

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Three Devotional Pieces* **Dom Paul Benoit**
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 *“Almighty Father, Lord Most High”* **Donovan Klotzbecher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Karlee Pedersen
Pour out your Spirit, O Lord;
we call upon your name.
Rain down your mercy, O God;
we depend upon your grace.
Let us worship God.

HYMN* *“Here in This Place”* see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin. We celebrate our achievements and look down on our neighbors. We boast about our virtues and deny the worth of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Be merciful to us, for we are indeed sinners in great need of 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 Hannah
SCRIPTURE	Joel 2: 23-32	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 848
ANTHEM	<i>"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"</i> (cf. Ezek. 1: 15-21)	Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 18: 1-8	Pew Bible pg. 81
SERMON		Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #3 (Hymnal)* *"Comfort, Comfort You My People"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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	<i>"According to Thy Gracious Word"</i>	Gilbert M. Martin Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Karlee Pedersen

HYMN #386 (Hymnal)* *"O for a World"*

RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Canzona Quarta</i>	Giovanni Gabrieli Organ
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to rake leaves and the time to look through your pantry and search for canned goods and other goodies for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Your Deacons could be filling as much as 150 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2016 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars; copy paper boxes (for packing the baskets)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there is a large box labeled “Thanksgiving Baskets.” You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door or weekdays at the church office. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. **Food collection will run through November 18.**

Donations are also accepted to be used to purchase turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables. Checks should be made out to the Board of Deacons earmarked “Thanksgiving Baskets” which can be placed in the collection baskets during worship. Thank you very much in advance!



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.

There are new Worship bags available in the Narthex! These bags are full of activities to help children of all ages worship alongside the whole church family.

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

Coffee hour is hosted by the Buildings and Grounds committee.

CORRECTION: - Flowers given on Sunday, October 16, were in loving memory of Ben Ransom by Marie Perrine and family.

Head Ushers are Pat Bohrs and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Bill Eller; Gaylord French due to the death of his wife, Molly; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Lucille Kirkenir; Andy Moutenot and family due to the death of his mother-in-law, Marjorie; Evan Pease; Marie Perrine and family due to the death of her brother-in-law, Ben; 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; Barbara & Bub Danser’s grandson, Brian; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Linda Ferguson’s friends, Susan & Rose; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Patricia Grasso’s friends, Eileen Mortimer and Annette & Burt Revizin; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Al Reyes and family due to the death of his father, Alfonso; Russ & Cheryl Richardson’s son, Mark; Jane Siebert’s friend, Madlyn; 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!

- 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time with Pastor Hannah in the Fellowship Hall for ages 2 - 8th grade
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 8th grade, check the Sunday School Bulletin Board for classes and classrooms
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. High School Sunday School in the Church Library

Mark your calendar for **Celebration Sundays** from the Christian Education Committee: November 13, January 15, February 19, April 9, and May 28. From 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on these special intergenerational Sundays the whole church family (students, their families and all of our church friends-that's you!) will come together for bible study, prayer, singing, crafting, serving and even some game playing.

Youth Group Today: Stay for church work day and then catch a ride to SkyZone! We'll leave the church at 1:30 and return from SkyZone by 5:00 P.M. This event is open to middle and high school students.

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

- **Saturday, November 5: Doctor Strange in IMAX in Manhattan.** We'll drive the bus up to see the afternoon movie, leaving around 1:00 p.m. and returning around 7:00 p.m. (with time before or after the show for a slice of pizza). The cost is \$25/student for the ticket, and any extra spending money for theater snacks and/or pizza. **Please RSVP for this event by October 29** so we can prepare for the right number of people. I'll send out more information and permission slips closer to the date.
- **November 18 to November 20: High School Johnsonburg Retreat** (<http://www.campjburg.org/event/sr-high-fall-retreat/>). We leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday around lunchtime. It's a weekend of meaningful fellowship, bible study, worship, making friends with others from across the state and getting to know each other better too. **Let me know by November 6 if you are attending this weekend retreat.** Cost is \$125.
- **December 2 to December 4: Middle School Johnsonburg Retreat** (<http://www.campjburg.org/event/middle-school-winter-retreat/>). We leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday around lunchtime. It's a weekend of meaningful fellowship, bible study, worship, making friends with others from across the state and getting to know each other better too. **Let me know by November 18 if you are attending this weekend retreat.** Cost is \$125.
- **December 18 - Christmas Party!**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Back by request, a second sitting of Dinner for Eight! Please join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and food. We are looking for guests and host/hostess for this event. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall through October waiting for your name. Questions please call Carol Fisher at 609-655-5153 or Ann Mooney at (609) 655-4283.

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

CPNS hosted an informative parent program this past week. One of the topics was about the importance of play. During the preschool years, children need to learn many skills, including social-emotional skills, curiosity and fine motor skills. This link below is to an article about the decrease in children's fine motor development. It discusses what is happening and what we all can do to help our children appropriately develop their fine motor skills.

<http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/2016/fine-motor-skills>

This week our costume parades begin. The first parade will be on Thursday, October 27 at 9:15 a.m. and then again that day at 12:45 p.m. During the afternoon parade, we will have a very special audience. Thank you, Connie Bauder for arranging the senior fellowship group to watch the children parade in their costumes and sing a few Halloween songs led by our music teacher Jenni Collins. We will also have another costume parade on Monday, October 31 at 9:15 a.m. We hope you can all come and enjoy such a special program with the children at CPNS.

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

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!

Support our neighbors in Haiti on Sunday, October 30: Large areas of Haiti are writhing under the devastation left by Hurricane Matthew. The Haitian town of Jeremie, near the Friends for Health in Haiti clinic run by Dr. Catherine Wolf was not immune to the widespread damage to homes, roads and infrastructure seen throughout the country.

Friends for Health in Haiti has been a mission supported by our church for a number of years. Despite the damage and misery wrought by the Hurricane, Dr. Wolf reports she has been a witness to the resilience, faith in God and strength of the Haitian people. Despite the fact the Clinic withstood damage itself, the clinic remains in operation, serving hundreds of people in the area. Dr. Wolf reports she feels blessed to be at the clinic to help heal, serve and standby her patients today into the future.

Let us celebrate the gift of the ministry of Friends for Health in Haiti now and into the future. Dr. Wolf is praying for help. In response, following the worship service on October 30, we will be collecting an offering the proceeds from which will be dedicated in support of the Friends for Health in Haiti mission. If you would like more information about Friends for Health in Haiti, please visit their website at www.friendsforhealthinhaiti.org. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

OTHER NEWS

A tour of the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab is scheduled for November 18 at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending this tour, please contact Phyllis Bialor at 609-409-8533 (registration required). Princeton Plasma Physics Lab is located at 100 Stellarator Road, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Did you know that October is "Pastor Appreciation Month"? Why not show your appreciation with a thanks, a card or a token of your appreciation. ~Pat Bohrs

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Please join us for the Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn on Thursday, October 27. Sallie Toscano of the Beehive Barn in Cranbury will make a presentation about bees. Bees are vitally important to our welfare because they pollinate our plants, and yet they are currently at risk due to man-made pollutants.

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: October 24, NO Class on October 27, October 31

Senior Fellowship Program: Senior Fellowship will have a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. After lunch, we will be joined by the children of CPNS. The children will sing for us and parade around the room in their costumes. Of course there will be candy! If you are not on our calling list and wish to attend, please RSVP to the church office by Monday, October 24 by calling 609-395-0897. Please note that we have changed the date to October 27 from the date previously listed on our yearly calendar.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Dedication Sunday is November 6; please remember to turn in your pledge for 2017!

Counting Teams: 10/23 (Team #1) – 10/30 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 10/16/16
Weekly Offering	\$9,037
YTD Offerings	\$337,405
YTD Expenses	\$362,299
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$24,894)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Ushers are needed for the Ushering Guild - all ages. It is a good way to meet people within our church family. Please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609) 799-1724 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

Flower Openings Available: If you are interested in dedicating flowers on Sundays for the Sanctuary, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>October 23, 2016 9:15a Sunday School-All areas 9:15a 3rd Grade Bible Class – Rm 1 10:30a Worship followed by luncheon and B&G Workday 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 1:00p Boy Scout Car Wash 1:30p-5p Middle School/High School Youth Groups @ Sky Zone – VAN 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CRs</p>	<p>October 24, 2016 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Mtg – Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>October 25, 2016 <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>October 26, 2016 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>October 27, 2016 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 9:15a CPNS Costume Parades–FH 10:30a Sr. Fellowship – VAN/Halloween Party (11:30 a.m.) FH/Kit/VAN 12:45p CPNS Costume Parades–FH 6:45p Nominating Committee – Church Office 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary</p>	<p>October 28, 2016 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5:00p-7:00p 3rd Grade Bible Blast – All areas</p>
<p>October 29, 2016</p>	<p>October 30, 2016 (Reformation Sunday) 9:15a Sunday School-All areas 10:30a Worship w/50+ Year Member Recognition and Recognition of 3rd Graders followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CRs 5p-6:00p Middle School Youth Group 6:30p-8p High School Youth Group</p>

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE needs your recommendations for people to serve as Elders and Deacons for the coming three year terms. People nominated to the offices of the church should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world.

Elders are chosen by the people of God to exercise leadership, government and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church and the church at large. Together with the pastors they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed.

Deacons are set apart for a ministry of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. Deacons are called to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any who may be in distress.

Please provide the names of people you think would serve well as Elders or Deacons.

I recommend the following people to be church officers:

Name _____ for the office of _____

Please tear out this form for your recommendations and place in the collection plate or send to the church office.

Your name: _____