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

5th Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"God is gone up with a shout"

Robert J. Powell

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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bread for the World

Gretchen Stults

INTROIT

"The Lord Is in His Holy Realm"

by Jo. D. Andrews, arr. by George Andrews

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Children's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is making all things new.

The thirsty receive the water of life.

The Holy Spirit fell upon Peter.

God gives all the repentance that leads to life.

Jesus has given us a new commandment.

We will love one another as Christ loved us.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)*

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ❖

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ≠ Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE John 13: 31-35 Don Winchell

Pew Bible pg. 108

ANTHEM "Balm in Gilead" African American Spiritual

(Jeremiah 8: 22) arr. by Jo D. and George Andrews

Children's Choir

This is dedicated to Choral Directors, Clyde and Louise Sechler, Dorothy Klotzbeacher and Joanne Hughes.

SCRIPTURE John 17: 20-26 Pew Bible pgs. 111-112

SERMON "Another Commandment?!" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #335 (Hymnal)* "Though I May Speak"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Lovaglio

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 "If my people which are called by my name" Jimmy Owens

(II Chronicles 7: 14) The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Lovaglio

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

RESPONSE* Choral Amen Donovan Klotzbeacher

(Bunessan) The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* "Christ lag in todesbanden" J. S. Bach

Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

announcements

<u>Visitors!</u> 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 Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red "friendship pad".

<u>Childcare is provided during worship</u>. 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.

<u>Hearing devices</u> are available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Flowers are given by his wife and family to celebrate the life of Edgar Lawson.

<u>Coffee hour</u> is hosted by the Middle School Youth Group – Lock-In Theme!

Head Usher is Ginny Swanagan.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

<u>Prayer Chain</u> 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

<u>Church members with special needs</u>: Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Will Ellsworth; Paul Furchak; Walter "Pete" Keve; Judson Hagerty; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; John & Carol Sprout; Ross Trube; Barbara Wahlers; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson's father, Robert; Daune Arsnow's uncle, Larry; Alan and Barbara Balcomb's friend, Pat; Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain; Gaylord French's wife, Molly; Paul Furchak and family due to the passing of his brother, Michael; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga; Mary Lou Kerr's cousin, Helen; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi & family; and Bonnie and Neal Wagman's grandson, Aiden.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

<u>Prayer Requests in the Bulletin</u>: 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!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday**, on **Sunday**, **May 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 Spring. 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.

CXRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTX MINISTRY

The Adult Retreat is this week! TODAY is the last day to sign up!!! Our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat will take place on April 29 and April 30. Pastor Lou will now be the leader of our retreat. His topic will be a study of Galatians: The Freedom of a Christian.

This year marks the 29th Anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like, now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again.

Look for the sign-up table during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Transportation is available via the church van. Barbara Santoro will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbeacher (Mrs. K @ 732-521-2026).

<u>VBS 2016 Living Waters for the World</u>: Please mark your calendars to join us from July 25 to July 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience! Living Waters for the World is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives and encourages conservative use. Children will also learn how "Jesus Christ is Living Water for our Bodies and our Souls".

Each day of this five-day VBS includes an opening time which focuses on a different country, a Bible story, a mission story, activities and crafts, recreation and snacks, music, reflection and a closing time.

Registration forms will be available through mid-July 2016. We are already getting ramped up with excitement for VBS 2016!! Pastor Hannah and Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to make VBS Living Waters for the World come to life!

If you interested in being a teacher, assistant teacher, youth helper, or a leader for decorations, advertising, snacks, registration, crafts, etc.. - Please contact Pastor Hannah Lovaglio at firstpreshannah@comcast.net or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

Middle School: Get some sleep after Friday's Lock In! No Sunday Youth Group High Schoolers: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for more *Love Wins* book discussion

Save the Date: Support our youth group on Saturday, May 14 by joining us at Arm & Hammer Park for a Trenton Thunder baseball game. Everyone is invited. (see the back page for the ticket form)

CPNS

Yesterday was Mrs. K's Gala to celebrate her over 30 years of love and dedication to the children and families of CPNS, and our Cranbury Community. For those of you that supported this very special event so far thank you so much.

The 2016-2017 registration process for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School has begun. We are also registering for our pre-summer and summer programs. The registration forms can be found on our website. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Christian preschool.

mission, service & grants

Yes, today is the BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS in our Fellowship Hall immediately following our worship service. Come to our table and send your letter urging our Congress to support \$230 million for international maternal and child nutrition programs. Interestingly, this goal accomplishes more than feeding women and children, for by providing people with the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty; we create a more stable world. For every 5% drop in income growth in a developing country, the likelihood of violent conflict or war within the next year increases by 10%. We don't realize we are promoting peace when we feed the hungry but we are! Jesus fed the hungry. We can help do the same.

One Great Hour of Sharing: God is good!! Our church family contributed \$2,570.40 to One Great Hour of Sharing! The children of the church alone contributed \$300.60! This is enough for 6 shares of a well to be built in Ghana; way surpassing the goal of \$100.00. Thank you all for your faithful support.

Skeet's Pantry "Top Five": It was another great day for Skeet's Pantry and our "customers" on April 15th – as always, thanks to all of you. Your generosity is absolutely incredible! But now we have to fill up the shelves again for our May 20 food distribution, and here are the "Top Five" items on our wish list:

 $\textbf{PASTA -} \ any \ and \ all \ types \ of \ spaghetti, \ linguini, \ tortellini-you \ get \ the \ idea!$

PEANUT BUTTER – a major staple for our pantry families **CEREAL** – Family size boxes of all the good, nourishing kinds **TUNA FISH** – another great high protein item **DETERGENT** – The 32oz size is best – no larger sizes, please

As always, you're welcome to drop off donations in the wheelbarrow on Sunday mornings, or in the entrance hall of Fellowship Hall. Thanks again!

OUTREACX

TODAY is the LAST DAY to SIGN-UP for DINNER FOR EIGHT: Please join us for an evening of fellowship and good food. We are looking for host/hostess and guests for this semi-annual event. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall waiting for your name. If you have any questions, please call Carol Fisher (609)655-5153 or Ann Mooney (609)448-0207.

Senior fellowskip

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 25, April 28, May 2, May 5, May 9, May 12, May 16, May 19, May 23, May 26, and No Class-May 30.

Stewardskip & finance

Counting Teams: 4/24 (Team #3) – 5/1 (Team #4)

	Week Ended 4/17/16			
Weekly Offering	\$4,824			
YTD Offerings	\$164,742			
YTD Expenses	\$132,687			
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$32,055			
YTD Per Capita: \$3,548 (16% of \$21,780)				

Per Capita: This denomination support is used to pay for services and resources offered by Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly for use by our congregation or any other congregation that is part of PC (USA). Since the denomination support paid from our operating budget is only a portion of the total assessment for our Church, Session is asking for your help in supporting our ministry by covering the cost of per capita. The amount of this assessment is **\$36 per active member**. The *per capita* is paid for by all active members, including youth who have been confirmed.

other news

The <u>Women's Club of Cranbury</u> will be awarding three scholarships: Two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post-secondary education; and one \$2,000 scholarship for a woman who is pursuing post-secondary education after having experienced a time away from attending school.

The first two scholarship applications can be obtained through school Guidance Offices, the Women's Club website - cranburywomensclub.org and/or the Cranbury Public Library. The second scholarship application can be found on the Cranbury Women's Club website - cranburywomensclub.org. Deadline is on or before April 30.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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April 24, 201	6		
9:15a Sunday School(CRs/FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)	4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band		
8:45a Confirmation Class-Church Office	Practice-upstairs CRs		
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour	6:30p-8p High School Youth Group		
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service	FH/Youth Rm		
April 25, 201	6		
10:00a Senior Exercise	7:30p Brass Choir		
	7:30p CPNS Board Mtg–Lib.		
	8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm		
April 26, 201	6		
9:00a Bulletin Material Due	4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary		
9:30a Staff MtgChurch Office	7:30p Deacons - FH		
	7:30p AA – McKnight Room		
April 27, 201	6		
	7:30p Bell Choir		
April 28, 201	6		
8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn	7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary		
10:00a Senior Exercise	-		
April 29, 201	6		
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office			
Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry,	Liberty Corner, NJ (VAN)		
April 30, 201	6		
Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry,	Liberty Corner, NJ (VAN)		
9:00a-3:00p Garage Sale – Courtyard/Town-wide			
May 1, 2016	1		
9:15a Sunday School(CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)	4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band		
8:45a Confirmation Class-Church Office	Practice-upstairs CRs		
10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by	5:30p-6:30p Middle Schoolers-FH		
coffee hour/luncheon and B&G Workday	6:30p Pick-Up Band - Sanctuary		
11a Meadow Lakes Worship Communion Service	6:30p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)		
12p B&G Workday	6:30p-8p High School Youth Group		
	FH/Youth Rm		

Come out for a Trenton Thunder baseball game and support our YOUTH GROUP! Saturday, May 14 at 7:00 p·m· Everyone is invited·

Name:						
Address:						
City:		State:		Zip:		
Phone Num	ber:					
Payment:	CASH or	CHECK (payab	le to the Fi	irst Presby	terian Chu	rch)
Total Ticket	75:	X \$10·0	00 = \$			
For more firstpreshan		ation, please st·net·	contact	Pastor	Hannah	at

Return ticket request and payment to the church office by Sunday, May 1!

