

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

7th Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day

May 8, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Preludes on “Hyfrydol” & “Melcombe”

Healey Willan
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

“Make a joyful noise”
(Ps. 100: 1-3)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

1st through 4th grade
Sunday School Class

HYMN #319 (Hymnal)*

“Spirit”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have set us free to serve you, but we serve our own interests. You have delivered us from captivity, but we remain captive to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your loving-kindness upon this whole family of believers so that we may rejoice in our redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✞

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ♫

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16: 16-34

Larry White

Pew Bible pg. 136

ANTHEM

"Thy word is like a garden, Lord"

Kurt Kaiser

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 17: 20-26

Pew Bible pgs. 111-112

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN*

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: **Refrain**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **Refrain**

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: **Refrain**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **Refrain**

REFRAIN

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

Toccata per l'Elevazione

Girolamo Frescobaldi
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #332 (Hymnal)*

"Live Into Hope"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Fantasia on "Forest Green"

Lani Smith
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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”.

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 are given in loving memory of Joseph and Henrietta Magnani from their daughter, Rose, granddaughters, Linda and Diane and great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Erin.

Coffee hour is hosted by Matt and Jane Curran.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Greeter is Jack Britton/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: 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.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Mary Palmer and Betty Smith.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson’s father, Robert; Daune Arsnow’s uncle, Larry; Alan & Barbara Balcomb’s friend, Pat; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gaylord French’s wife, Molly; 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; Dale & Joan Smith’s sister-in-law, Beverly; Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi & family; and Bonnie & 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.

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: Craig Gilbert on May 10. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

VBS 2016 Living Waters for the World: 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: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **High Schoolers:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Save the Dates! We are doing a new **pictorial directory** this year! We will be having photos taken on June 23 and June 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Photos will also be taken at Meadow Lakes from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 28.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with this project. If you can help, please fill out the insert and drop it into the offering plate or it can be left in the church office. Online appointments can also be made at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/firstpresbyterianchurchofcranbury>. You can also find this information on our website along with the price list.

CPNS

This past week was Teacher Appreciation week and CPNS is blessed with an amazing teaching staff. Our teachers love and respect each child while providing them with the most developmentally appropriate learning opportunities preparing them for their future academic success. Our CPNS families provided us with a delicious lunch on Thursday and Friday and we can't thank everyone enough for all they did to make this past week so special. Teachers make a difference in the lives of our children and we are so thankful for each and everyone of our teachers and appreciate all they do for the children of CPNS everyday.

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.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

DEACONS

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for our Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 4 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Enjoy strawberries, cake, ice cream, music, games, face painting, a clown and more!



Purchase tickets in advance:

Family Pass up to five people: \$25 and Individual Tickets: \$6

Tickets at the door:

Family Pass up to five people: \$28 and Individual Tickets: \$7

Tickets are available during coffee hour, at the church office, CPNS or from any Deacon.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

From the Mission Yearbook: Our church has long had a special interest in the Dominican Republic of the Congo. If we were to visit a primary school in Munkamba in the Congo we might see four small classrooms made of sticks and palm fronds. Other classes meet outdoors under trees and children sit on the ground or on logs. Teachers write lessons with tiny sticks of chalk on pieces of old tin roofing. Congolese Presbyterian churches (CPC) are committed to empowering children through education and churches run nearly 1,000 primary and secondary schools in East and West Kasai and other provinces. But efforts are being made to transform these schools into quality learning environments. A team from the US worked with the CPC in determining priorities, improving infrastructure, increasing teacher training, providing textbooks for teachers in all subjects and grade levels, providing transportation for school supervisors to make visits, and offering scholarships to help increase enrollment and retention of girls. This strategic planning model has been lifted up by Presbyterian World Mission as a best practice for other partnerships.

Skeet's Pantry “Top Five”: It was another great day for Skeet's Pantry during our April distribution – as always, thanks to all of you. Your generosity is absolutely incredible! Now it's time to fill up the shelves again for our May 20 food distribution, and here are the “Top Five” items on our wish list:

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!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 9, May 12, May 16, May 19, May 23, May 26, and No Class on May 30.

Senior Fellowship Event - Concert on Tuesday, May 24 at 12 noon: Our next program will be on Tuesday, May 24 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a concert featuring Zack Alexander, an outstanding vocalist who sings in the style of Frank Sinatra. Zack is completing his second year at Hofstra University and is majoring in Radio and Television Production. He is destined to be a sought after entertainer. This will be a brown bag lunch (please bring your own sandwich). We will provide beverages and dessert with lunch. If you would like to attend this program and

you are not on our calling list, we request that you pre-register by Thursday, May 19 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897 and leave your name and phone number in case we have to call to cancel the program due to bad weather or other conditions.

STEWARSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/8 (Team #1) – 5/15 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 5/1/16
Weekly Offering	\$13,194
YTD Offerings	\$187,301
YTD Expenses	\$154,011
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$33,290
YTD Per Capita: \$3,835 (18% 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.

WORSHIP

There are **flower openings** for May 22, June 5, July 3, July 17 and July 31. Please call Diane Smith at 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 8 (Mother's Day)

9:15a Sunday School(CRs/Lib/McK
Rm/Rm 1)
8:45a Confirmation Class—Church Office
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice—
upstairs CRs
5:30p-6:30p Middle Schoolers-FH
6:30p Pick up band rehearsal –
Sanctuary
6:30p-8p High School Youth Group-
FH/Youth Rm

May 9

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

May 10

CPNS Police Visits
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary
7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church
Office
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

May 11

CPNS Police Visits
9:00a Session Material Due
3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmt Mtg-
ML Board/Conference Rm
7:30p Boy Scout District Mtg. –
McK Rm
7:30p Bell Choir

May 12

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p P&A Mtg-church office (upstairs)
7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

May 13

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

May 14

7:00p Youth – Trenton Thunder
Baseball outing VAN

May 15 (Pentecost)

9:15a Sunday School (CRs/Lib./FH/McK
Rm/Rm 1)
9:15a Confirmation Class–Church Office
9:30a Pick Up Band practice- Sanctuary
10:30a Worship w/Confirmation
followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:45a Library Cmte – Lib.
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–
upstairs CRs
6:30p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)