

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the
Courtyard immediately following the service.*
(✦ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

John Stanley
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

“The Lord I Will at All Times Bless” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 107

Give thanks for the Lord’s goodness, God’s love is steadfast and forever.

**God has gathered us from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south, and rescued us from trouble.**

When we wandered as if in the desert, hungry and thirsty for God,

God heard our cries and revived our fainting souls, leading us home.

Give thanks for God’s steadfast love, for the wonderful things God has done and is doing for us.

**God’s grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts, and fills us with
compassion, hope, and peace. Over and over and over, we will praise
God’s name! Amen.**

HYMN #458 (Hymnal)*

“Earth and All Stars”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God, you are around us and in us.

We thank you for your presence.

From the east we hear you call us to freshness and newness of the day.

Deliver us, God, from ruts and stagnant waters.

From the west we hear you call us to the completeness and wholeness we are created to be.

Deliver us, God, from our broken hearts and unfulfilled dreams.

From the south we hear you call us to warmth and growth.

Deliver us, God, from hard hearts and cold hands.

From the north we hear you call us to the refreshment and peace of a cool, bubbling spring.

Deliver us, God, from our boiling, destructive anger.

From below we hear you offer us a solid foundation.

Deliver us, God, from our unstable faith.

From above we hear you call us to life beyond what we experience here.

Deliver us, God, from our limited perception.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

God's promises are trustworthy and true; through Christ our sins are forgiven.

Let us be at peace to serve the Lord, and may we always be known by our love. Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16: 1-4a, 13-15

Larry White
Pew Bible pgs. 62-63

ANTHEM

"Teach me, O Lord, the Way of Thy Statutes" **Thomas Attwood**
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 6: 22-59

Pew Bible pgs. 98-99

THE RESPONSE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Voluntary in G Minor

John Stanley
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Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #514 (Hymnal)* *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by the center aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.

HYMN #281 (Hymnal)* *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen
(CWM Rhondda)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

ANNUAL HOMECOMING PICNIC

September 11, 2016

11:00 a.m. (after our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service)
in the courtyard

Congregational Life Committee will provide
burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and drinks

Last names beginning with:

A-R bring salad/sides **S-Z** bring a dessert

The Brass Band will perform.

Everyone is invited – help us celebrate!!!

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 engaging activities to help children listen as we worship together are available in the narthex.

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

Communion Servers are Pat Bohrs, KY Huang, Pat Scott, Chris Welch and Renee Welch.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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; Bill Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Lucille Kirkenir; Evan Pease; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; John & Carol Sprout; Barbara Wahlers; Margo Wegner; and Ina Zimmer.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Joe Kelly and Betty Smith.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson's father, Robert; Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha; George Conley's friends, the House family & Leslie; Barbara & Bub Danser's grandson, Brian; 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 & Joanne Hughes' friends, Sam and Benjamin; Ed Luffey's mother, Ruth; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis; Russ and Cheryl Richardson's son, Mark; and Pat Scott's niece, Brenda

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: Harvey Davison on September 9. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School starts again on September 25! This year, Sunday School starts with 15 minutes of "Gathering Time" with Pastor Hannah. We'll meet from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Drama Room to sing and pray together as we prepare our hearts and minds to learn about God in Sunday School. Children will then go to Sunday School with their age group from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Our younger grades will all use a new curriculum, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*, which focuses on the gift of God's grace and our grateful response. Grades 6 and 7 will continue with their PresbyTween curriculum as they dive deeper into the Old and New Testament before 8th grade Confirmation. Confirmation will start on September 25 with a meeting for parents and students; the confirmation year is a year of 8th graders figuring out how to finish the sentence, "This I believe...." High School Sunday School will continue under the leadership of Pastor Suzanne with a new curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, where students will learn more about the Scripture read and preached on in worship. If you are interested in joining one of our teaching teams, please reach out to Pastor Hannah at firstpreshannah@comcast.net.

The CE Committee has also planned several "**Celebration Sundays**" throughout the year which will be open to the whole congregation - Sunday School students, their families, and all of our church friends (that's you!). These intergenerational

celebrations will allow the whole church family to come together for bible study, prayer, singing, crafting, serving and even some game playing during the Sunday School hour. We are excited about the new programmatic year, and hope you'll join us!

Youth Ministry

A new year of Youth Group starts **September 18 with a Kick-Off BBQ (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) for middle and high schoolers.** We'll welcome our newest youth group members, eat food, play games, share about our summers, look to the year ahead and say some prayers. Youth group will continue to meet throughout the year on **Sundays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for middle school and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for high school.** Youth group is all about community. You get to be goofy as we play games, to be serious as we learn about God, to be passionate as we serve others, to be curious as we ask questions, to be contemplative as we pray together and most of all, you get to be 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

Many of you remember we had a Gala at the Cranbury Inn to celebrate Mrs. "K" this past April. We raised over \$15,000.00 for playground enhancements. Thank you all so much again your support and very generous contributions. We had an architectural drawing done by Devin Livi; thank you Devin, the drawing of our future CPNS playground is amazing. We will have the drawing on display when school begins in September for everyone to see. The work on the playground has begun; you will be seeing trucks, various types of equipment, and a lot of activity in the playground for the next several weeks. Thank you George Conley, our Buildings and Grounds Chair, for coordinating these efforts. The projects will be completed in stages and I know we are all looking forward to our beautiful playground. We will even have a Music Store for the children to play in. Music is one of the many gifts Mrs. "K" has shared with all the children and families of CPNS over the years and we are so happy that her gift of music can be continued with the children in this way.

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

Fall is Harvest Time: Please Help Us Fill a Cornucopia for Skeet's Pantry! We all think about food and family when autumn rolls around and we get closer to the special holidays in this beautiful season of the year. Our Skeet's Pantry families think about these holidays too, and the blessings they receive from the generous donors to our Pantry. Their thanks echo through Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Friday morning of each month and their smiles make all your gifts and our volunteers' efforts worthwhile.

Skeet's "Shopping List" for fall:

**Peanut Butter & Jelly - Tuna Fish - Canned Soup - Pasta & Pasta Sauce -
Cereal - Canned Fruit - Plastic Grocery Bags (in good condition)**

As always, please double check expiration dates, and THANK YOU SO MUCH for your help!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/4 (Team #2) – 9/11 (Team #3)

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

	Week Ended 8/28/16
Weekly Offering	\$5,252
YTD Offerings	\$290,030
YTD Expenses	\$299,547
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$9,517)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>September 4, 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>	<p>September 5, 2016 (Labor Day) <u>Church Office Closed</u> 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>September 6, 2016 All Day/Evening CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House – playground/classrooms/FH <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 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>September 7, 2016 All Day/Evening CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House – playground/classrooms/FH 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>September 8, 2016 All Day CPNS Playground Gatherings and Open House – playground/classrooms 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p P&A Mtg-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>September 9, 2016 <u>Church Office Closed</u></p>
<p>September 10, 2016 (Cranbury Day)</p>	<p>September 11, 2016 (Homecoming Sunday) 10:00a Worship followed by the Homecoming Picnic 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs</p>