

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the

Courtyard immediately following the service.

(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Toccata and Fugue

Josef Seger
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

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Nothing can separate us from God’s love.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #485 (Hymnal)*

“To God Be the Glory”

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 ✚

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46 Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pgs. 517-518

ANTHEM "Devotion" John Ness Beck
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:26-39 Pew Bible pgs. 158-159

SERMON "Too Deep for Words" Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #403 (Hymnal)* "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 "Auf meinen lieben Gott" Johann Kuhnau
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #313 (Hymnal)* "Come Down, O Love Divine"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* Fantasia Johann Krieger
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 Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Deacons.

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; 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, & friends, the Traversier family due to the loss of their mother; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Gladys Frisch on July 31, and, Dietrich Wahlers on August 3. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

VBS 2017 HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God!

Thank you for an incredible week! We welcomed over 90 kids and learned together what it means to be a hero in God. It was a blessing for which we are so very grateful.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Our Mission Team has safely arrived (we pray) in New Mexico! They left yesterday and return a week from today. Please keep them in your prayers. Watch the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury Facebook page for updates, and if you'd like to support their trip, donations are still welcome.

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 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." The next two lessons are: "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It", and "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin". I look forward to you joining us. It will be fun!

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: 7/30 (Team #1) – 8/6 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 7/23/17
Weekly Offering	\$5,608
YTD Offerings	\$247,459
YTD Expenses	\$284,556
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$37,097)
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 30, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)
10:00a Worship followed by refreshments
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

July 31, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
7:00p Bible Study (Lib)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

August 1, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)
1:00p Outreach Committee Mtg (Lib.)
3:30 Meadow Lakes Bible Study (Mtg Rm)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p MS&G Mtg (FH)

August 2, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)

August 3, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)
2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN
7:30p B&G Mtg (Lib.)

August 4, 2017

Church Office Closed
Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)

August 5, 2017

Youth Mission Trip (New Mexico)

August 6, 2017

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments
11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship