

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

4th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Calypso on “He Leadeth Me”* **Tammy Waldrop**
(Brass on Percussion) Bell 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 *“Extol the Lord our God”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 99: 9) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Hannah Lovaglio**
The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)* *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We are
foolish and slow to believe the promise of the prophets. We are frightened
and full of doubt, even when you stand among us. Forgive us, God of grace.
Open our hearts to receive your word, and feed us with the bread of life, the
life that death cannot destroy; 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	John 10: 1-10	Caroline Koi Pew Bible pg. 103
ANTHEM	<i>"Softly and Tenderly"</i>	Kevin McChesney Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	Acts 2: 42-47	Pew Bible pg. 120
SERMON	"The Rocks"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>"Lo, my shepherd's hand divine"</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Lovaglio
HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Morning Has Broken"</i>	

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)* *"The Day of Resurrection!"*

RESPONSE* *"Three fold Amen"* **Traditional**
Bell and Brass Choirs

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *"Garden Blues"* **arr. Paul Nagel**
Brass Choir

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

UrbanPromise International's African Gospel Choir

will give a community concert on

Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Come for music, rhythm and celebration – bring your friends, neighbors, and family members! Punch and Cookie reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



YOU'RE INVITED...

to attend a Senior Fellowship program featuring the outstanding vocalist,

ZACK ALEXANDER

singing in the style of Frank Sinatra on

Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Come at noon and bring a brown bag lunch (beverages & dessert will be provided)

OR

attend the concert only at 1:00 p.m.

*If you would like to attend this popular program, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 by Thursday, May 18 and make a reservation by leaving your name and phone number letting us know if you will be attending at noon for lunch and the concert or just attending the concert at 1:00 p.m.



**There is no charge for any Senior Fellowship program.*



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”.

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.

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.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the narthex.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

Communion Servers are Pat Demers, Martha Donovan, Carol Fisher, Jack Fisher, Cassandra Khazem, Kirstie Venanzi, Chris Welch and Renee Welch.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by our Stewardship and Finance Committee.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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; Beatrice Mabutho; Evan Pease; Russ Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Diane Smith; Margo Wegner and Ina Zimmer.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Dot Burns, Susan Gillim, Joe Kelly, Fred Mold 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; Helen Dickerson’s brother, Clifford; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Patricia Grasso’s mother, Eileen & friend, Barbara; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Judson & Monty Hagerty’s friend, Eleanor; Barbara Hannon’s brother-in-law, Michael; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s sons, David & Danny; friend of the congregation, Alex Pendjurin’s friend, Paige; Linda Protinick’s mother, Jane; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP & her parents; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law Joe & niece, Diana; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott’s niece, Brenda; Nancy Stewart’s friend, Joan; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Craig Gilbert on May 10. **Happy Birthday!!**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Would you like to become a member of our church?

If so, we invite you to attend the next New Member Class on May 14 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1. This will be a time to meet members of the church; to explore what Presbyterians believe and what you believe; to learn more about the life of First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury; and to consider if you would like to become a member of this congregation. Please call the church office at (609)395-0897 if you have any questions and to register for the class.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Book Club!

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **Wednesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss the book "*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*" by Susan Cain.

Sunday School - Sunday mornings!

- 9:15-9:30 a.m. Gathering Time in Fellowship Hall for ages 2 - 8th grade
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School (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

VBS 2017 Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God!

Please mark your calendars to join us from **July 24 through July 28** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for an amazing Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience! Cokesbury's Hero Central VBS will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes to discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central has epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help children discover their strength in God! VBS Hero Central is designed to introduce a child to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Registration will be available now through mid-July 2017 by going online to <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/firstprescranbury>. We are ramped up with excitement for VBS 2017!! Pastor Hannah and Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to make VBS Hero Central come to life!! If you are interested in being a teacher, assistant teacher, youth helper, or a leader for decorations, advertising, snacks, registration, crafts, etc., please contact Pastor Hannah at firstpreshannah@comcast.net or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

6:30-8:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group in Fellowship Hall



THE GIVING WALL

Support our Youth Group Committed Fund

The Youth Group has created a giving wall to support our summer youth mission trip and beyond! We invite you to check out the giving wall in the Fellowship Hall. Take an envelope off the board and return it to the church office with the amount of money indicated by the number on the envelope (or more) – every donation counts, from \$1 - \$150! In each envelope, you'll find a letter about our summer mission trip and a picture of a mission trip participant to pray for while we're away. **Thank you for your generous support!**

CPNS

The playground enhancements from Mrs. K's Gala are complete and our dedication will be on Sunday, June 4 immediately following the church service. Perhaps in the meantime, we hope you will have an opportunity to sit and relax on the bench and enjoy all the enhancements we were able to make to our CPNS playground.

Our CPNS garden which can be found near the overflow parking area, is now ready for planting. Thanks to two of our CPNS alumni; Robert and Devin Sullivan, you both did an amazing job and we can't thank you enough for all your hard work. The children can't wait to begin growing the vegetables and herbs, feel free to stop by and watch our garden grow.

Just a reminder, CPNS is offering a summer program for two weeks in June and two weeks in July. Our program will be based on our developmentally appropriate CPNS curriculum and taught by our own CPNS teachers. Each day will be a new adventure filled with music, literacy, art, science and math. Our Enrichment Program offerings for September have also been announced. All registration forms can be found on our website. Feel free to call Janice at (609)655-8663 or email 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 WISH LIST for MAY

We continue to be VERY grateful for everyone's generous food and financial donations to Skeet's Pantry. We look at empty shelves at the end of each monthly food distribution, and it seems miraculous that the shelves are filled again with food in time for the next month. You are really pretty incredible!

Our wish for May is that all our faithful donors continue to give what you can of the same foods:

PEANUT BUTTER, PASTA (all varieties), CEREAL (not too much sugar, please),
GRAPE JELLY, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED TUNA FISH, CANNED SOUP,
CANNED FRUIT, CANNED BEANS (all varieties)

As always, please be sure the expiration dates are current up to at least May of 2017.
THANKS!!!

OUTREACH

Cookie Volunteers Needed!

There will be a punch and cookies reception following the UrbanPromise Concert in Fellowship Hall on May 21. At this time, **we need cookie volunteers!** If you can contribute cookies, please see Flo Kremann or Ann Mooney, who will be in the Narthex following worship today. Thank you!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 8, May 11, May 15, May 18, May 22, May 25 and May 29-NO CLASS

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/7 (Team #1) – 5/14 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 4/30/17
Weekly Offering	\$4,581
YTD Offerings	\$164,899
YTD Expenses	\$169,629
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$4,730)
YTD Per Capita: \$2,800 (13% of \$21,636)	

PER CAPITA SUNDAY – TODAY, MAY 7, 2017

You may have noticed an envelope near the front of your pledge envelope box labeled “per capita.” Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, “Exactly what does per capita do?”

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$36) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Does our congregation want to benefit from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country? Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- Does our congregation want to be involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth? In many places in our world, it is difficult to “do mission” except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- Do we want to benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the *Book of Order* and *The Book of Confessions*? Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources.
- Do we want future generations to learn about our congregation’s present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions)? Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- Do we want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- Do we want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more? Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, your per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like you about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

We do not believe in being lone rangers in the PC(USA). We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, and ministry of each other in this place, so, too, do we benefit from an even wider array of gifts and ministry of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across the church. Your per capita pays for the programs, training, and resources that help us work together and discern the mind of Christ for the PC(USA).

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of our Church's total per capita assessment. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

In Christ's service,

Stewardship & Finance Committee

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 7, 2017

9:15a Sunday School - All areas
9:15a New Member Class – Lib.
10:30a Worship with Communion followed
by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR
5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH
6:30p-7p Youth Band Practice
6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp–FH

May 8, 2017

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:00p Brass Choir
7:30p Congregational Life Mtg-Lib.
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

May 9, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary
7:00p CE and Youth Mtg-Lib.
7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church
Office
7:30p AA Anniversary Mtg–FH

May 10, 2017

9:00a Session Material Due
3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmte Mtg-
ML Mtg Rm
7:00p Book Club – location TBD
7:00p Bell Choir
7:00p Boy Scouts District Mtg – McK Rm

May 11, 2017

10:00a Senior Exercise
10:45a Website Committee Meeting – Lib.
7:30p P&A Mtg-Room 1
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

May 12, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

May 13, 2017

9:00a Session Records Review - FH
12:00p-6:30p Middle School/High School
Youth Group – **VAN**

May 14, 2017 (Mother’s Day)

9:15a Sunday School - All areas
9:15a New Member Class – Lib.
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR
6:30p-7p Youth Band Practice
NO Youth Group