

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

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2016 10:30 A.M.**

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in G

J. S. Bach
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

“Except the Lord build the house” **Donovan Klotzbecher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

O people of God, praise the Lord!

Blessed is God’s name forever.

From break of day to setting sun,

let us praise the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #455 (Hymnal)* *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We seek our own self-interest instead of serving others. We glorify power and wealth instead of worshiping you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to treasure your gifts and to seek the good of all, so that we may be a blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✦

Virginia Goss

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS ✦

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, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 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." Then in the fullness of time, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

UNISON STATEMENT: What the Lord has taught us through his Word and Spirit, and by the witness of his people, we must hand on to the next generation. These in turn will teach others to put their confidence in the Lord, remembering God's faithfulness and keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

You are leaders in our congregation's educational ministries to children, youth and adults. Through your efforts, the good news of God's love will be taught and nurtured in the hearts, minds, and lives of people in this faith community. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit, by calling children, youth and adults to faith in Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

By the authority of the Session, you are commissioned to lead in our Christian education and youth ministries. May the light of Christ shine through all that you say and do. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

I Timothy 2: 1-7

Janice Parker
Pew Bible pg. 208

REFRAIN:

Rain down, rain down, rain down your



love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain



down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

CHOIR: REFRAIN

SOLO: Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

CHOIR: God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

CHOIR: We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

CHOIR: God of creation, we long for your truth;
you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 16: 1-13

Pew Bible pg. 79

SERMON

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*

“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Mitchell

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

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

Max Reger
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #434 (Hymnal)*

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen
(Kingsfold)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte”

Max Reger
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

Christian Educators and Youth Ministry Leaders 2016 - 2017

Adult Education Leaders, Christian Education Committee, Youth Ministry Committee, Sunday School Staff, Substitutes and Other Education Leaders

Jo D. Andrews, Samantha Andrews, Daune Arsnow, Vicki Bain, Rose Eller, Gladys Frisch, Virginia Goss, Mark Hughes, Cassandra Khazem, Nancy Kietlinski, Kelly Klein, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Jennifer Kong, Caroline Koi, Andy Kremann, Flo Kremann, Robert Lawson, Hannah Lovaglio, Michael Lovaglio, Susan Mavoides, Lou Mitchell, Janice Parker, Leigh Perry, Linda Protinick, Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Blase Toto, Leslie Vandenberg, Vicki Waciega, Renee Welch, Janet Wheeler, Doris Wiegartner and Patricia Willard

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Staff

Vicki Bain, Kathleen Cenci, Francine Coffee, Jenni Collins, Jennifer Diamond, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, Felicia Halligan, Kathy Iorio, Nancy Kietlinski, Noél Kinney, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Julie Kluge, Helen Lazzaro, Cyndi Oresto, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Sandy Price, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Renee Spero, Jill Staples and Theresa Vaccaro

Library Subcommittee

Jenni Collins, Barbara Hannon, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Leah Moy, Hannah Moy, David Moy and Carole Vandercher

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.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Bea Davison and Jean Randazzo.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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 & Benjamin; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Ed Luffey’s mother, Ruth; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis; Pastor Lou Mitchell’s grandson, Grayson; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Russ & Cheryl Richardson’s son, Mark; Pat Scott’s niece, Brenda; and Wilma Shimer's niece, Janean.

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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Betty Borgeson on September 18 and Ann Zimmerman on September 24. **Happy Birthday!**

CXOIR NEWS

The Brass Choir is in need of a piano player that would be available to practice on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. If you are interested, please email Pat Bohrs at pbohrs@verizon.net.

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 **TONIGHT, September 18 with a drop-in meet-and-greet (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)**. Come tell Pastor Hannah and the Youth Advisors all about your summer, enjoy snacks and fellowship, and hear about the many things we have in store for our next year of youth group.

Next week, **September 25, we will kick-off the year with a 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

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Coffee Hour is a great time to meet and catch up with friends and members of the congregation as well as make our visitors feel welcome. There has been a shortage of host volunteers for coffee hour. Please consider hosting coffee hour.

The Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall so be sure to check out the available dates that will be convenient for you to host. For more information, please contact Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com.

CPNS

Our 2016-2017 school year began. It was wonderful to welcome new families to CPNS as well as seeing all of our returning families. It is such a great feeling to fill the quiet halls of our building with the sounds and laughter of children.

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!

Can You Help Skeet's Pantry? We are looking for strong volunteers who have a truck or van. The third Thursday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. we pick up fresh produce from the Farmer's Against Hunger truck in Trenton. We deliver the produce back to the church for Skeet's food distribution the next day. This is the primary way Skeet's Pantry gets fresh produce for its patrons every month.

If you know someone who can lift 50 lbs. or has a truck or van and wants to help feed the hungry, please contact Anne Gordon or the church office. You do not have to be a church member. Please spread the word!

Serve at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen...All Aboard! The first Thursday of every month volunteers serve the evening meal at TASK. We leave the church in the church van at 2:30 p.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. It is a great way to serve God and others. No experience necessary, just a heart to serve. Please contact Anne Gordon or church office if you are up to the TASK!

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for the Senior Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn on Thursday, September 22. Harry Koper will provide a fascinating presentation on drones. Mr. Koper is a retired naval officer and now works in the development of drones.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)655-6864.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule:

September, 19, September 22, September 26 and September 29

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/18 (Team #4) – 9/25 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 9/11/16
Weekly Offering	\$6,532
YTD Offerings	\$303,997
YTD Expenses	\$319,614
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$15,617)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>September 18, 2016 8:00a-10:00a Sunday School Teacher Training 10:30a Worship w/Christian Education Commissioning followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib. 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group Meet-and-Greet-FH</p>	<p>September 19, 2016 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>September 20, 2016 <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Session Mtg - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>September 21, 2016 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>September 22, 2016 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>September 23, 2016 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5:00p Tiedemann/Whalley Wedding Rehearsal 6:45p-8p Wolf Pack Mtg. – McK Rm</p>
<p>September 24, 2016 3:00p Tiedemann/Whalley Wedding</p>	<p>September 25, 2016 9:15a 1st day of Sunday School; Parent & Student Confirmation Meeting – All areas 10:30a Worship and Baptism followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs 5:30p-8:00p Middle School/High School Youth Group BBQ Kick-Off – FH/Lawn/Kit</p>