

Welcome to Worship at The 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

Homecoming Sunday

September 10, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“If You’re Happy and You Know It”

Ron Mallory
Bell Choir

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

“What shall I render to the Lord?” Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

love is the fulfillment of the law.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #138 (Hymnal)* *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

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 #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE*

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3: 1-14

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 50

ANTHEM

“Do this in remembrance of me”

Tom Fettke
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 4: 1-17

Pew Bible pg. 51

SERMON

“Opportunity Knocks! God Calls!” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Going Home”

Antonin Dvorak
Brass Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #171 (Hymnal)* *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #272 (Hymnal)*

"God of the Sparrow"

RESPONSE*

Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary in C

Samuel Jackson
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.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

Communion Servers are George & Audrey Smith and Chris & Renee Welch.

Coffee Hour today is our Homecoming Picnic hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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

Out of Chaos, Hope - On **Sunday, September 17**, there will be a retiring offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the wake of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. PDA teams of volunteers are being deployed to hurricane affected areas when it is safe to do so. Your financial support will enable those volunteers to help those in need of shelter, food and support. Checks should be made out to The First Presbyterian Church, and in the memo line note - PDA. For more information about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and additional ways you can help go to pda.pcusa.org.

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 & Cheryl 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; Jean Dunham's niece, Charlene; Phyllis Dyke's cousin, Carol; Rose Eller's sister, Louise; 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, Noél 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!

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.

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 Kick Off BBQ, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to another great year learning and growing with you!

Save the Date - Parent Program: Join us on Sunday, September 17, beginning at 9:15 a.m. with coffee and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Our Pastor Hannah Lovaglio will share an informative program on the powerful role that faith communities and spirituality play in a young child's life. This program will be based on the New York Times Bestseller, *The Spiritual Child*, The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving by Lisa Miller, Ph.D.

Please join us and learn about how you could provide this understanding and support for your child's spiritual development. Register by calling the church office at (609)395-0897 or email firstpresoffice@comcast.net that you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Car Wash Sunday, September 24 following Worship: The Youth Group wants you to have a clean car at least twice a year, so we'll be washing cars on Sunday, September 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and accepting donations to support our mission trips.

Book Club Returns Monday, September 25: Join us in **Room 1 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** for our first book club of the new programmatic year. This month, we ask everyone to come ready to share about a book or two they read this summer. Mark your calendars for Book Club on the fourth Monday of every month (October 23, *Wonder* by Raquel J. Palacio).

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.

CPNS

Our 2017-2018 school year officially begins on Monday, September 11. Parents will be dropping off their children at CPNS; some of them for their very first school experience. We expect a few tears in the beginning, but as the weeks progress those tears will turn to smiles because of the love and care of our teachers. Everyone is looking forward to a great 2017-2018 school year. We have so many new and exciting happenings and look forward to sharing them with you as our year unfolds.

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

Save the Date: CROP Hunger Walk will be held **Sunday, October 1.** If you have any questions please contact Matt Curran.

Clothing Drive for The Rescue Mission of Trenton: The Drive will begin today, September 10 through 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.

September at Skeet’s Pantry: This month we are asking especially for donations of:

Detergent (32 oz. or larger size), Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup

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

**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 of your monetary donations and food donations make this possible.

Please Note: 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!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee will host a **PASTA DINNER** on **Friday, October 13.** Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets can be purchased after Worship during coffee hour. Each ticket is \$5 and children under 5 are free.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: September 11, September 14, September 18, September 21, September 25 and September 28

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/10 (Team #3) – 9/17 (Team #4)

	Week Ended 9/3/17
Weekly Offering	\$8,170
YTD Offerings	\$278,061
YTD Expenses	\$351,193
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$73,132)
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 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)

September 11, 2017

CPNS First Day of School

9:00a-3:00p Fall/Winter Church Office Hours Begin

10:00a Sr. Exercise

7:00p Brass Choir

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib.)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 12, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

1:00p-3:00p Website Training (FH)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

September 13, 2017

9:00a Session Material Due

3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Mtg-ML Mtg. Rm

7:00p Bell Choir

September 14, 2017

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)

10:00a Sr. Exercise

6:30p Nominating Cmte Mtg (Church Office downstairs)

7:00p P&A Cmte Mtg (Church Office upstairs)

7:30p The Chorale

September 15, 2017

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

September 16, 2017

September 17, 2017

9:15a-10:15a 1st Day of Sunday School (Classrooms)

10:30a Worship w/CE and CPNS Teachers Commissioning followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

11:45a Library Committee (Lib.)

4:30p-6:30p Middle/High School Youth Group Kick-Off BBQ