

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

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

John James
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

"Ye that stand in the house of the Lord"
(Ps. 135: 2-3)

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.

The Lord is God; we are God's people.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #150 (Hymnal)* *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

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

Psalm 100

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 552

ANTHEM

“Take me to Higher Ground”

Carl Strommen
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25: 31-46

Pew Bible pg. 29

SERMON

“Savior and Lord”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #148 (Hymnal)*

“At the Name of Jesus”

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

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
(Lancashire)

Donovan Klotzbecher
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #144 (Hymnal)* *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *“Come Thou, Almighty King”*
(Italian Hymn)

Edward Broughton
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 memory of Rev. Wendy White Thode from her mother, Henrietta Sushereba, her sister and husband, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton, her children, Anne, Ted, Erica and Betsy Thode and her granddaughter, Turner Wendy Thode.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Andy and Ruth Jost.

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

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: 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; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; Karen Moser's nephew, Adam; 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 Ryba's sister, Anna.

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: S. Warren Tantum on December 1. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

November Book Club: Join us in **Room 1 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** tomorrow, **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 our upcoming Celebration Sunday on **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 **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.

No Middle and High School Youth Group tonight, November 26.



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 **TODAY** and **December 3**.

Stars On Our Giving Tree: Our giving tree is in the Fellowship Hall. Each star on the 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 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

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We now begin the season of Advent and start to prepare for Christmas. There are so many things to do to "Get Ready", including gift buying for those individuals on our Christmas lists. We at CPNS are so thankful for all the gifts God has given us and we would like to help some families who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, together with the Helene Cody Foundation, we will be purchasing gifts for seven children from HomefrontNJ. These needy children have been touched by homelessness and we are hoping to make their Christmas wishes come true. The children of CPNS will be bringing in their pennies to purchase presents for these children. This provides a concrete opportunity for our CPNS children to participate in helping and caring for others in our community.

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

At coffee hour this morning, the Deacons will be selling beautiful candles in a choice of four scents and lovely Christmas mugs and pillows with a painting of our church by Agnes Winchell. All items are \$12.00 each. The proceeds from their sale will benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund.

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 Marketplac Blvd, Hamilton, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Gift wrapping donations will support the Deacons Benevolence Fund.



MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Christmas is coming to Skeet's Pantry! First, we salute our Deacons for an amazing Thanksgiving Food Basket distribution on November 18. They gave food and turkeys to over 140 families when all the numbers were added up, and they did it with love and joy for everyone who came to them for help. Our Deacons and all our volunteers are special blessings for us here at "Cranbury Pres"!

Now that Thanksgiving is past, though, we're gearing up for a wonderful Christmas of food for needy families at Skeet's Pantry on December 15. We're expecting well over 100 families, so we need some more food to fill up our shelves, and we have faith that our congregation and community will answer our call as they have done with so much love over the years.

So here is our **SKEET's CHRISTMAS WISH LIST:**

**Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup, Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly,
Tuna Fish, Beans (all varieties), Laundry Detergent (32 oz. size preferred)**

We send everyone a great big THANK YOU and we wish you and yours all the blessings of Christmas.

OTHER NEWS

Liturgical Dance: Come out and learn the Lord's Prayer through dance Saturday mornings, **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: November 27, November 30, December 4, December 7, December 11, and December 14

Senior Fellowship Event: Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 5 at 12(noon) in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a full hot luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS. On November 19, we started calling those on our calling list of regular participants. If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to attend, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 to pre-register for this program before November 29 at noon. Please give your name and phone number.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/26 (Team #2) – 12/3 (Team #3)

| | Week Ended 11/19/17 |
|---|----------------------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$8,664 |
| YTD Offerings | \$361,836 |
| YTD Expenses | \$447,174 |
| YTD Net Income/(Loss) | (\$85,338) |
| 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 reader for January 2018 through June 2018. 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 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

November 27, 2017

10:00a Sr. Exercise

7:00p Brass Choir

7:30p-9:00p Book Club (Rm 1)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

November 28, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

4:15p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p Deacons Mtg (FH)

November 29, 2017

9:00a-3:00p CPNS Pictures (McK Rm)

7:00p Bell Choir

7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Lib)

November 30, 2017

9:00a-3:00p CPNS Pictures (McK Rm)

10:00a Sr. Exercise

7:30p The Chorale

December 1, 2017

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

4:00p Middle School J'burg Retreat (**VAN**)

December 2, 2017

Middle School J'burg Retreat (**VAN**)

9:30a Liturgical Dance (FH)

December 3, 2017 (First Sunday of Advent)

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by Congregational Meeting and coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship

1:30p Middle School J'burg Retreat Returns (**VAN**)

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

6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (FH)