

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

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

May 28, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“God is gone up with a shout”

Robert J. Powell
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

“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Clap your hands, all you peoples!

God has gone up with a shout of joy.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #489 (Hymnal)* *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*

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 Luke 24: 44-53 Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 91

ANTHEM *"To heaven ascended Christ, our King"* 15th cent.,
Arr. Carl Hirsch
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Acts 1: 1-14 Pew Bible pg. 118

SERMON "Wondering. Watching. Waiting." Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #561 (Hymnal)* *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

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 *Capriccio* Geo. F. Handel
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*
Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #150 (Hymnal)* *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Festival Finale* Malcolm Archer
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, JUNE 3

3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. (RAIN OR SHINE)

**PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE
FAMILY PASS UP TO FIVE PEOPLE \$25**

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$6



TICKETS AT THE DOOR

FAMILY PASS UP TO FIVE PEOPLE \$28

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$7

**TICKETS AVAILABLE DURING COFFEE
HOUR ON SUNDAYS, AT THE CHURCH
OFFICE, CPNS, OR FROM ANY DEACON**

STRAWBERRIES

CAKE

ICE CREAM

MUSIC

GAMES

FACE PAINTING

CLOWN AND

MORE



**SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DEACONS TO
BENEFIT THE DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE FUND**

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 Kay Gartner, Caroline Koi and Janice Luffey.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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; 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’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; Dale & Joan Smith’s sisters-in-law, Beverly & Alva; 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

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 or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

NO Middle School and High School youth group TONIGHT, May 28.

Youth Group Year-End Banquet – Join us for an end-of-year celebration on Wednesday, June 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by June 4 to Pastor Hannah at firstpreshannah@comcast.net or (910)986-5493.

Rising 6th thru Rising 8th Graders – Bring a side dish
Rising 9th thru Rising 12th Graders – Bring a dessert



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

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 4**, immediately following our Worship Service for a very special time together. CPNS will host coffee hour in our playground. This special coffee hour of lemonade and cookies will be held to celebrate the enhancements that were made to our playground. The funds raised for these enhancements were from the CPNS "Gala" held in April 2016 in honor of Mrs. "K's" over thirty years of service to CPNS. We hope that you will be able to share this special time with us in the life of our church and look forward to seeing you on the playground after worship on June 4.

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.

DEACONS

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

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)

OTHER NEWS

On **Memorial Day, May 29** at **11:00 a.m.**, the New Jersey Civil War History Association will hold a ceremony of remembrance for those in the area who were in the Civil War. This impressive ceremony will take place at the Soldiers Monument in Brainerd Cemetery behind our church. A brief ceremony will follow at the Civil War Monument in Memorial Park by the firehouse.

OUTREACH

The African Gospel Choir was a Huge Success thanks to the warm welcome they received at the Worship Service and the fantastic crowd at the afternoon concert! Weren't they just wonderful! Thanks to all who made this day memorable by donating the best cookies ever for the reception and for extending the warm hand of fellowship to each of the Urban*Promise* International choir members. The Fellows were so impressed with the personal greetings they received and the spirit they felt from our congregation. We are measuring the success of the day by so many of you talking about "next year" and we do hope to host this group again. Thanks!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/28 (Team #4) – 6/4 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 5/22/17
Weekly Offering	\$4,719
YTD Offerings	\$179,311
YTD Expenses	\$191,481
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$12,170)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,050 (19% of \$21,636)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

May 29, 2017 (Memorial Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

11:00a NJ Civil War History Association Ceremony of Remembrance-Cemetery
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

May 30, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary
7:30p AA McKnight Room

May 31, 2017

10:40a CPNS Rehearsal - Sanctuary
12:40a CPNS Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00p Bell Choir

June 1, 2017

10:00a Senior Exercise
11:00a-7:00p Strawberry Festival Prep-Kitchen/FH
2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)
7:00p – 9:00- Brass Choir - FH
7:00p Worship Mtg—Lib.
7:30p B&G Mtg-Lib.

June 2, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
8:30a-7:00p Strawberry Festival Prep-Kitchen/FH

June 3, 2017

9:00a Strawberry Festival set-up
2:30-7:00p Senior Fellowship-VAN
3:00p – 6:00p Strawberry Festival

June 4, 2017 (Pentecost)

9:15a Sunday School – All classes practice for Children & Youth Sunday – FH

10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by CPNS Playground Dedication and coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service

4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR

5:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts – FH/Kit

5:30p-6:30p Middle School Youth Group practice for Youth Sunday – Sanctuary

6:30p-8:00p High School Youth Group practice for Youth Sunday – Sanctuary