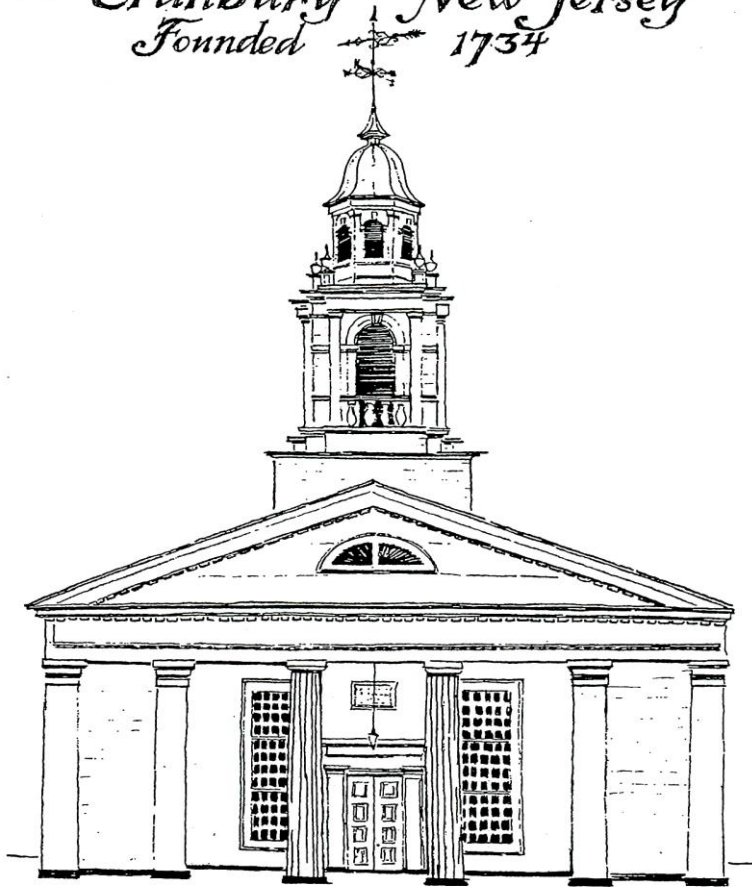


*The First Presbyterian Church
Cranbury New Jersey
Founded 1734*



The Master is here and calleth for thee

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Welcome to Worship at The 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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A minor

John Stanley
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.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

This is our spiritual worship.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #291 (Hymnal)* *“O God of Earth and Altar”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSIO (In Unison)*

God who makes all things new, we acknowledge that we remain stuck in old ways. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your grace. We fail in our love for one another, turning away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of love. Free us from sin, release and restore us and set us free to worship and serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

Carol Sprout

December 13, 1928 - August 18, 2017

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11: 25-26

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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Mary Jane Hager and Pat Scott.

Head Ushers are Pat Bohrs and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Pat Demers; Robert Dyke; Gordon Fraser; Paul Furchak; Tyler Katsoff; Dorothy Klotzbeacher; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Russ Richardson; Gloria-Jean Ryba; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Diane Smith; Larry Wegner; Loida Wilson; 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; Helen Dickerson's brother, Clifford; Phyllis Dyke's cousin, Carol; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Gail & David Geijer's family member, Jane; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager's daughter-in-law, Liz; Barbara Hannon's brother-in-law, Michael; friend of the church, Josina's son, Troy; CPNS Parent, Karolina; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney's son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; Karen Moser's nephew, Adam; Alex Pendjurin's friend, Paige; Marie Perrine's son, Ross; Leigh Perry's cousin, Ruby; Ron Perry's father, Dan; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; CPC website designer, Meg & husband, Arnold; Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates' friends, the Traversier family; 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: Carole Vandercher on August 31. **Happy Birthday!**

CHOIR

The Bell Choir is in need of a player/ringer. The only qualification is that you can count simple note values. We work as a team so everyone helps each other. Why not give it a try and help keep your brain fit. You'll be amazed what you can do. Please contact Pat Bohrs at pbohrs@verizon.net. Thanks!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School and Youth Group returns Sunday, September 17 (Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.; Youth Group, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.). We look forward to kicking off another great year!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Volunteers NEEDED! We need coffee hour host(s) to sign-up. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on
September 10, 2017
for our

Annual Homecoming Picnic
after our Worship Service in the courtyard.

The Congregational Life Committee will provide burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and drinks.

Last names beginning with: **A-R** bring salad/sides **S-Z** bring a dessert

The Brass Band will perform. Everyone is invited – help us celebrate!!!

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteer grillers for our homecoming picnic. Please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

CPNS

Summer is coming to an end. We hope everyone had a chance to enjoy time with family and friends. Our CPNS teachers return on Wednesday, August 30. Everyone is looking forward to a great 2017-2018 school year. We have so many new and exciting happenings.

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

CLOTHING DRIVE for The Rescue Mission of Trenton: The drive will be held from **Sunday, September 10 – Sunday, October 1.** The collection box will be located in the “mailbox room”, next to Skeet’s Pantry. All clothing must be CLEAN and in good condition. Men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing and shoes will be accepted. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Anne Gordon.

SAVE THE DATE: CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 1, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Matt Curran.

August is “U-Pick-It” Month for Skeet’s Pantry! No, we don’t mean you have to go to a farm and pick fruits and veggies. What we’re asking this month is that YOU choose what you’d like to donate to our food pantry. Any and all donations would be gratefully received – especially if you pick from the following, since these are the foods we try to put in every family’s bag each month:

**Peanut Butter, Pasta, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Soup, Jelly,
Pasta Sauce, Canned Beans, Tuna Fish**

If none of those excite you, Pancake Mix and Pancake syrup are welcome, too.

As always, please be sure to check expiration dates on the food so that nothing is out of date – and THANKS again for giving us so much support!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise class begins again this fall on **Monday, September 11** at 10:00 a.m. and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 8/27 (Team #1) – 9/3 (Team #2)

| | Week Ended 8/20/17 |
|---|---------------------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$3,207 |
| YTD Offerings | \$266,666 |
| YTD Expenses | \$320,741 |
| YTD Net Income/(Loss) | (\$54,075) |
| 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 August 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

August 27, 2017

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

August 28, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

7:00p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

August 29, 2017

9:30a Staff Mtg

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

August 30, 2017

8:30a-3:00p CPNS Initial Teacher's Mtg (FH/Kit)

6:30p Volunteer Mtg for Helene Cody Cranbury 5K (McK Rm)

August 31, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

September 1, 2017

Church Office Closed

September 2, 2017

September 3, 2017

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments

11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship