

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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Ein feste Burg”

Johann Gottlob Werner

(A safe stronghold is our God is still)

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

“Therefore being justified by faith”

Donovan Klotzbeacher

(Rom. 5: 1)

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Jesus Christ is here today.

We have come to see the Lord.

Jesus Christ is in this place.

Amen. The Lord is with us!

Let us worship God.

HYMN #260 (Hymnal)* “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We follow the crowd around you but stand apart, keeping our distance. We ask for your mercy and favor, but begrudge your blessing to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Come to us and save us, for without you, we are lost, but in you, our lives are found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* +

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Dr. Mitchell

Friends, today we offer our thanks for the lives of those who have spent many of their years worshipping God in this church. We pray for their continued health, for the blessings and favor of God upon them and their families and for the ministry they have shared as a part of this congregation.

Presentation of 50 Year Members

Today we recognize you for the years of ministry and service you have given to the members and friends of our church. We give thanks to God for the many lives you have touched, both friend and stranger, and for your continued Journey in Faith as members of The First Presbyterian Church. With you we remember the commitments we made to serve God in this local congregation.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to you for your continued love and care, may you continue to do all within your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love, as together we recommit ourselves to the service of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for all God has given us as members together in the body of Christ and in this congregation. With you, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now may the God of all Grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. **AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 35-43

Pat Demers
Pew Bible pg. 82

ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray" Trad., arr. Sheldon Curry
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 1-10

Pew Bible pg. 82

SERMON

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #356 (Hymnal)* “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

Chorale: “Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit”

Martin Luther

(*Were God not with us in these days*)

(Wittenburg, 1524)

Chorale Variation

Donovan Klotzbeacher

Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #457 (Hymnal)* “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher

(*Toulon*)

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Organ

RETIRING OFFERING

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

Thanks Be to God for 50+ Years of Membership at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, NJ

We celebrate these men and women who have been members of our church family for over Fifty Years. This is a wonderful achievement and a testimony to the grace of God who strengthens our faith and life for the sake of Christ's church.

1927	Judson Hagerty	1958	Peg Hagerty
1932	Stanley Stults	1959	Diane Cox Candice Silverman Richard Zimmer
1937	Rose Eller		
1942	Arthur Danser	1960	H. Craig Gilbert Bev Gilbert Sally Giovanos Wilma Shimer Diane Smith Thomas Weidner
1944	Janet Schlegel		
1947	S. Warren Tantum		
1948	Lillian Conley Monty Hagerty	1962	John Bloom William Chermak Katherine Davison Gladys Frisch Donald Patterson Margery Scott Jim Taylor
1949	Harvey Davison		
1951	Patricia Bohrs Jane Huff Susan Walcott		
1952	Barbara Danser Robert Perrine	1964	Henrietta Sushereba
1953	Pat Scott	1965	Alan Balcomb Barbara Balcomb Virginia Swanagan
1954	Richard Craig	1966	Alan Danser George Smith
1955	Charles N. Patterson Dorothy Patterson		

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"
(Psalm 122:1)

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!

Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to help with sorting, packing and distributing the Thanksgiving Baskets beginning on Wednesday, November 16 through Saturday, November 19. Please check the Deacons bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for further details and times. Thank you!!!



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 Deacons in honor of our 50+ members.

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; 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; 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 and Annette & Burt; Barbara Hannon's brother-in-law, Michael; CPNS Teacher, Noél Kinney's son, JP; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Al Reyes & family due to the death of his father, Alfonso; Russ & Cheryl Richardson's son, Mark; Jane Siebert's friend, Madlyn; George & Audrey Smith's son-in-law, Greg; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; Wilma Shimer's niece, Janean; and Mary Szczepanik's nephew, Kevin.

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: Lucille Kirkenir on November 1. **Happy Birthday!**

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.

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

- **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.

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

Our costume parades for Halloween have begun. The first parade was on October 27 at 9:15 a.m. and then again that day at 12:45 p.m. During the afternoon parade, we had a very special audience. Thank you, Connie Bauder for arranging for the senior fellowship 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, 10/31 at 9:15 a.m. It is not too late to join us; we hope to see you at our parade. Happy Halloween!

CPNS picture days will be on Tuesday, November 1 and Wednesday, November 2. I'm sure there will be even extra smiles on those days.

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

TODAY, October 30 following worship, we will be collecting an offering for the Friends for Health in Haiti. Please help our neighbors in Haiti who are suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Matthew. Please use the envelope in the bulletin for the offering or you can mail it back to us. Thank you!

Can You Help Skeet's Pantry? We are looking for strong volunteers the third Thursday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 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 or someone you know 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!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is looking for your recommendations for Elders and Deacons. The nomination form can be found in the Narthex so please provide the names of people you think would serve well as Elders or Deacons for our church.

OTHER NEWS

A tour of the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab (100 Stellarator Rd, Princeton) 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).

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 FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: October 31, November 3, November 7 and November 10

Our **next program** will be **Tuesday, November 10**, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. We will have Jane Peters Estes, an avid student of history, present a program titled: Wedding Customs and Traditions. She will be dressed as a wedding guest. This program explores the origins of many of our typical wedding customs and highlights customs observed during the Victorian era (rings, gowns and veils). This program does not focus on particular religious or ethnic celebrations of marriage. An accompanying display includes a collection of wedding photographs (circa 1860-1960) and bridal memorabilia. This will be a brown bag lunch (please bring your own sandwich). We will provide beverages and dessert. If you would like to attend this program we request that you preregister by November 4 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897 and leave your name and phone number in case we have to call to cancel the program due to bad weather.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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

Counting Teams: 10/30 (Team #2) – 11/6 (Team #3)

Week Ended 10/23/16	
Weekly Offering	\$7,581
YTD Offerings	\$344,986
YTD Expenses	\$372,971
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$27,985)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Open for Prayer on Election Day: The Sanctuary will be open to the public on Election Day, November 8 from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Come to pray, to sit, to breathe and to rest in God’s goodness apart from the turmoil that has been this Election Season. All are welcome!

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

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 6. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 5.

October 30 (Reformation Sunday) 9:15a Sunday School-All areas 10:30a Worship w/50+ Year Member Recognition/3 rd Grade Bible Presentation followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 5p-6:00p Middle School Youth Group 6:30p-8p High School Youth Group	October 31 9:15a CPNS costume parade 10:00a Senior Exercise 1p Peter Wise – FH 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
November 1 (All Saints' Day) 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Cmte Mtg- Lib. 4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p CE/Youth Ministry Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Mtg-FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room	November 2 All Day CPNS School Pictures – McK Rm 1p Ben Ransom Graveside Service followed by a Reception in Fellowship Hall 6:30p Women's Club – FH 7:00p Bell Choir
November 3 All Day CPNS School Pics-McK Rm 10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Mtg—Lib. 7:30p B&G Mtg-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary	November 4 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 4:30p Cranbury Historical Society and Potluck – FH/Kit 6:45p-8:00p Wolf Pack Mtg. McK Rm
November 5 7:00a – 3:00p Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts Food Collection Drop-off – FH 1:30p-7p Youth Group – Trip NYC IMAX Movie - VAN 6:00p-8:00p Cub Scout Mtg. - FH	November 6 (Dedication Sunday/All Saints' Sunday/Daylight Saving Time Ends) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Communion Service NO YOUTH GROUP