

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary VI

**Anon. English
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.)

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

INTROIT

“Amazing Grace”

Music, Virginia Harmony

Lyrics, John Newton, Arranger, Joel Matthy’s, Edited, George Andrews

Soloists: Jenna Barry and Morgan Pease

Duet: Grace Taylor and Anna Terhaar

Trio: Owen Barry, Cameron Pease and Evan Pease

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God has gathered us to this place,
**where we hear those stories which show
us what the kingdom of God is like.**

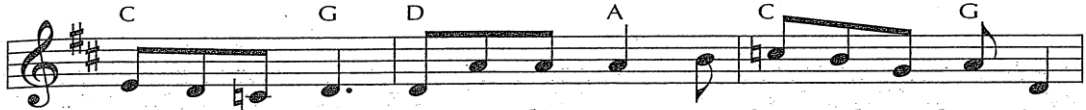
God summons us to this place,
**where we can learn how to serve our
God without reservation, or hesitation.**

God will send us from this place,
**to tell others of God's hopes and dreams,
so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

"Here in This Place"

from the Glory to God Hymnal

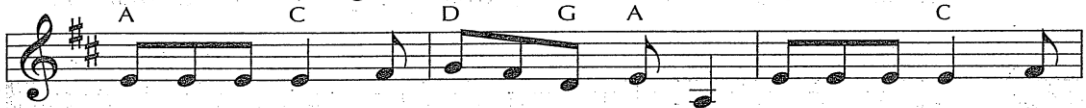
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of Mystery, we want to stay awake and be ready for your surprises, but we are tired and overcome with the usual routine. We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your kingdom, but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification. We want to believe your promises, but we are overwhelmed with doubts. Come to us again, O God. Awaken us with your unexpected grace. Shock us with your daring mercy. Lift us up from lethargy and set our feet on your path once more. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 552

ANTHEM

“Give Thanks” Music and Arrangement, Mark Ripoll,
Lyrics, Jo D. Andrews
Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 28

SERMON

“An Unknown but Secure Future” Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #15 (Hymnal)*

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Mitchell

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

Jacob's Vision

arr. Roy Ringwald

The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #434 (Hymnal)* *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Concluding Voluntary

American, publ. 1856

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.

The Flowers today are given by the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School in honor of our Buildings & Grounds Committee for their hard work and dedication, and for all the love and care they give to our school and church.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Buildings & Grounds 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

Church members with special prayer concerns: Austin Applegate; Bill Chermak; Earl and Bea Davison; Robert Dyke; Gordon Fraser; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Robb Irving; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Gloria-Jean Ryba; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Diane Smith; Larry Wegner; Loida Wilson; Don Winchell; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Jean Dunham’s niece, Charlene & friend, Eleanor; Rose Eller's sister, Louise & son-in-law, Sam; Linda Ferguson’s sister, Patty; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Lucille Kirkenir’s friend, Rosie; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s daughter-in-law, Debbie; Caroline Koi's friend, Phyllis; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana;

Karen Moser's grandson, Luke & nephew, Adam; Alex Pendjurin's friend, Paige; Leigh Perry's cousin, Ruby; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba's friend, Teri; friend from TASK, Mr. Mendez; and Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko.

Meadow Lakes members with special prayer concerns: Wil Cassel; Susan Gillim; Joe Kelly; and Beverly Robertson.

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: Courtney Brown on November 18. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

B&G wants to invite everyone to our **Fall Workday**, **TODAY** beginning at 12:00 noon. We will be hosting coffee hour/luncheon to get us all energized for fellowship and fun as we tackle some projects around the church.

There are a variety of jobs that we would like to complete. They include some outside and inside clean up, minor repairs, removal of A/C units, etc. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there. We are very thankful for any and all help in maintaining our church buildings and property.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

Celebration Sunday! Friends of all ages are invited to join us for two upcoming Celebration Sundays, **November 26 and December 10, 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** Celebration Sundays are intergenerational Christian Education gatherings of learning, praying, serving and growing together in love. On November 26, we'll talk about **Gift Giving** and have opportunities for you to make homemade gifts for the Advent season. On December 10, we'll watch and participate in **the Christmas Processional**, making our way with Mary and Joseph down Main Street in Cranbury to welcome Immanuel, God-with-us.

Middle School and High School Youth Group (November 12): Thanksgiving Basket food sorting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to help our Deacons sort the Thanksgiving Basket food donations. We'll open with highs & lows, sort for as long as it takes, and close with pizza for all volunteers.

November Book Club: Join us in **Room 1 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on November 27.** We will be discussing the book *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo.

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 and families at CPNS will be participating in a school wide program about kindness. The activity is a great way to show, share, and teach our children that kindness is all around us. It could be as simple as opening a door, tying a shoe, or saying a prayer for someone in need. There are many blessings in life that bring us joy and show the kindness in our hearts. We invite everyone to foster kindness each day, and encourage you to add to our CPNS hallways when you do something kind for someone. We hope it will throw kindness like confetti with us!

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



Thanksgiving Food Baskets - Your Deacons could be filling as many as 150 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2017 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

Items needed are:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars; copy paper boxes (for packing the baskets)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there is a large box labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets." You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door or weekdays at the church office. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. Food collection will run through November 16.

Gift Wrapping – Why worry about gift wrapping this holiday season! Come out on December 9 and wrap your Barnes & Noble purchases by one of our elves (Shhh...the Deacons). We will be at the Barnes & Noble located at 425 Marketplace Blvd, Hamilton, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Gift wrapping donations will support the Deacons Benevolence Fund.

OTHER NEWS

Liturgical Dance: Come out and learn the Lord's Prayer through dance Saturday mornings November 25 (Fellowship Hall), December 2 (Fellowship Hall) and December 9 (Room 24/25) at 9:30 a.m.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897; Marie Perrine at (609)426-6244; or email doriswieg@aol.com. Remember, there is no concern too insignificant or too overwhelming for God to listen to our prayers and for us to pray for you—we receive requests for illness, death, medical tests, and many more life changing events for congregants, family members, coworkers, friends, and neighbors.

If you wish to join the group--which agrees to pray daily for the concerns sent to us, you may receive notifications by the telephone chain or by the email chain—we need you to pray with us!

Communications to the Website: Please send content and photographs about church activities and programs to the following email addresses. The Website Committee will use your contributions to continue to develop the website and to demonstrate the fellowship we share with one another and the outside community. Thank you for helping to keep the website dynamic and current.

Photographs (photos@cranburypres.org) Send in **JPEG** format.

For the Home Page Slider at the top of the page, please send large horizontal images. We cannot change the shape of a vertical photograph to fit into the slide show. We are creating a photo album of images collected and want them to come to this address for ease of management of the album.

Content (webmaster@cranburypres.org)

Send **WORD** documents, not pictures or images of flyers. We cannot copy these into the website editor. We need to copy and paste the content from a **WORD** document.

The **Feedback** Button on the bottom pages of the website is another way for you to provide information if you want to use that method. However, please do not send photographs to the **Feedback** address.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, November 16** at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. This month, the Princeton Medical Institute will have representatives, Francis Peropat along with Steven Senko, here giving a talk on memory loss. Princeton Medical Institute promotes early detection, diagnosis, and intervention in order to provide the best opportunities for treatment, support and planning for the future.

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.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: November 13, November 16, (NO classes November 20 and November 23), November 27, November 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/12 (Team #4) – 11/19 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 11/5/17
Weekly Offering	\$6,243
YTD Offerings	\$349,613
YTD Expenses	\$431,255
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$81,642)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,146 (19% of \$21,636)	

WORSHIP

Free Devotional Booklets. Please feel free to take an *Upper Room* or *Daily Bread* devotional booklet from the Narthex. Regular and large print are available for your use.

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

November 12, 2017

9:15a Celebration Sunday
10:30a Worship followed by light luncheon
and B&G Workday
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
5:30p-7:30p Youth Group sorting
Thanksgiving Baskets (FH)

November 13, 2017

10:00a Sr. Exercise
7:00p Brass Choir
7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

November 14, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
3p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep (FH)
4:15p Children's Choir
7:00p Outreach Committee Mtg (Lib)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Mtg
(Church Office)

November 15, 2017

9:00a Session Material Due
11:00a CPNS Thanksgiving Program
Rehearsal (FH)
1:00p CPNS Thanksgiving Program
Rehearsal (FH)
3:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep
(FH/VAN)
7:00p Bell Choir

November 16, 2017

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury
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10:00a Sr. Exercise
11:00a CPNS Thanksgiving Program
Rehearsal (FH)
1:00p CPNS Thanksgiving Program
Rehearsal (FH)
3:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/prep
(FH/VAN)
7:30p The Chorale

November 17, 2017

8:00a Thanksgiving set-up/prep (FH/VAN)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

November 18, 2017

8:00a-12:00p Thanksgiving Basket
Distribution (FH)
9:30a-2:00p Presbytery Mtg (East
Brunswick)
12:00p-6:00p Sr. Fellowship (VAN)
6:30p Scout Meeting – JY (FH)

November 19, 2017

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:45a Library Committee (Lib)
5:00p-8:00p Friendsgiving Feast (FH)
6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (McK Rm)
7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service
(St. Anthony of Padua, 251 Franklin St.
Hightstown)
8:00p CPNS Thanksgiving Program Set-up
(FH)