

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzone IV

Girolamo Frescobaldi
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

“Come Worship Together”

written by **Jo D. Andrews,**
arranged by **George Andrews**
Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord alone is our refuge;

God is our dwelling place.

Call on the name of the Lord;

our salvation comes from God.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

3rd Grade Bible Recognition

Hannah Anuszewski, Ethan Anuszewski, Bradley Kong, Addison Marashlian,
Blake Waters and Eric Wheeler

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Vera Elizabeth Pagano
daughter of Stephen Pagano, IV and Kate E. Pagano
born on April 18, 2015

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 Vera 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

Mark 10: 13-31

Ryan Vandenberg
Pew Bible pg. 46

ANTHEM

"Down by the Riverside" arr. Jo D. and George Andrews
(Study War No More) c. 1861

(see insert for a Message from the Children's Choir)

Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6: 20-26

Pew Bible pg. 64

SERMON

“Trouble”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

“Give almes of thy goods”

Christopher Tye
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #391 (Hymnal)*

“Take My Life”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Concluding Voluntary

Thomas Attwood Walmisley
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

MARK SASSO

January 27, 1923 – October 12, 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Today we are going to sing the American Negro Spiritual, "Down by the Riverside" also known as, "Study War No More." This song originated with the slaves in the South who sang it as a work song before the American Civil War freed them all from slavery.

Slaves were the property of their owners. Most of them weren't allowed to read or write. They couldn't vote or fight for freedom like the people who protect us today by serving in our military.

One of the only ways slaves could find freedom or peace was to sing songs that reminded them that God and Jesus Christ would one day take them all to freedom, even though for some of them it might only be in Heaven.

Spirituals are easy to remember. They have nice melodies and some have a lot of verses. Singing spirituals helps us to remember that no matter how hard life can be sometimes, God is always with us.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to rake leaves and the time to look through your pantry and search for canned goods and other goodies for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Your Deacons could be filling as much as 150 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2015 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

Items needed are:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars; copy paper boxes (for packing the baskets)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there will be a large box labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets." You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door or weekdays at the church office. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. **Food collection will run through November 20**

Donations are also accepted to be used to purchase turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables. Checks should be made out to the Board of Deacons earmarked "Thanksgiving Baskets" which can be placed in the collection baskets during worship. Thank you very much in advance!



Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter 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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Heidi Knowlton and Hennie Sushereba.

Flowers are given in loving memory of my cousin, Ryan Cameron, from Megan Pease.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

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; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Ken Rossman; Joan Sasso and family due to the death of her husband, Mark Sasso; Audrey & George Smith; and Carole Vandercher.

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 & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain Fraser; Paul & Janet Furchak's niece, Jaclyn Lyon and friend, Donna Chahalis; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family.

Meadow Lakes member with special needs: 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: George Giovanos on October 18. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

VBS Decorations -Please pick up your camping items that were donated during VBS on the stage in Fellowship Hall as we will be needing that space in preparation for Thanksgiving baskets. Thanks!

Youth Group

6:00p-7:00p Jr. High (6th-8th Grade) Youth Group
 7:00p-8:00p Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) Youth Group

CPNS

This week at CPNS, we will be having parent-teacher conferences. It's such a wonderful opportunity to have discussions regarding the progress the children are having in their learning. It's a time to get to know everyone better, and a time to talk without little ears listening. On Wednesday, October 21 our teachers will be participating in a professional development day. This gives our teachers an opportunity to continue with their own learning. It's important that we are all lifelong learners.

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: Christian Volunteers in Thailand (CVTs) gather for one to two years of missional living to share the love of God with Thai children and adults through the many ministries of our partner church, the church of Christ in Thailand. They do all things with incredible grace and love including teaching English in Christian schools, preparing radio programs for people in isolated places, showing parents how to protect their children, and reaching out to orphans and refugees displaced by conflict. They are active in congregations and participate in evangelism and social development programs and enter into the joy of intentional Christian community.

OCTOBER at SKEET'S PANTRY: Thanks to your kind monetary gifts over the past months, we continue buying food for our food distribution but donations of food from all our friends in the congregation and neighbors in the community would also be wonderful! Again make sure that the donated food items are not out of date. Thank you!

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

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, October 22** at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The Senior Breakfast group will host their monthly meeting and we will hear from **Merle Howe**. Mr. Howe was the head of a bank in Plainsboro, and will speak about banking and finances; specifically, the streamlining of banking through computers that we will see in the next few years. It's sure to be an interesting and informative talk.

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 more information, contact Walter Wright.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: October 19, October 22, October 26 and October 29

Senior Fellowship will have a **Halloween Party** on **Wednesday, October 28** at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. After lunch, we will be joined by the children of CPNS. The children will sing for us and parade around the room in their costumes. Of course there will be candy! If you are not on our calling list and wish to attend, please RSVP to the church office (609-395-0897) by Monday, October 26. Please note, that we have changed the date to October 28 from the date previously listed on our yearly calendar.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 10/18 (Team #4) – 10/25 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 10/11/15
Weekly Offering	\$8,237
YTD Offerings	\$340,935
YTD Expenses	\$317,911
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$23,024

WORSHIP

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

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

October 18, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
 10:30a Worship w/Baptism and 3rd Grade Bible Distribution followed by coffee hour
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
 11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.
 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR
 6p-7p Jr. High Youth Group-FH
 7p-8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH

October 19, 2015

9:00a-3p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences – Lib./Rm 1
 10:00a Senior Exercise
 7:30p Brass Choir
 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Lib.
 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

October 20, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
 9:00a-3p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences – Lib./Rm 1
 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 7:30p Session Meeting - FH
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

October 21, 2015

CPNS Closed (Professional Dev.)
 9:00a CPNS Professional Development – Kit/Lib./FH
 7:30p Bell Choir

October 22, 2015

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn

9:00a-3p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences – Lib./Rm 1

10:00a Senior Exercise

4:15p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary

7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

October 23, 2015

9:00a-3p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences – Lib./Rm 1

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

October 24, 2015

October 25, 2015 (Reformation)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)

10:30a Worship w/50+ Member Recognition followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR

6p-8p Jr./Sr. Fall Fest @ the Toto’s home