

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.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Toccata* **Bernardo Pasquini**
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.)

INTROIT *“Let the words of my mouth”* **Donovan Klotzbecher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Hannah Lovaglio**
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.
Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #482 (Hymnal)* *“Praise Ye the Lord, the 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

Matthew 19: 27-30

Larry White
Pew Bible pg. 21

ANTHEM

“O sing unto the Lord”

Hans Leo Hassler
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 1-16

Pew Bible pgs. 21-22

SERMON

“God Is Not Fair!”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #280 (Hymnal)*

“Amazing Grace”

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peacemaking

Emily Curran

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Lovaglio

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

“Blessed are ye, faithful souls”

Johannes Brahms
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Jae Hwang

HYMN #538 (Hymnal)*“*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*”

RESPONSE*

Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Postlude

Flor Peeters
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 today is hosted by Heidi Knowlton.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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; Judson Hagerty; 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 & friend, Eleanor; 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; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter-in-law, Debbie; Caroline Koi's friend, Phylis; 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!

Birthday of Distinction! Ann Zimmerman today, 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.

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 which began today and continues on 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: 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.

Car Wash TODAY following Worship: The Youth Group wants you to have a clean car at least twice a year, so we'll be washing cars on today from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and accepting donations to support our mission trips. (Because of the car wash, no regular youth group tonight).

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

The children are beginning to settle into their classes. This week, we will introduce the children, those that are not familiar with the lunch program and the enrichment classrooms, to the classrooms and teachers of these programs. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we have our "Getting to Know You Days" for our children. We also want to have the opportunity to get to know our families better and will have a "Parent Social" on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and then again on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the church library. Come get to know our families, we would love for you to join us for fellowship and light refreshments.

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.

Again, Out of Chaos, There is Hope! As loving, caring, open-hearted Presbyterians we can demonstrate our faith, by giving generously to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Last Sunday, we collected just over \$2,000 in our retiring offering to help people suffering from the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Now Hurricane Maria and the devastating earthquakes in Mexico have impacted the lives of thousands more people....our neighbors, our friends, our sisters and brothers in Christ. We can be and are the arms, legs and heart of Christ by helping those in need.

Let our goal be \$4,000! Checks should be made out to the First Presbyterian Church, with PDA in the memo line and mailed to the church by October 1. Live out your faith, give hope today by giving generously. 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. If you need a ride, please call (609)395-7099 and the church van will pick you up.

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 right). 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!

Please join us for Lunch or Dinner for Eight! Summer is over and it is time to gather again with old and new friends for talk and fun. We are looking for guests and host(s) or hostess(es) 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 25, September 28, October 2, October 5, October 9, October 12, October 16, October 19, October 23, October 26 and October 30

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: 9/24 (Team #1) – 10/1 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 9/17/17
Weekly Offering	\$4,072
YTD Offerings	\$288,853
YTD Expenses	\$363,493
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$74,640)
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.

Lay Readers Needed: We are looking for Lay Readers for now through 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 24, 2017

9:15a-10:15a Sunday School
9:15a Adult Series on The
Reformation (Lib)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee
hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship
Service
12:00p-2:00p Youth Group Car Wash
6:30p Boy Scouts (FH)

September 25, 2017

10:00a Sr. Exercise
7:00p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)
7:30p-9:00p Book Club (Rm 1)

September 26, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
11:00a CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)
2:30 CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)
4:00p-8:30p Presbytery Mtg (Brick)
4:15p Children's Choir
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Deacons Mtg (FH)

September 27, 2017

11:00a CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)
7:00p Bell Choir
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Lib.)

September 28, 2017

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the
Cranbury Inn
10:00p Sr. Exercise
7:30p The Chorale

September 29, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church
Office)

September 30, 2017

11:00 Memorial Service: Diane Cox
(Sanctuary/FH)

October 1, 2017 (World Communion/Peacemaking Offering)

9:15a-10:15a Sunday School
9:15a Adult Series on the Reformation
(Lib)
10:30a Worship w/Communion
followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion
Worship
5p-6:30p Middle School YG (Yth Rm)
6:30p-8:00p High School YG (Yth Rm)
6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts (FH)