

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

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Sonata IV

Thomas Arne
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

“Lead me, Lord, in Thy righteousness”

Samuel Wesley
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the Lord, who is faithful,
who gathers and guards the people.
Look to the Lord, who is merciful,
who redeems and restores our lives.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #260 (Hymnal)* *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by. When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices. Forgive us, God of grace. Save a place, even for us, at that great banquet of redemption when all will be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Friends and members, today we offer our thanks for the lives of those who have spent most of their years worshipping God in this church. We pray for their continued health, for the blessings and favor of God upon them and their families and for the ministry they have shared as a part of this congregation.

Presentation of 50 Year Members

Today we recognize you for the years of ministry and service you have given to the members and friends of The First Presbyterian Church. We give thanks to God for the many lives you have touched, both friend and stranger, and for your continued Journey in Faith as members of The First Presbyterian Church. With you we remember the commitments we made to serve God in this local congregation of The First Presbyterian Church.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to you for your continued love and care, may you continue to do all within your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love, as together we recommit ourselves to the service of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for all God has given us as members together in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The First Presbyterian Church. With you, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now may the God of all Grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. **AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 21-35

Pat Demers
Pew Bible pg. 20

ANTHEM

"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

John E. Preston
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 7

Pew Bible pgs. 4

SERMON

“Blessed Are the Merciful”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #298 (Hymnal)* *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

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

Kyrie, God the Everlasting Father

J. S. Bach
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #457 (Hymnal)* *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Fuga

Johann Pachelbel
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 is 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 the Deacons in honor of our 50+ Members.

Head Usher is Ginny Swanagan.

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: 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 & family due to the death of her husband, Mark Sasso; Audrey & George Smith; Carole Vandercher; and Barbara Wahlers.

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: Lucille Kirkenir on November 1. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Fall Workday, on Sunday, November 1** beginning at 12:00 noon. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be hosting coffee hour/luncheon to get us energized for fellowship and fun as we tackle some projects around the church. Anyone staying to help can dress down for Worship.

There is a variety of jobs that we would like to complete this fall. These include some outside and inside clean up and some repairs and maintenance items. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there. We are very thankful for any and all help in maintaining our church building and property.

CHOIR

A Singing Church is a Healthy Church! As you prayerfully consider your upcoming stewardship commitment for our church's ongoing mission, please give some thought as to whether your time and talents might also include vocal or instrumental ability. Both our Bell Choir and Chorale definitely require additional members at this time. Even if your musical training was in high school or earlier on, you can still reanimate those buried skills, plus have fun participating in fellowship as well!

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
6:30p-8:00p Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) Youth Group

CPNS

This week will be an exciting week at CPNS; it's Halloween! We will be having our Halloween parades on Wednesday at 12:45 p.m., Thursday at 9:15 a.m. and on Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Senior Fellowship program will be watching our parade on Wednesday, October 28 after their lunch as part of their Halloween celebration. We are so happy to have the extra special audience. We hope that we will put a smile on their faces and a little extra joy in their hearts.

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 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: Missionaries in Japan in the aftermath of the Second World War realized that a priority was to witness to the love and compassion of Jesus Christ through medical ministry. An area in Osaka called Awaji was identified as especially lacking medical services. Gifts from Presbyterian Women sponsored this project leading to the building of Yodogawa Christian Hospital. Today with more than 700 beds and 1,700 employees, YCH is one of the largest general hospitals in Osaka. It operates on the conviction that complete health cannot be achieved without a relationship to God and that this relationship comes only through knowing and believing in Jesus Christ, the source of abundant life. The hospital focuses on not only the physical but also the social, psychological, and spiritual needs of its patients. Countless people experience compassionate healing in the name of Jesus Christ at Yodogawa Christian Hospital.

OTHER NEWS

Free Piano! The piano in the choir room is being replaced. That means that the current piano will be offered free to anyone who might be interested in obtaining it. It is a Baldwin console piano. It is generally in good condition and would certainly be a good starter instrument for a piano student, for example.

The lower left leg of the piano was broken and repaired at one point. However, the repair has come undone. Consequently, the church will no longer service this piano. Therefore, whoever wishes to own this instrument will wish to obtain the services of a company that is able to move the instrument as well as perform the necessary repair and suggest that it be tuned and regulated after arriving in its new home.

Please contact Don Klotzbeacher if you are interested in this piano. Don will also be happy to answer any questions and assist in the procurement process.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: October 26, October 29, November 2, November 5, November 9, November 12, November 16, November 19, **(No class on November 23 and 26)** and November 30

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: 10/25 (Team #1) – 11/1 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 10/18/15
Weekly Offering	\$4,591
YTD Offerings	\$345,526
YTD Expenses	\$324,922
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$20,604

WORSHIP

We have a **flower opening on November 1**. Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

Please Note: There will be NO communion on Sunday, November 1. We will celebrate communion on November 8 with the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church joining us.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

October 26, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p Bible Study – Lib.
8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm

October 27, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
10:00a Planning of Lessons & Carols – Church Office
7:30p Deacons - FH
3:30p Bible Study at Meadow Lakes – Mtg. Rm
7:30p AA – McK Rm

October 28, 2015

10:30a-4:00p Sr. Fellowship-VAN/Kitchen/FH
11:30a Sr. Fellowship Halloween Party FH/Kitchen
12:45p CPNS Costume Parade -FH
7:30p Bell Choir

October 29, 2015

9:15a CPNS Costume Parade – FH
10:00a Senior Exercise
4:15p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

October 30, 2015

9:15a CPNS Costume Parade – FH
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
6:30p Boy Scouts – FH (JY)

October 31, 2015

Nov. 1, 2015 (All Saints' Day/ Daylight Savings Time Ends)

8a-9a Coffee with Sunday School Teachers - Lib
9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship (NO COMMUNION) followed by coffee hour/luncheon and **B&G Workday**
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR
6p–7p Jr. High Youth Group-FH
6:30p–8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH

**Thanks Be to God for
50+ Years of Membership at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury**

*We celebrate these men and women who have been members of our church family for over Fifty Years.
This is a wonderful achievement and a testimony to the grace of God who strengthens our faith and
life for the sake of Christ's church.*

1927	Judson Hagerty		Dorothy Patterson
1932	Stanley Stults	1958	Peg Hagerty
1937	Rose Eller	1959	Diane Cox Candice Silverman Richard Zimmer
1942	Arthur Danser		
1944	Janet Schlegel	1960	H. Craig Gilbert Bev Gilbert Sally Giovanos Wilma Shimer Diane Smith Thomas Weidner
1947	S. Warren Tantum		
1948	Lillian Conley Monty Hagerty		
1949	Harvey Davison	1962	John Bloom William Chermak Katherine Davison Gladys Frisch Donald Patterson Margery Scott Jim Taylor
1951	Patricia Bohrs Jane Huff Susan Walcott		
1952	Barbara Danser Robert Perrine		
1953	Pat Scott	1964	Henrietta Sushereba
1954	Richard Craig	1965	Alan Balcomb Barbara Balcomb Virginia Swanagan
1955	Charles N. Patterson		

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)