

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the
Courtyard immediately following the service.*
(✠ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Pièces d’Orgue

Gaspard Corrette
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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Surely the Lord is in this place!

This is the house of God.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #461 (Hymnal)*

“God Is Here!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Lou

COMMISSIONING OF VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS: **Jo D. Andrews, Samantha Andrews, Carron Ankiel-Kohn, Will Applegate, Colleen Arno, Jane Curran, Jean Dunham, Emily Ellsworth, Christian Flag, Hadley Flyge, Becky Franke, CJae Franke, Dani Franke, Ryan Franke, David Geijer, Gail Geijer, Anne Gordon, Dillon Howarth, Jillian Howarth, Kevin Howarth, Linda Howarth, Tyler Huang, Maggie Hughes, Anna Khazem, Casandra Khazem, Megan Khazem, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Jade Kocher, Bridget Kohn, Ethan Kohn, Gretchen Kohn, Shawn Kohn, Caroline Koi, Rafaella Loarca, Pastor Hannah Lovaglio, Megan Mavoides, Morgan Mavoides, Pastor Lou Mitchell, Mariela O'Brien, Evan Pease, Megan Pease, Morgan Pease, Karlee Pedersen, Leigh Perry, Barbara Plan, Elise Root, Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Katie Stewart, Kylie Vandenberg, Leslie Vandenberg, Tyler Vandenberg, Carole Vandercher, Alex Vogen, Margo Wegner, Maggie Welch, Renee Welch, and Janet Wheeler.**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.'

What we have heard and know for ourselves, we must hand on to the next generation. These in their turn will tell others to put confidence in the Lord, never forgetting God's faithfulness and always keeping his commandments.

QUESTION FOR THE VBS FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS

We give thanks to God that you are leaders in our VBS Family Ministry. Through your efforts, the good news of God's love will be celebrated among another generation. Please answer this question. Do you trust Jesus Christ your Savior, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

You are now commissioned to be a leader in the VBS Family Ministry. May the light of God's love shine through all that you say and do!

PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have appointed teachers and leaders to tell of your love and power, your justice and peace. We thank you for these brothers and sisters who will teach children and young people your ways this week in VBS. Give them the gifts of your Spirit, so that they may be bold witnesses of

your good news. Guide them as they serve in your name. May they speak your word and show your kindness. O Lord, help us to turn to you in obedience to your commandments and to live in the hope and joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM:

Our mission as the church is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people by our words and actions. Jesus taught us, saying: “I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”. We celebrate your devotion to the tasks ahead of you, as you join with other people in mission working with Next Step Ministries in Crownpoint, New Mexico. Through the gift of your service and its example of love, you show others the infinite love that God has for all people. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. We ask that you publicly affirm your commitment to this work.

Will you accept the people you serve right where they are and just the way they are? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you work in glad cooperation and mutual support with others, being sensitive, helpful, and humble, according to the needs presented to you? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you conduct yourself in a manner which witnesses to what God has done through Christ in your life and for all humanity? **I will, with God’s help.**

Do you sincerely believe that the work you are about to undertake is truly the work of God in our world? **I do.**

Almighty God, look graciously upon these people now being commissioned. Send them forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to love and serve you with joy. Grant them an extra measure of grace as they serve together. Strengthen them as your faithful witnesses, so that many may share the good news of your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING

Emily Curran, Emily Ellsworth, Evan Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Branden Kenny, Anna Khazem, Cassandra Khazem, Megan Khazem, Phoebe Kong, Hannah Lovaglio, Karlee Pedersen, Villana Tkac, Cole Toto, Giavanna Toto and Kylie Vandenberg, on behalf of the Session, you are commissioned to share

the love of Jesus Christ throughout your time of service in New Mexico, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in this congregation, I commend to you those who will participate in this mission. Let us support them with our love and care and uphold them in our prayers for the work that they will perform.

CONGREGATION: (Unison)

We rejoice to send you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gifts of service. We pledge our prayers and support. With you, we renew our commitment to God and to service in the name of Jesus Christ. We pray God’s blessings for you and for the people you go to serve. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24 Larry White
Pew Bible pgs. 577-578

ANTHEM *“Come, thou fount of every blessing”* **Crawford Thoburn**
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE Genesis 28: 1-22 Pew Bible pgs. 24-25

SERMON Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #408 (Hymnal)* *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”*

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 *Toccata per l’Elevazione* **Girolamo Frescobaldi**
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*
Prayer of Dedication*

“Doxology”

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*

“Here I Am, Lord”

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello
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”.

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.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Peg and Monty Hagerty.

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; Gordon Fraser; Paul Furchak; Tyler Katsoff; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Russ Richardson; Gloria Jean Ryba; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Diane Smith; Margo Wegner; Don Winchell and Ina Zimmer.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Wil Cassel; Susan Gillim; Joe Kelly; 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; Phyllis Dyke's cousin, Carol; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager's daughter-in-law, Liz; Barbara Hannon's brother-in-law, Michael; Alex Pendjurin's friend, Paige; Leigh Perry's cousin, Ruby; Ron Perry's father, Dan; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney's son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law Joe & niece, Diana; CPNS Parent, Karolina; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates' friend, KerriSu; Loida Wilson's mother, Loli, & friends, the Pollack family; 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: Janet Schlegel on July 23. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

VBS 2017 HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God!

The church will be full of joy, singing, learning and fun this week as we host Vacation Bible School, Cokesbury's Hero Central! The congregation is invited to join us for closing ceremony, Friday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We'll learn the characteristics of a true hero (heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power) as we commit to our hero code: "*Do good! Seek peace and go after it!*" Psalm 34: 14b

THE GIVING WALL

Thank you for supporting the Mission Trip Committed Fund!

We leave Saturday, July 29! The Giving Wall was a huge success, with nearly all the necessary funds having been raised. So we invite you to take an envelope from the mobile giving wall and **just pray!** Pray for the person whose picture is in your envelope, and don't worry about returning the envelope to us. With your prayers and by the grace of God, we'll return safely on Sunday, August 6. We can't wait to share the trip with you on Mission Trip Sunday, August 21. **Thank you for your generous support!**

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Join Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates (our Parish Associate and Meadow Lakes Minister) in the church library at 7:00 p.m. on **Mondays, July 24(this week only - meet in Fellowship Hall), 31 and August 7.** The study is one of Adam Hamilton's. It's not a Bible Study, as such, although it is based on the Bible, and uses Biblical texts as we wrestle with the topics of the study. The study is called: "HALF TRUTHS, God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." I look forward to you joining us. It will be fun!

The lessons are:

- 1) Everything Happens for a Reason
- 2) God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
- 3) God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle
- 4) God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It, and
- 5) Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Volunteers Needed to keep Coffee Hour going during the Summer

We need people to sign-up for Summer Coffee Hour. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net.

CPNS

CPNS is closed for the summer. Behind the scenes there are many things happening. Some of our rooms are being painted, floors are being done, and our teachers continue to participate in professional development opportunities. We are also revising our parent and personnel handbooks to meet the updated Office of Licensing regulations and incorporate the GROW NJ Kids requirements to continue to provide a high quality Christian preschool program. It is so important to make the changes needed to continue to meet the needs of our community, families, and children.

We will also take time to rest, relax, rejuvenate, and refresh ourselves before we begin a new school year. We hope you have the opportunity to take some time for yourself as well. Enjoy the slower pace of the summer and remember to "Just Breathe".

We have a few openings left in our classes and enrichment programs beginning in September. 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.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

JULY is CANNED SOUP and TUNA FISH Month for SKEET'S PANTRY! We know that sounds like a strange combination – but that's our particular need for this month, though not probably mixed together! As always, any food you can donate is very welcome, and we thank you VERY much!

Remember that Skeet's Pantry keeps distributing food throughout the summer months, too, so if you aren't into soup or tuna fish, please feel free to consider:

PEANUT BUTTER, GRAPE JELLY, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE,
CANNED BEANS or CANNED FRUIT

Here's hoping you have a great summer, and be assured that your generosity will make the summer better for many, many families in our community.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/23 (Team #4) – 7/30 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 7/16/17
Weekly Offering	\$3,194
YTD Offerings	\$241,851
YTD Expenses	\$281,901
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$40,050)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,146(19% of \$21,636)	

WORSHIP

Ushers Needed - Volunteer and be part of the Worship Service. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net.

We are looking for **Lay Readers** for July to December 2017. We welcome new readers to join our team, and would be happy to see your name for one or two Sundays on the sign-up sheet which may be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 23, 2017

10:00a Worship w/VBS and Youth Mission Trip Commissioning followed by refreshments

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

11:30a-12:30p VBS Training (FH)

12:30p-2:30p VBS Decorating (All areas)

July 24, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)

7:00p Bible Study (FH)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

July 25, 2017

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)

3:30 Meadow Lakes Bible Study (Mtg Rm)

7:00p Deacons (FH)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

July 26, 2017

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)

July 27, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)

July 28, 2017

Church Office Closed

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)

July 29, 2017

2:00p-3:00p Youth Mission Trip Send Off (FH)

July 30, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service