

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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Grazioso

Henry Smart
Organ

“Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee”

Beethoven;
arr. Pat Bohrs

George Arsnow, Clarinetist and Evan Pease, Saxophonist

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

“Almighty Father, Lord most High” Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

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 #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE*

Pastor Hannah

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS ✦

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, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 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.” Then in the fullness of time, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

UNISON STATEMENT: What the Lord has taught us through his Word and Spirit, and by the witness of his people, we must hand on to the next generation. These in turn will teach others to put their confidence in the Lord, remembering God’s faithfulness and keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

You are leaders in our congregation’s educational ministries to children, youth and adults. Through your efforts, the good news of God’s love will be taught and nurtured in the hearts, minds, and lives of people in this faith community. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

RESPONSE*

Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Dernier Kyrie, Dialogue

Andre Raison
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS AND YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS 2017/2018

<p>Adult Education Leaders, Christian Education Committee, Youth Ministry Committee and Sunday School Staff</p>
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Jo D. Andrews, Samantha Andrews, Caren Anuszewski, Daune Arsnow, Vicki Bain, Rose Eller, Dina Ellsworth, Matt Ferguson, Becky Franke, David Geijer, Anne Gordon, Mark Hughes, Jae Hwang, Cassandra Khazem, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Caroline Koi, Jennifer Kong, Michelle and Lily LaGrasso, Pastor Hannah Lovaglio, Michael Lovaglio, Susan Mavoides, Pastor Louis Mitchell, Janice Parker, Megan Pease, Leigh Perry, Holly Root, Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Blase Toto, Leslie Vandenberg, Vicki Waciega, Renee Welch, and Janet Wheeler

<p>Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Staff</p>
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Vicki Bain, Kathleen Cenci, Francine Coffee, Jenni Collins, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, Felicia Halligan, Anne Marie Gibson, Cyndi Oresto, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Sandy Price, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Kathy Iorio, Melanie Joseph, Noël Kinney, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Helen Lazzaro, Stacey Applegate, Logan O'Meara, Tannashae Perrine, Gretchen Potter, Kay Scott, Renee Spero and Theresa Vaccaro

<p>Library Subcommittee</p>

Jenni Collins, Barbara Hannon, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Leah Moy, Hannah Moy, David Moy and Carole Vandercher

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 today is hosted by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of our church.

Head Ushers is Alan Danser.

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: TODAY, we will have 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; 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 & 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; Nancy Kietlinski's father, Fred; 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; Russ & Cheryl Richardson's son, Mark; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction! Betty Borgeson on September 18 and Ann Zimmerman on September 24. **Happy Birthday!!**

AROUND TOWN...

Pastor Lou will present a three-part series exploring the 16th century worldview, and the religious, political, intellectual and cultural upheaval brought about by the Protestant Reformation. On October 4 – Why? Events leading up to the Reformation; October 11 – Who? Fleshing out Martin Luther; and October 25 – Where? How the Reformation spread throughout Europe. All sessions meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Cranbury Public Library.

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

Adult Sunday School Class on the Reformation: This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, one of the most important movements in the history of Western civilization. To mark this occasion, Pastor Lou, with help from Pastors Hannah and Suzanne, will provide an Adult Sunday School Class on the Reformation for 6 weeks: 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 10/29. We will also celebrate the Reformation during Worship as well, all leading up to October 29, which marks the formal anniversary date!

Sunday School is here! Children are invited to Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.. In Sunday School, children and youth form meaningful relationships with each other and their teachers, learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in a supportive and fun environment, grow in faith and are equipped to love and serve God in their lives.

Youth Group returns **TODAY!** Join us for a BBQ from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Every family should send a nut free side dish. We'll provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks and s'mores for dessert. Wear a white t-shirt (that you're willing to destroy) for our Annual Color Clashes game!

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 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 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 Host(s) 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 began. It was wonderful to see families that have been at CPNS previously as well as those families new to CPNS. This year, we have 9 regular classes, 10 enrichment classes, and we offer the lunch program every day. In addition to the 108 children in our classes, we have 27 staff members. This year our staff members include, Vicki Bain, Kathleen Cenci, Francine Coffee, Jenni Collins, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, Felicia Halligan, Anne Marie Gibson, Cyndi Oresto, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Sandy Price, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Kathy Iorio, Melanie Joseph, Noël Kinney, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Helen Lazzaro, Stacey Applegate, Logan O'Meara, Tannashae Perrine, Gretchen Potter, Kay Scott, Renee Spero and Theresa Vaccaro. We are so blessed to have so many people helping to make CPNS such a special place for children. 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.

DEACONS

SQUARE DANCE

Join us on **October 28, 2017** for a fun filled evening of square dancing with Mr. Rich Delgado, professional caller!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with square dancing starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

Entry donation is \$5 per person. Proceeds directly benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

PLEASE NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts at the Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium (WHAM) the **CROP Hunger Walk** will not take place this year.

Clothing Drive for The Rescue Mission of Trenton: The Drive runs **now through Sunday, October 1.** The collection box is 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. Once again, we say THANK YOU for your generous support.

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.

Volunteers Needed: The Outreach Committee needs your help for our pasta dinner night. We need helpers for prep work, serving, cleanup, etc... The sign-up sheet is on the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall (first one on the left). We are also in need of desserts to serve that evening - you can sign-up at the same time! Thank you! Thank You!

The Outreach Committee needs YOU! We are a small group trying to do big things. Consider being a member. The Committee will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. At present, we are planning our Pasta Night, the Church Christmas Procession, banners for Christmas and Easter on the church columns, “MOO”vie Night, a trip to Sight and Sound. If

you feel that you can help us in our goal of outreach to the community and promoting fellowship among our congregants, come on October 10, call Doris at (609)395-7099, or speak to any committee member for more information. Look forward to your joining us!

Summer is over and it is time to gather again with old and new friends for talk and fun. ***Please join us for Lunch or Dinner for Eight.*** We are looking for guests and hosts or hostesses for this semi-annual event. A sign-up sheet is on the **bulletin board at our new location outside of Fellowship Hall** waiting for your name. If you have any questions, please call Carol Fisher at (609)655-5153 or Ann Mooney at (609)655-4283.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, September 28** at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. This month, Nancy Fiske from the Audubon Society in Plainsboro will be our speaker.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with the number of guests that will attend. The cost of breakfast is \$6 payable at the Inn. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)655-6864.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/17 (Team #4) – 9/24 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 9/10/17
Weekly Offering	\$6,720
YTD Offerings	\$284,781
YTD Expenses	\$355,847
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$71,066)
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 17, 2017

9:15a-10:15a 1st Day of Sunday

School (CRs)

9:15a Parent Program: The Spirited Child

10:30a Worship w/CE & 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 (Yth Rm)

September 18, 2017

10:00a Sr. Exercise

7:00p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 19, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

4:15p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p Session Mtg (Lib.)

September 20, 2017

7:00p Bell Choir

September 21, 2017

10:00a Sr. Exercise

7:30p The Chorale

September 22, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

September 23, 2017 (Cranbury House Tour)

September 24, 2017

9:15a-10:15a Sunday School

9:15a Adult Series on The Reformation (Lib)

10:30a Worship

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

12:00p-2:00p Youth Group Car Wash

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Youth Group (Yth Rm)

6:30p-8p High School Youth Group (Yth Rm)