

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2016 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Kyrie & Canzona dopo l'Epistola

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)
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

“Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just”
(Ps. 32: 1-3)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
Summer Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

If we have been raised with Jesus Christ,
then let us seek the things that are above.
If our lives are hidden in Jesus Christ,
then let us look for his glory to be revealed.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #260 (Hymnal)*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You offer us the gift of salvation, but we spend our lives in vain pursuits. You provide enough for all to share, but we store up treasures for ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek the way of heaven, and to let go of earthly desires so that we might have abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4: 1-11

Caroline Koi
Pew Bible pg. 3

ANTHEM

“I love you, Lord”
(My Jesus, I love thee)

arr. Stan Pethel
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

James 1: 2-18

Pew Bible pgs. 228-229

SERMON

Louis J. Mitchell, Th.D.

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #97 (Hymnal)*

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

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

Voluntary in A

Sumuel Preistley Taylor
(1779-1875)
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*
Prayer of Dedication*

“Doxology”

HYMN #302 (Hymnal)*

“I Danced in the Morning”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen
(Simple Gifts)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
Summer Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Lesson

Geo. F. Handel (1685-1759)
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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Deacons.

Head Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

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!

Birthday of Distinction: Dietrich Wahlers on August 3. **Happy Birthday!**

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. (July 11, July 18, July 25 and August. 1)

Vacation Bible School was Amazing!!! Thank you to our scores of teachers, helpers, parents, youth and children who participated in VBS this past week!

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

Pictorial Directory Anyone who was not photographed for the new directory and would like to submit a photo, please do so at your earliest convenience by contacting Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com or (609)619-3064.

CPNS

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!

From the Mission Yearbook: It might be interesting and instructive to hear some of the specifics that occupy the time and energies of Presbyterian mission co-workers. For instance, we think of Cobbie and Dessa who work alongside the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Dessa works as artistic director of Youth Advocates Through Theater Arts (YATTA) which partners with local UCCP churches which use theater for evangelism and advocacy. Through YATTA the theater arts address challenging subjects such as human trafficking, gender based violence, children's rights, teen pregnancy, and speaking out against sexual abuse. Cobbie facilitates several UCCP priorities, leads church development seminars for pastors and spiritual formation for seminary students, coordinates projects related to clean water, waste and sanitation and develops curriculum and church training programs to promote peace and reconciliation for the Philippine Ecumenical Peace Platform. Together they serve as site coordinators for the PC(USA)'s Young Adult volunteer program in the Philippines.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/31 (Team #1) – 8/7 (Team #2) – 8/14 (Team #3)

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

	Week Ended 7/24/16
Weekly Offering	\$6,646
YTD Offerings	\$260,775
YTD Expenses	\$250,870
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$9,905
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>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 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs</p>	<p>August 1, 2016 Youth Group Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 7:00p Bible Study – Lib (Lou) 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>August 2, 2016 Youth Group Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Cmte Mtg- Lib. 7:30p MS&G Mtg-FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>August 3, 2016 Youth Group Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN 11:00p ML Bible Study @ ML</p>
<p>August 4, 2016 Youth Group Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 2:30p–5:30p TASK 7:30p B&G Mtg-Lib.</p>	<p>August 5, 2016 Youth Group Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN Church Office Closed</p>
<p>August 6, 2016 Youth Group Mission Trip (Ohio) VAN</p>	<p>August 7, 2016 10:00a Worship w/Communion followed by refreshments 11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs</p>