

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments
in the courtyard following the service.
(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)*

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Minuet Gothique

Leon Boellman
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

*“Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord”
(Ps. 113)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher
Summer Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ask and it will be given to you,
search and you will surely find,
Knock and the door will be opened,
for the Lord our God is faithful.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You claim us as your own people, but we forsake your holy covenant. You offer us the gift of prayer, but we forget to lift our hearts to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to live our lives in Christ, rooted and grounded in our faith and growing each day in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

COMMISSIONING OF VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS (see insert)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18: 21-35 Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 20

ANTHEM "*Let the praise go 'round*" William Boyce, arr. Hal Hopson
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6: 5-15 Pew Bible pgs. 5-6

SERMON Louis J. Mitchell, Th.D.

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #223 (Hymnal)* "*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Unison) Psalm 23
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Prelude on "Foundation"

Donovan Klotzbeacher
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

(see insert)

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)* *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen (Azmon)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
Summer Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary in F

Maurice Greene
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.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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; Lil Conley; Robert Dyke; Judson Hagerty; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Lucille Kirkenir; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; John & Carol Sprout; Barbara Wahlers; Margo Wegner; 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; Jo D. Andrews granddaughter, Jenna; Daune Arsnow's friend, Linda; Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain; Gaylord French's wife, Molly; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager's daughter-in-law, Liz; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga; Mark & Joanne Hughes' friend, Anna and family; Ed Luffey's mother, Ruth; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; and friend of the congregation, Bonnie Beckford Wagman.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm's way.

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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Bible Study - Colossians in the Contemporary: A four week bible study with Pastor Lou on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Join us July 25 and Aug. 1.

Vacation Bible School is here! Thank you to our scores of teachers, helpers, parents, youth and children who will participate in VBS this coming week. We are so excited to learn and grow with you. The congregation is most welcome to attend our closing ceremony Friday, July 29, starting at 11:40 a.m. in the sanctuary, to see and hear some of what we learned this year at VBS.

All VBS questions should come to Cassandra (ckhazem@gmail.com) and Hannah (firstpreshannah@comcast.net). If you still want to volunteer, let us know!

Mark your calendars! Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are most welcome to all events (except the TASK service opportunity, there is a 13 year old age requirement at TASK).

- **Pool Party - Wednesday, August 24 (Waciega family's house in Plainsboro) -** Details and permission slips will show up in your inbox sometime in August. (Rain date August 25)
- **Youth Serve @ TASK – Thursday, September 1:** Leave from the church at 2:15 p.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Serve a meal alongside Pastor Hannah at TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen). Must be 13 years or older to serve. Details and permission slips to come in August. Also, if you'd like to serve at TASK on a different date this summer, you would be most welcome on August 4! Please let Hannah know and she'll put you in touch with the volunteer teams for that date. We can sign off on service hours for you!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Anyone who did not have their pictures mailed to their home address, please see Ed or Janice Luffey. We have the photos. If you don't see us, please contact us at (609)619-3064 to make arrangements.

CPNS

Our CPNS teachers; Helen Lazzaro, Sandy Price and Denise Reilley had a wonderful time during our CPNS Summer Program. Thank you to everyone that participated.

We have been busy preparing for the new school year and recently participated in a professional development opportunity reviewing Creative Curriculum from Teaching Strategies. Our teachers will also be attending additional professional development opportunities so we can all be prepared to implement this curriculum more fully in September. We previously used Creative Curriculum as a resource to our own curriculum which we will continue to use as our guiding principles and philosophy. In addition to the curriculum professional development we have been participating in a variety of professional development opportunities offered by GROW NJ Kids and meeting with the technical specialists as we work toward preparing for our quality ratings.

We continue to register children for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School 2016-2017 school year. The registration forms can be found on our website. Enrichment program details are also available on our website. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Christian preschool.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Summer at SKEET'S PANTRY: Yes, we provide food to over 80 families each month on the 3rd Fridays of summer months, too. And thanks to your kindness, we are doing well with this important mission of our church ... BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET US during the summer. We always depend on your generous gifts of food and funds.

The food we need continues to be the basic staples of most family meals:

- Pasta** – any and all types; **Pasta Sauce** – what's pasta without the sauce; **Peanut Butter and Jelly** – one of our favorite staples; **Tuna Fish** – packed with protein;
- Cereal** – Large nutritious family-size boxes are ideal;
- Soup** – all types of canned soup are welcome

We also provide a "Miscellaneous" table at each pantry session, enabling our families to select food items which may be unique but something those families really enjoy, or perhaps have a special need for. So we are glad to accept your "miscellaneous" food donations, too – but please be sure the expiration dates are current. THANKS and Have a Wonderful Summer!

Last Sunday, our Pastor Lou preached a wonderful sermon on that portion of the Lord's Prayer which prays, "Give us today our daily bread," emphasizing the "us". He pointed out that the "us" includes the hungry not only nearby but far away, overseas, any place where there are people suffering from lack of bread. The obvious implication is that we are to do what we can to see that the "us" are fed. Do you recall in May, as part of the Bread for the World Annual Offering of Letters, sending letters to our Senators Booker and Menendez and our Representative, Bonnie Watkins urging them to support measures that feed the hungry here and elsewhere? I am happy to report that Bread for the World has advised us that Congress has passed the Global Food Security Act that is aimed at doing just that. Perhaps your letters helped bring about that wise and compassionate decision.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/24 (Team #4) – 7/31 (Team #1)

PLEDGES: Please remember to keep pledges current during the summer. Thank you!

	Week Ended 7/17/16
Weekly Offering	\$3,827
YTD Offerings	\$254,130
YTD Expenses	\$241,514
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$12,616
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

WORSHIP

There is a **flower opening** for July 31. Please call Diane Smith at 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 24, 2016 10:00a Worship w/VBS & Youth Mission Trip Commissioning followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service and Baptism 11:30a – 1:00p VBS Training – FH 1p-3p VBS Decorating – All Areas 3p-4p VBS Pre-Registration Day – FH	July 25, 2016 VBS All Areas - VAN <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 7:00p Bible Study – Lib (Lou) 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
July 26, 2016 VBS All Areas - VAN 7:30p AA – McKnight Room	July 27, 2016 VBS All Areas - VAN
July 28, 2016 VBS All Areas - VAN 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office	July 29, 2016 VBS All Areas - VAN <u>Church Office Closed</u>
July 30, 2016	July 31, 2016 7:00a Youth Group Leaves for Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN 10:00a Worship followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

COMMISSIONING OF VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS: **Jo D. Andrews, Samantha Andrews, Daune Arsnow, Kate Banks, Annabelle Barnes, Jenni Collins, Jane Curran, Bea Davison, Earl Davison, Jean Dunham, Emily Ellsworth, Will Ellsworth, Christian Flagg, Hadley Flyge, Anne Gordon, Maggie Hughes, Cassandra Khazem, Anna Khazem, Megan Khazem, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbecher, Jade Kocher, Carron Kohn, Pastor Hannah Lovaglio, Janice Luffey, Aldo Maselli, Pastor Lou Mitchell, Ann Mooney, Mariela Obrien, Megan Pease, Karlee Pederson, Leigh Perry, Kyrsten Ramkishun, Jean Randazzo, Elise Root, Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Ginny Swanagan, Olivia Theal, Leslie Vandenberg, Ryan Vandenberg, Carole Vandercher, Alex Vogen, Vicki Waciega, Maggie Welch and Janet Wheeler.**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.’

What we have heard and know for ourselves, we must hand on to the next generation. These in their turn will tell others to put confidence in the Lord, never forgetting God’s faithfulness and always keeping his commandments.

QUESTION FOR THE VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS

We give thanks to God that you are leaders in our VBS Family Ministry. Through your efforts, the good news of God’s love will be celebrated among another generation. Please answer this question. Do you trust Jesus Christ your Savior, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

You are now commissioned to be a leader in the VBS Family Ministry. May the light of God’s love shine through all that you say and do!

PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have appointed teachers and leaders to tell of your love and power, your justice and peace. We thank you for these brothers and sisters who will teach children and young people your ways this week in VBS. Give them the gifts of your Spirit, so that they may be bold witnesses of your good news. Guide them as they serve in your name. May they speak your word and show your kindness. O Lord, help us to turn to you in obedience to your commandments and to live in the hope and joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM: Our mission as the church is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people by our words and actions. Jesus taught us, saying: "I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". We celebrate your devotion to the tasks ahead of you, as you join with other people in mission working with Next Step Ministries in Lorain County, Ohio. Through the gift of your service and its example of love, you show others the infinite love that God has for all people. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. We ask that you publicly affirm your commitment to this work.

Will you accept the people you serve right where they are and just the way they are? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you work in glad cooperation and mutual support with others, being sensitive, helpful, and humble, according to the needs presented to you? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you conduct yourself in a manner which witnesses to what God has done through Christ in your life and for all humanity? **I will, with God's help.**

Do you sincerely believe that the work you are about to undertake is truly the work of God in our world? **I do.**

Almighty God, look graciously upon these people now being commissioned. Send them forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to love and serve you with joy. Grant them an extra measure of grace as they serve together. Strengthen them as your faithful witnesses, so that many may share the good news of your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING

Emily Curran, Jessica Curran, Emily Ellsworth, Evan Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Branden Kenny, Anna Khazem, Hannah Lovaglio, Karlee Pedersen, Villana Tkac, Biagio Toto, Cole Toto and Timothy Wotring, on behalf of the Session, you are commissioned to share the love of Jesus Christ throughout your time of service in Ohio, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in this congregation, I commend to you those who will participate in this mission. Let us support them with our love and care and uphold them in our prayers for the work that they will perform.

CONGREGATION: (Unison)

We rejoice to send you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gifts of service. We pledge our prayers and support. With you, we renew our commitment to God and to service in the name of Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessings for you and for the people you go to serve. Amen.