

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Excerpts, 5th Symphony

Antonin Dvorak
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.

God said to Moses: I am who I am.

This is the name of the Lord forever.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

“How Great Thou Art”

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

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3: 1-15

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 50

ANTHEM

A Morning Prayer

Benjamin Harlan
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3: 1-15

Jerusalem Bible

SERMON

“What’s In a Name?”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #330 (Hymnal)* *“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”*

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

Choral Improvisation in A

Sigfrid Karg-Ehlert
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #281 (Hymnal)* *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Verse for the Double Organ* **Christopher Gibbons**
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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Caroline Koi.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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

We pray for those affected by Hurricane Harvey: For all those dealing with loss in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, for those in need of shelter, for emergency responders, for those separated from loved ones, for government officials and all those trying to pick up the pieces, we pray. Several members of the congregation have loved ones in the area, and we hold them in our prayers.

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 Geijer's sister, 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; Doris Wiegartner's niece, Laurie & 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: Harvey Davison on September 9. **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 Teacher Retreat 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **Sunday, September 10.** Breakfast and coffee provided. We will have time to get to know each other, plan for the year as teaching teams, and Pastor Hannah will provide a program to encourage and prepare you for the year ahead! Childcare provided.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

“Nobody is Born Hating”

A September 6th Gathering at Congregation Beth Chaim, entitled “Nobody is Born Hating,” will focus on using the light of our diversity to push back against the darkness of hate. The event will include: a period of communal song and engaging interfaith prayer; a special candle-lighting ceremony to highlight the community’s stance against hate; and words of inspiration from

clergy and community leaders. The entire community, of all ages, is invited to join in this vital gathering on September 6 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Chaim, 329 Village Road East, Princeton Junction, NJ.

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

We are so excited to once again see families from previous years, and meet families new to CPNS. Next week, we have Back-to-School nights and Open Houses. Join us in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday and/or Wednesday evening to see all the wonderful enrichment program offerings, enjoy light refreshments, or just stop by to say hello. 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 e-mail 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.

SEPTEMBER AT SKEET’S PANTRY This month we are asking especially for donations of:

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| DETERGENT | PANCAKE MIX | PANCAKE SYRUP |
| (32 oz. or larger size) | | |

We also continue to welcome the basic foods we put in family bags each month:

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| PEANUT BUTTER | PASTA | CEREAL |
| CANNED FRUIT | SOUP | JELLY |
| PASTA SAUCE | CANNED BEANS | TUNA FISH |

As always, please be sure to check expiration dates on the food so that nothing is out of date.

We were able to give food to 70 families in August thanks to your generosity, and now we are gearing up for larger numbers of families, as is usually the case when Fall arrives. So once again we say THANK YOU, because your donations of food and \$ make this possible.

By the way, the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury has just been named a PCUSA Hunger Action Congregation in recognition of our Mission, Service & Grants Committee's multi-faceted approach to alleviating hunger and its causes locally and around the world. None of this would be possible without our congregation's incredible support – once again, THANK YOU!

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: 9/3 (Team #2) – 9/10 (Team #3)

| | Week Ended 8/27/17 |
|---|--------------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$3,225 |
| YTD Offerings | \$269,891 |
| YTD Expenses | \$331,800 |
| YTD Net Income/(Loss) | (\$61,909) |
| 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

September 3, 2017

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

September 4, 2017 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 5, 2017

CPNS Playground Gatherings,
Back to School Night & Open
House (Playground\CRs\FH)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
10:30a Lessons & Carols Mtg
(office)
1:00p Outreach Committee Mtg
(Lib.)
7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (office)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p MS&G Mtg (Lib)

September 6, 2017

CPNS Playground Gatherings,
Back to School Night & Open
House (Playground\CRs\FH)
7:00p Bell Choir

September 7, 2017

CPNS Playground Gatherings,
Back to School Night & Open
House (Playground\CRs\FH)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly (office)
2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN
7:00p Worship Committee Mtg
(Lib.)
7:30p B&G Mtg (Lib.)
7:30p The Chorale

September 8, 2017

Church Office Closed/CPNS Closed

September 9, 2017 (Cranbury Day)

September 10, 2017 (Homecoming)

8:15a-10:15a Annual Sunday
School Teacher Retreat (FH)
10:30a Worship w/communion
followed by the Homecoming
Picnic
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship
Service
5:30p-8:00p Court of Honor – SM
(FH/Kit)