

***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.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**February 26, 2017 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Grazioso*

**Henry Smart**  
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      *“Let all who enter here draw nigh to God”*      **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,

**and God said: This is my Beloved Son.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN #478 (Hymnal)\* *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**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 the power of your 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	Deuteronomy 6: 1-9	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 163
ANTHEM	<i>“Wither bound St. James?”</i>	<b>Claude Henri Vic</b> The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Galatians 3: 19-29	Pew Bible pg. 189
SERMON	“God’s Pedagogy”	Dr. Louis Mitchell
<b><u>THE RESPONSE</u></b>		
HYMN #148 (Hymnal)*	<i>“At the Name of Jesus”</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION		Fritz Hager
INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS		
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Virginia Goss
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)		
<b>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.</b>		
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>“Christ is the world’s redeemer”</i>	<b>Theodore Beck</b> Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Lovaglio
HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Fairest Lord Jesus”</i>	
RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	The Chorale
BENEDICTION*		
POSTLUDE*	<i>Lord Loudon’s March</i>	<b>Bolling Music Book</b> Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

## **A Congregational Meeting**

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service TODAY for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

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## **Announcements**

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**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 Beatrice Mabutho and Jean Randazzo.

**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; Paul Furchak; Cyndi Girardet; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Beatrice Mabutho; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; George & Audrey Smith and family due to the death of their son-in-law, Greg; 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; Linda Ferguson’s friend, Rose; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Barbara Hannon’s brother-in-law, Michael; friend of the congregation, Alex Pendjurin’s friend, Paige; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott’s niece Brenda; Mary Szczepanik’s nephew, Kevin; Roger Suttmeier’s friend, Shonna; Loida Wilson’s mother, Loli; 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!

## **CHOIR NEWS**

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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](mailto:pbohrs@verizon.net).

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Lent in the Library:** "Every gift from God reveals God's love, but no gift reveals God's love more than the gift of the cross." Join us for a Lenten Bible Study from Max Lucado's *He Chose the Nails* (quoted above), on Sunday mornings in the Library. **March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, from 9:15 – 10:15**, led by our Pastors.

**Book Club!** The Christian Ed committee is starting a book club. The first meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Vicki Waciega. We're reading *Love that Boy* by Ron Fournier, a book that both Pastor Hannah and Sunday School Superintendent, Daune Arsnow, agree every adult should read—no matter if you're a parent or not. It offers a lesson on acceptance, love and our nation's history.

### **Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!**

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time in Fellowship Hall for ages 2 - 8th grade

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 8th grade, check the Sunday School Bulletin Board for classes and classrooms

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. High School Sunday School in the church library (Rm 1 during Lent)

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Middle School (Sundays, 5:30p - 6:30p)    High School (Sundays, 6:30p - 8p)



### **March Merchandise!**

The Youth Group is selling FPC Cranbury t-shirts! Place your orders during coffee hour on March 5 and March 12, \$25 for short sleeve or \$30 for long sleeve. We'll have samples of all sizes available. All proceeds will benefit the summer youth mission trip.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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**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 Heidi Knowlton at [cabotk@comcast.net](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net).

## **CPNS**

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Many of you know that the CPNS is participating in GROW NJ Kids which is New Jersey's quality rating improvement system. The goal of GROW NJ Kids is to raise the quality of early education for young children across the state. CPNS has been given resources consisting of technical and financial support. The financial support of this program has provided a scholarship for one of our classroom teachers to attend The College of New Jersey where she is pursuing her P-3 Certification. We have also been awarded funding to purchase material and equipment for our CPNS classrooms. In the next month, we will be unpacking the many boxes and reorganizing the classrooms. The additional effort and work towards improving the quality of our program helps CPNS continue to rise to meet the needs of all of our children and their families.

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 email her at [CPNSchool@comcast.net](mailto: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**

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**Skeet's Pantry:** After a lower than average attendance (67 families) at our January Skeet's Pantry, we were happily surprised to welcome 91 families to our February food distribution. Many volunteers again pitched in to make the morning a success, and every family went home with several bags of food, produce, bread and "miscellaneous". But that volume in February meant that our pantry shelves are again pretty empty, so we continue to need your help to stock up those shelves for March. THANKS VERY MUCH!!

Food especially needed for March:

**Tuna Fish; Soup; Peanut Butter & Jelly; Pasta & Pasta Sauce;  
Cereal; Canned Fruits; and Canned Vegetables**

**Adopt a Johnsonburg Cabin:** On Friday, March 31 a team of workers from our church will be heading up to Camp Johnsonburg ([www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org)) for the weekend full of good fellowship, hard work and great food. Want to join us? We will return Sunday, April 2 in the afternoon. All you need is the willingness to serve and old work clothes. We will supply the rest. Over the years some cabins have been a bit neglected and need caring hands to bring them back to life...that's where we can help. We have adopted one of these cabins and will begin work on it. In the future, new mattresses will need to be provided. If you want to join our mission team or help in any other way, please contact Stan Dickerson or Anne Gordon.

**A Bit of Mission News:** Many years ago, our church had a particular interest in a PC(USA) mission co-worker, Leisa TonieAnn Wagstaff, who was serving in Africa at the time. An article appeared about her in a recent Mission Crossroads, and I thought her activities as a mission worker were worth passing on. She has served in education-related mission assignments in five African countries for more than 30 years, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (in which we have had a particular interest). Lesotho, which I believe is where she was working when she was somewhat attached to us, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, and since July 2013, in South Sudan one of the worlds' most impoverished nations. She addresses the root causes of poverty through education and peacebuilding and how badly she is needed. She writes: "With the majority of the adult population in South Sudan having had no education due to the unrest, 70% of the children between ages 6 and 17 have never set foot in a classroom, only 12% of the teaching corps trained, and the dropout rate for girls being highest in the world according to UNICEF, there is much to be concerned with." Yes, missionaries are needed and are serving well. Gretchen Stults

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** February 27, March 2, March 6, March 9, March 13, March 16, March 20, March 23, March 27 and March 30

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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**Counting Teams:** 2/26 (Team #3) – 3/5 (Team #4)

	<b>Week Ended 2/19/17</b>
Weekly Offering	\$6,352
YTD Offerings	\$87,781
YTD Expenses	\$60,664
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$27,117
YTD Per Capita: \$2,054 (9% 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](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net). Thank you!!!

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><b>February 26, 2017</b>            9:15a Sunday School - All areas            10:30a Worship w/Congregational Mtg. followed by coffee hour            11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service            5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH            6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp–Yth Rm</p>	<p><b>February 27, 2017</b>            10:00a Senior Exercise            7:00p Brass Choir            8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p><b>February 28, 2017</b>  <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u>            9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office            1:00p Website Mtg. – Lib.            4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary            7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg. – Lib            7:30p AA – McKnight Rm</p>	<p><b>March 1, 2017 (Ash Wednesday)</b>  <b>10:30a</b> Meadow Lakes Ash Wednesday Service            12:30p Women’s Club Mtg.-FH  <b>7:30p</b> Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary            8:30p The Chorale</p>
<p><b>March 2, 2017</b>            10:00a Senior Exercise            2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)            7:00p Worship Mtg—Lib.</p>	<p><b>March 3, 2017</b>            9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office            6:45p-8p Wolf Pack Mtg. – McK Rm</p>
<p><b>March 4, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>March 5, 2017</b>            9:15a Sunday School - All areas            9:15a Lenten Bible Study-Lib.            10:30a Worship w/Communion and CPNS Commissioning followed by coffee hour            11a Meadow Lakes Worship Communion Service            5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH            6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp–Yth Rm</p>