

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Assurance March”* Wesley Hanson
Brass Choir

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 *“Let the words of my mouth”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 19: 14) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School Class
Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
The choice is before us: life or death.
Let us choose life, so that we may live.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #262 (Hymnal)* *“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore the humble. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Holy Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your 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	Psalm 119: 1-16	Joan Fraser Pew Bible pg. 566
ANTHEM	<i>"There is a balm in Gilead"</i> (Jer. 8: 22)	arr. Wm. Dawson The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Pew Bible pg. 186
SERMON	"Choose!"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #438 (Hymnal)* *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject
to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors,
and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
I will.

(Elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their
worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving
in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love
and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

(Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and
directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will
you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the people of the church accept **Victoria Anderson, Valerie Cier, Linda
Ferguson, Jack Fisher, Gail Geijer, David Geijer, Charles Ill, Andrew Jost*,
Edward Kietlinski*, Kelly Klein*, Caroline Koi*, Vincent Kotowski, Ann
Mooney, Holly Root*, Audrey Smith, George Smith, Renee Welch and Doris
Wiegartner** as Elders and Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this
congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (*to be ordained) **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they
guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. [the prayer continues]

PRONOUNCEMENT OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

Many thanks, to those who have completed their term as active officers.

Elders: George Conley, Alan Danser, Brenda Kirkenir and Ed Luffey

Deacons: Jack Britton, Blase Toto and Pat Willard

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Lovaglio

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

"Amazing Grace- Just a Closer Walk"

W. Barnes
Brass Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #147 (Hymnal)*

"Blessing and Honor"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"March"
(Judas Maccabaeus)

Geo. F. Handel
Organ

***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.

Worship Bags, Children's Bulletins & Coloring Pages! All three are available in the narthex, and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the narthex.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School Class.

Head Ushers are Jack and Carol Fisher.

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; Paul Furchak; Cyndi Girardet; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Beatrice Mabutho; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Margo Wegner and Ina Zimmer.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Joe Kelly and Beverly Robertson.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson's father, Robert; Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha; Nancy Chonko's mother, Shirley; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Barbara Hannon's brother-in-law, Michael; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney's son, JP; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's son, David; Ed & Janice Luffey's great-grandchildren, Mackenzie & Mason; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott's niece Brenda; George & Audrey Smith's son-in-law, Greg; Mary Szczepanick's nephew, Kevin; Roger Suttmeier's friend, Shonna; and Walter & Barbara Wright's daughter, Maire.

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!

CXOIR news

The Brass Choir is in need of a piano player for their two Spring concerts. It would be a great experience for anyone with very few rehearsals needed. Please contact Pat Bohrs if you are interested at pbohrs@verizon.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time in 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

YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Youth Group – Sundays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group – Sundays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

I hope you had an opportunity to read the CPNS section of our church's annual report, starting on page seven. We had another wonderful year at CPNS filled with many blessings. We are blessed with teachers that love and care for each and every child, with families and board members that share their gifts and talents in so many ways, with children that make us smile and warm our hearts and with a church family that are always there to love and support all that we do at CPNS and we cannot thank all of you enough. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve as the director of CPNS since 1999, I am, and continued to be honored to have this opportunity.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609-655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Skeet's Pantry: February is All about Love - This is the month for Valentine's Day, Hearts, Flower and Lots of Love. We at Skeet's Pantry are asking you to consider sending some of your love to our families in need – but in the form of wholesome food rather than chocolate candy, as you probably have already figured out!

Due to the cold and winter illnesses in January, the number of families we were able to help at last month's food pantry was just 67, though that includes about 200 people in those families. We never know how many to expect, but the number will probably start growing again once everyone gets over the flu and other health problems. So we'll need to replenish our shelves with all of the same good healthy food this month, and thus we're once again asking you to help us by donating:

**Peanut Butter & Jelly - Pasta & Pasta Sauce – Cereal –
Canned Fruit – Soup - Tuna**

Thank you to everyone who donated a can of soup and dollars for “Souper Bowl Sunday”. We are grateful to you – and to our Youth for giving so much love to our food pantry, too.

Winter Coat Drive for Trenton Rescue Mission: Our church is sponsoring a 4-week winter coat drive to benefit the Trenton Rescue Mission. Can you help? Clean coats in good condition may be donated **now through February 22**. The collection box, labeled “Trenton Rescue Mission” is located in the “mailbox room”, next to Skeet's Pantry. Hats, gloves and scarves are welcome too. Thanks for your support! Contact Anne Gordon with questions.

OUTREACH

New Website Survey - Last year, the Outreach Committee decided to pursue a project to design a new website that demonstrates our mission to our community and the world. We are beginning this process and have a survey listing all the topics that are on our current website.

If you use the website, will you please indicate on the form that is included in your bulletin what is most essential to you? We will consider how you use the website in reconstructing the new one.

Please return the survey form by next Sunday, February 19. You may put them into the collection plate, the black envelopes in Fellowship Hall, in the Narthex or hand them to an usher. Thank you for your voice in this work of outreach for our church.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: February 13, February 16, February 20, February 23 and February 27

Upcoming Event: Our next program will be **Tuesday, February 21, at 12:00 noon** in Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Bingo game afternoon. 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 and are not on our regular calling list, we request that you pre-register by February 17 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897 and leave your name and phone number (in case we have to cancel due to bad weather).

If anyone has any items that would be suitable Bingo prize items that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office in a bag or box labeled Senior Fellowship. Thank you.

We have a wonderful group and hope to see you at one of our programs. If you are interested in our schedule of programs or in joining one of our exercise classes, please call the church office (above) and we will have someone call you.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 2/12 (Team #1) – 2/19 (Team #2)

Pledge Envelopes: Your 2017 pledge envelopes are available to pick up today in the Fellowship Hall.

	Week Ended 2/5/17
Weekly Offering	\$11,632
YTD Offerings	\$73,992
YTD Expenses	\$40,872
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$33,120
YTD Per Capita: \$1,336 (6% of \$21,636)	

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Ushers Needed: Please consider joining an ushering team. You only have to usher three or four times a year. It is good way to meet new people. If you need further information or want to join, please contact Heidi Knowlton at 609-799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net. Thank you!!!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>February 12, 2017 9:15a Officer Training (Lou) – Rm 1 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 10:30a Worship with Ordination/Installation 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH 6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp–Yth Rm</p>	<p>February 13, 2017 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Brass Choir 7:00p-10p CPNS - FH 7:30p Congregational Life Mtg-Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>February 14, 2017 <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>February 15, 2017 <u>9:00a Session Material Due</u> 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>February 16, 2017 9:00a Skeet’s Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary</p>	<p>February 17, 2017 CPNS Closed 8:00a-10:30a Skeet’s Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:45p-8p Wolf Pack Mtg. – McK Rm</p>
<p>February 18, 2017</p>	<p>February 19, 2017 9:15a Officer Training (Lou) – Rm 1 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 10:30a Worship w/Baptism followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib. 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH 6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp–Yth Rm</p>