

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

**26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2016 10:30 A.M.**

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in F

Maurice Greene
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

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

The day is coming, says the Lord,
when evil will be utterly consumed.
Surely the Lord is our salvation.
Trust in God; do not be afraid.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We hear of terror and trouble and forget your promise of salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the strength to endure every trial that is set before us, always trusting your saving love; 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	Isaiah 65: 17-25	Joan Fraser Pew Bible pg. 696
ANTHEM	<i>“When I can read my title clear”</i>	American folk hymn, arr. John Purifoy The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	II Thessalonians 2: 13-17	Pew Bible pg. 206
SERMON		Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #527 (Hymnal)* *“Near to the Heart of God”*

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	<i>Impromptu</i>	Colin Hand Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Lovaglio
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HYMN #561 (Hymnal)* *“My Country, `Tis of Thee”*

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

POSTLUDE*	<i>Festival Finale</i>	Malcolm Archer Organ
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***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.

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 Peg and Monty Hagerty.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Barbara Wahlers; and Margo Wegner.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Joan Gray, Carolyn Hilgendorff and Joe Kelly.

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 son’s fiancée, Kristin and friends, Susan & Rose; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Patricia Grasso’s friends, Eileen, Annette & Burt; Barbara Hannon’s brother-in-law, Michael; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis and friend, Aaron; Ron Perry’s father, Daniel; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; 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: Courtney Brown on November 18. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who came out for the **B&G Fall Workday**.

Thanks to - Daune Arsnow, Nancy & Dennis Chonko, Val Cier, George Conley, Alan Danser, Helen & Stan Dickerson, Gordon Fraser, Ann & Ken Gordon, Virginia Gross, Fritz Hager, K.Y. Huang, the Hughes family, Carol Kane, Cassandra Khazem, Anna Khazem, Brenda & John Kirkenir, Dorothy Klotzbecher, Pastor Hannah Lovaglio, Karlee Pederson, Carlene Reyes, Ginny Swanagan, Villana Tkac, Blase and Biagio Toto the Vandenberg family and Kirstie Venanzi. (the list of volunteers was taken from the sign-up sheet).

The Committee Organizers appreciate all of your time & work. Thanks again from John Kirkenir, George Conley, Brenda Kirkenir and Carlene Reyes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

The Christian Education Committee is grateful to Gladys Frisch for all her help with our Sunday school program, including folding children's bulletins, mailing postcards and making bulletin boards. Thank you, Gladys!

Advent Bible Study – Join our 4 week bible study beginning on November 27 through December 18 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1. Our Pastors will teach from *Names of the Messiah*, an Advent Study by Walter Brueggemann. We will discuss the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace – “and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.”

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:** 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 20 (5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.): Middle School** youth travel to Hightstown to join the Hightstown Presbyterian Church youth group for an evening of fellowship, fun and food. Bring \$5 to help cover our meal together.
- **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

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. For more information, please contact Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com.

CPNS

Thanksgiving will be here soon and CPNS will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our CPNS families later this month; however, there are many things to prepare for these feasts. The children will be making costumes to wear, learning new songs and making foods to share. Mark your calendars to join us on Monday, November 21 at 10:45 a.m. and on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 a.m. We hope you can come!

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 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.

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.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for the Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn on Thursday, November 17. The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio will share the story of Barrington Bunny from Martin Bell's Collection *The Way of the Wolf: The Gospel in New Images* and reflect on the stories we tell, especially during the holidays, and the power of storytelling for transformation.

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 the number of guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)655-6864.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: November 14, November 17, (**No exercise on November 21 and November 24**) and November 28

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/13 (Team #4) – 11/20 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 11/6/16
Weekly Offering	\$10,649
YTD Offerings	\$362,924
YTD Expenses	\$388,220
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$25,296)
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>November 13, 2016 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib. 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band 5p-8:00p Youth Group sorting of food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit</p>	<p>November 14, 2016 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Mtg-Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>November 15, 2016 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 3p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep–FH 7:30p Session Mtg - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>November 16, 2016 11a CPNS Thanksgiving Prog. Rehearsals–FH 1p CPNS Thanksgiving Prog .Rehearsals–FH 3p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep–FH/VAN 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>November 17, 2016 8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club @ The Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a CPNS Thanksgiving Program Rehearsals – FH 1p CPNS Thanksgiving Program Rehearsals – FH 3p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep–FH/VAN 6:46p Nominating Cmte Mtg. – Church Office 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>November 18, 2016 9a–8p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep–FH 5p High School Youth Group depart for J’burg Retreat - VAN 6:45p-8p Wolf Pack Mtg. – McK Rm (Petco delivering Thanksgiving drive food)</p>
<p>November 19, 2016 High School Youth Group @ J’burg Retreat - VAN 8:00a – 1:00p Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets Presbytery Mtg - Tuckerton</p>	<p>November 20, 2016 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:30a CPNS set-up for Thanksgiving Programs – FH 12p High School Youth Group Returns from J’burg Retreat - VAN 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CRs 5:45p-7:45p Middle School Yth Grp meet w/Hightstown Presbyterian Youth Group @ Hightstown</p>