

**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**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**May 21, 2017 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*“This is the Day”*

**Les Garrett**  
Youth Ensemble

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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering

The Confirmation Class

INTROIT

*Wastahili ewe bwana*  
(Lord, you are worthy)

*Urban Promise*  
International Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,

**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN #376 (Hymnal)\* *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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

Psalm 66: 8-20

Anna Khazem  
Pew Bible pgs. 528-529

ANTHEM

*Wastahili ewe bwana*  
(Lord, you are worthy)

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SCRIPTURE

John 14: 15-21

Pew Bible pg. 109

SERMON

“We’ve Got Spirit, Yes We Do!”

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

### THE RESPONSE

HYMN #304 (Hymnal)\*

*“Jesus Loves Me!”*

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR:

**Ian Anuszewski, Will Applegate, George Arsnow, Emily Holl, Anna Khazem, Giavanna Toto, Tyler Vandenberg and Matthew Wheeler**

PRESENTATION AND OPENING STATEMENT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**C: I do.**

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed (Ecumenical)\*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

QUESTION (to the confirmands)

L: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

C: **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

### WELCOME

L: By publicly professing their faith, these young people have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

L: The peace of God be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

## THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Yesu ali ndi chifundo nane*  
(The Lord has Mercy on me)

UrbanPromise  
International Choir

*Tambira Jehovah*  
(Come and dance for the Lord)

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

*"Doxology"*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*

The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mitchell

**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.**

HYMN #280 (Hymnal)\*

*"Amazing Grace"*

## BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Ulemelero wanu*  
(All the glory is yours, Oh Lord.)

UrbanPromise  
International Choir

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

## 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”.

**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.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by our Session in honor of the Confirmands.

**Head Usher** is Alan Danser.

**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:** Austin Applegate; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Paul Furchak; Cyndi Girardet; Tyler Katsoff; Beatrice Mabutho; Evan Pease; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Diane Smith; Margo Wegner; Don Winchell 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; Caren Anuszewski & Carlene Reyes’ cousin, Danny; 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; Alex Pendjurin’s friend, Paige; Linda Protinick’s mother, Jane; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney and family due to the death of her father; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law Joe & niece, Diana; Dorothy & Charles Patterson’s son, Charlie, Jr.; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Bev Reddan’s mother, Marie; Pat Scott’s niece, Brenda; Nancy Stewart’s friend, Joan; Loida Wilson’s mother, Loli; Walter & Barbara Wright’s daughter, Maire and friend of the congregation, Ruthie Yu’s daughter, Christine.

**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:** Lillian Conley on May 27. **Happy Birthday!!**

## CHOIR NEWS

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The Children's Choir would like to THANK Colleen Arno and Megan Pease for getting the flowers for our Mother's Day and Father's Day Surprise during worship last Sunday.

Thank you to all our Youth Ensemble members – George Arnow, Ethan Kohn, Gretchen Kohn, Shawn Kohn and Evan Pease. A SPECIAL THANKS to Mrs. Pat Bohrs for directing our Youth Ensemble!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Martha's Circle** - All women of the church, join us in the library at 1:30 p.m. on **Monday, June 5**. This year's study is "Who is Jesus?" All women are welcome to be a part of this study, this fellowship, this circle of friendship.

**Book Club** - Join us for book club on **Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1** at the church. We're reading "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. It's a beautiful book, already widely read among our congregants. We hope you'll join us for the discussion!

### **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](mailto:firstpreshannah@comcast.net) or Cassandra Khazem at [ckhazem@gmail.com](mailto:ckhazem@gmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUP: Middle School and High School youth group will meet at 3:00 today in the sanctuary to enjoy the Urban Promise concert!**



### 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

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We hope you had the opportunity to sit and relax on the bench and enjoy all the enhancements we were able to make to our CPNS playground. If not please join us on Sunday, June 4 for our playground dedication. It will be immediately following the church service. Lemonade and cookies will be served at our coffee hour that day. We hope to see you at this very special event in the life of our church.

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](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.

## DEACONS

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### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 3

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(rain or shine)

strawberries, cake, ice cream  
music—games—face painting—clown and more

#### **Purchase tickets in advance**

Family Pass up to five people: \$25

Individual Tickets: \$6

Tickets are available during coffee hour, at the church office, CPNS  
or from any Deacon



#### **Tickets at the door**

Family Pass up to five people: \$28

Individual Tickets: \$7

**\*\*Sponsored by the Board of Deacons to benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund**

The Deacons are busy working on the Strawberry Festival. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located outside Fellowship Hall, so please make sure that you make it over there to sign up and help. It is a great time of fellowship and monies go towards the Benevolence Fund. Below are listed some items that we still need.

Tennis Balls ♦ Golf Balls ♦ 3 Toy Fishing Rods ♦  
Volleyball and net ♦ Ping Pong Table ♦ 5 – 5 gal. paint buckets ♦  
Canopies ♦ Bean bags ♦ Balloons for water balloons ♦  
♦ **VOLUNTEERS** ♦

## MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

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**Skeet's Pantry Wish List for May:** Thank you for all your generous support each month. As always, please be sure the expiration dates are current up to at least May of 2017.

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)

**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, they advocate for a world without hunger. Bread for the World's work in organizing communities and individuals to speak up about hunger and poverty gets results! Advocacy is hard work, and sometimes the victories do not come right away. But Bread has been doing advocacy for decades and has the expertise, experience, and track record for bringing hope and opportunity to people in the U.S. and abroad.

Bread's first victory more than 40 years ago laid important groundwork that they've built on ever since. In 1975, the year after Bread was founded; Congress passed the Right to Food Resolution. It declared that everyone has a right to food, and it was the most sweeping statement on hunger Congress has ever made.

Recently Congress passed the bipartisan Global Food Security Act in early July 2016. This legislation authorized U.S.-led, long-term solutions for small farmers so that they'll be able to feed their families and communities for years to come. Bread had marshalled all of its resources and advocated before Congress for its passage for more than a year.

Every dollar you give to support their advocacy helps Bread for the World secure hundreds of dollars in lifesaving assistance for families in the United States and around the world. By mobilizing Christians to advocate on Capitol Hill, we ensure our federal government serves the most vulnerable among us. You can donate online at [bread@bread.org](mailto:bread@bread.org) or there is a form in the office that you can use to mail in a donation. Please help!

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** May 22, May 25, May 29-NO CLASS, June 1, June 5, June 8, June 12, and June 15.



## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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**Counting Teams: 5/21 (Team #3) – 5/28 (Team #4)**

	<b>Week Ended 5/14/17</b>
Weekly Offering	\$4,017
YTD Offerings	\$174,592
YTD Expenses	\$182,967
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	<b>(\$8,375)</b>
YTD Per Capita: \$3,942 (18% of \$21,636)	

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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### **May 21, 2017**

9:15a Sunday School - All areas  
10:30a Worship and Confirmation followed by coffee hour  
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service  
11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib.  
3:00p Urban Promise International Choir Concert - Sanctuary  
3:00p Youth Group attending Concert  
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR

### **May 22, 2017**

10:00a Senior Exercise  
7:00p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

### **May 23, 2017**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office  
11:00a-4:00p Sr. Fellowship set-up – FH/Kit/VAN  
12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program – FH/Kit/VAN  
4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary  
7:30p Deacons - FH  
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

### **May 24, 2017**

5:00p Women’s Club Mtg.-FH  
7:00p Bell Choir  
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg – Lib.

**May 25, 2017 (Ascension of the Lord)**

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn

10:45a Website Mtg-Lib

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

**May 26, 2017**

**Church Office Hours 9a-12p**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

**May 27, 2017**

**May 28, 2017 (Ascension of the Lord Sunday)**

9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR

NO Youth Group

## *Confirmation Class Group Statement of Faith*

*We believe...*

*God is our Father who created heaven and earth and everything in it. Jesus is the one who humbled himself down to a human, came to our imperfect world, was wronged by many, and died to save all of our sins. The Holy Spirit guides us in our choices and sustains us with the presence of God. The trinity—God as three and as one—brings all things into relationship with God.*

*Scripture teaches us about the power and grace of God and gives us a basis for how we can live our lives. Worship is being a part of a family where you are comfortable with God and the people around you. Baptism is the cleansing of the Spirit and the symbol of God's welcome of us as his children. Communion helps us remember the sacrifices Jesus made for us. Prayer is the daily practice that strengthens our relationship with God and lets us realize that he will always be there to listen and help us persevere.*

*We are challenged to prioritize church and sometimes struggle to remember what we learn in church—to forgive, to be kind, compassionate and loving. We experience joy at church (sometimes), with our friends, families, and pets, and when we use our God-given gifts. None of us have all the answers. If God is so powerful that he can make blind men see, move mountains and part seas, then why do bad things happen to people? We want to continue going to church and to be involved in mission and service. We want to give thanks to God in good times and in bad times and to share our God-given passions with the world for the benefit of all of God's creation. We give thanks to God for years of great Sunday School teachers and for the gift of his everlasting love. Amen.*