPNS Parent Social – Lib/Kit
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

September 30, 2015

7:30p Bell Choir

October 1, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
 2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)
 4:15p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
 7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib.
 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib.
 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

October 2, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

October 3, 2015

October 4, 2015

(World Communion/Peacemaking Offering)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
 10:30a Worship with Communion & Baptism followed by coffee hour
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
 6p–7p Jr. High Youth Group-FH
 7p–8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH