

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

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 19, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Preludio & Allegro

Geo. F. Handel
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

“When morning lights the eastern skies” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the gift of life.

And for the gifts that nourish and sustain us.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the certainty of hope.

And for the promises of redemption in which hope is sure.

HYMN #551 (Hymnal)* *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

We gather this week around tables laden with sumptuous dishes, dear God. Forgive us for our uneven consumption. Forgive us that we will take so much while there are others whose stomachs will remain empty at the end of this week. But mostly forgive us that we do not wish, especially on this holiday, to ponder such things. Forgive us that we would seek to hold our feasts without having to carry a sense of guilt or to bother with others. As you have blessed us with what is set before us, so bless us with the burden of conscience and love for all of your children. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Lou

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

Mason Michael Patterson
son of Michael W. and Stephanie T. Patterson
born on November 6, 2016

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

Dorothy Klotzbeacher

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. As people of this particular church, we will not be able to fulfill this promise to Mason since he does not live in our midst. Instead, our promising must be on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ. Does the church of Jesus Christ, promise to tell **Mason** the good news of the gospel, to help him know all that Christ commands, and by its fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, “We do.”

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

The Apostles’ Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 8: 7-20 Pew Bible pg. 165

ANTHEM *“How firm a foundation”* Gordon Young
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Luke 17: 11-19 Pew Bible pg. 80

SERMON *“Thanksgiving is a Choice”* Rev. Schafer-Coates
*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*
--Habakkuk 3

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #559 (Hymnal)* *“We Gather Together”*

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 *Prelude on Melcombe* Healey Willan
(New every morning is the love) Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication* Dr. Mitchell

HYMN*

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS
Words by Fred Pratt Green, 1970

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen
(*St. George's Windsor*)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Rigadoon

Geo. F. Handel
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on December 3, 2017, for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

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 in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Ethel & Jake Klotzbeacher and Ellen & George Vandercher by Dorothy Klotzbeacher.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Joan Fraser, Anita McManus and Jean Randazzo.

Head Usher 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

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; Rev. Joanne Petto's friend, Estelle; website designer, Meg Rosner and family due to the death of her husband, Arnold; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba's friend, Teri; Arthur Ryba's sister, Anna; friend from TASK, Mr. Mendez; and Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko.

Meadow Lakes members with special prayer concerns: Wil Cassel; Jane Hahn; Pat Hesslein; Joe Kelly; Jane Kengeter 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: Nancy Ellis on November 21. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Much was accomplished last Sunday at the Fall Workday. **The Buildings and Grounds committee would like to thank** the following volunteers: Jack Britton, Joan & Courtney Brown, Val Cier, Dennis & Nancy Chonko, George & Margie Conley, Jack Fisher, Fritz Hager, Ken Gordon, Carol Kane, Brenda & John Kirkenir, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Pastor Hannah Lovaglio, Dave Stewart, Leslie & Kylie Vandenberg, Vicki Waciega, and Renee Welch. We apologize for any names omitted from the list.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

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 and High School Youth Group (November 19 - Friendsgiving Feast): A celebratory dinner of all the things we're grateful for, including God, our church family and the youth group! If you haven't already signed up to bring a dish to share, please contact Pastor Hannah.



Christmas Wreaths for Sale! The Youth Group is selling Christmas Wreaths to benefit the summer mission trips. The Evergreen wreaths measure 24 inches (outer diameter) and can be purchased for \$12 without a bow, \$15 with a red bow, or \$20 with extra Christmas decorations. Wreaths are being sold in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on November 26 and December 3.

Stars On Our Giving Tree: Next week, our giving tree will appear in the Fellowship Hall. Each star on our giving tree has the name of a child and something the child needs (e.g., a coat) and something the child would like (e.g., a doll) for Christmas. Please purchase the two gifts for the child and affix the star to your wrapped gift; and place it under the giving tree in fellowship hall or drop it off at our church office by Wednesday, December 6. Your gift will be distributed to a child in need in our area by Rise, a Community Service Partnership in Hightstown. To insure equality among siblings, RISE requests you honor a \$30 purchase limit.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED! We need coffee hour host(s) to sign-up. Upcoming available dates needed for coffee hour host(s) are November 26, December 24, December 31, and January 7. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net.



Annual Christmas Luncheon: Join us on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.** following our Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall for our traditional “Chicken Soup and Christmas Cheer” luncheon. Please bring a dessert to share which can be dropped off in the kitchen before Worship. We will be singing all our favorite Christmas carols.

Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee

CPNS

November gives us another opportunity to reflect on everything we are thankful for. God has given us so many wonderful blessings here at the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. We are thankful to have a safe, warm building that we can go to school in. We are thankful for our parents, board members, and many volunteers that help us in so many ways. We are thankful for our teachers who love and care for our children every day, and we are thankful for our children, those very special blessings, who make us smile and warm our hearts. Please join us for one of our Thanksgiving Programs on Monday, November 20 at 10:45 a.m. or on Tuesday, November 21 at 10:45 a.m. or 2:15 a.m. We hope to see you then.

We have a few openings left in our classes and enrichment programs. 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.

DEACONS

Gift Wrapping – Why worry about gift wrapping this holiday season! Come out on **December 9** and have your Barnes & Noble purchases wrapped 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

Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by WHAM (Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium), will be TONIGHT, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church on Franklin Street in Hightstown. Rabbi Adena Blum of Congregation Beth Chaim will be preaching. Area choirs will be participating followed by a reception.

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!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/19 (Team #1) – 11/26 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 11/12/17
Weekly Offering	\$3,559
YTD Offerings	\$353,172
YTD Expenses	\$437,406
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$84,234)
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 the Christmas Eve Services at 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. 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 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, Hightstown)
7:30p CPNS Thanksgiving Program Set-up (FH)

November 20, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program (FH/Kit)
7:00p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

November 21, 2017

9:30a Staff Mtg
10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program (FH/Kit)
2:15p CPNS Thanksgiving Program (FH/Kit)
4:15p Children's Choir
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

November 22, 2017

CPNS Closed
9:00a-12:00p Church Office
9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

November 23, 2017 (Thanksgiving Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

November 24, 2017

CPNS/Church Office Closed

November 25, 2017

9:30a Liturgical Dance (FH)

November 26, 2017 (Christ the King)

9:15a-10:15a Celebration Sunday
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service Communion Service