

Welcome to Worship at 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

Ascension Sunday

May 6, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Tis a Gift to be Simple”

arr. Anna Page
Bell Choir

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

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving”
(Ps. 100)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

his is the name above all names.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #144 (Hymnal)*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. While Jesus was with us on earth, we dismissed him as a heavenly dreamer. Now that he reigns in heaven we forget that he is Lord of all the earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Be the sovereign of our lives and make us always ready to welcome your return in glory; 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

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Louis Mitchell

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Katharine Deverin, Ryan Deverin, *Linda Ferguson, *David Geijer, Harry Kleinkauf, Mary Lee Kleinkauf, *Michael Lovaglio, Janet Martino, *Ronald Perry, Christina Yu, Ruthie Yu and Zion Yu. They have participated in our New Members class, where they have learned something of the belief and practice of God's people in this place. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

(*received at an earlier date)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

L: Do you trust in him?

C: **I do.**

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

C: **I do.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: **I believe 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.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: 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.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Luke 24: 44-53	Anne Gordon Pew Bible pg. 91
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ANTHEM	<i>“Just As I Am”</i>	Sandra Eithun Flutist, Leah Moy and Bell Choir
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SCRIPTURE	Acts 1: 1-11	Pew Bible pg. 118
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SERMON	“The Cloud”	Dr. Mitchell
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THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>“O come, let us sing unto the Lord”</i>	E. Stanley Glarum The Chorale
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Jae Hwang

HYMN #516 (Hymnal)* *“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God’s service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God’s blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Our Father...”

(Unison – The Chorale/Congregation)

Albert Hay Malotte,

arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher

THE COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)* *“This Is My Father’s World”*

RESPONSE* *“Three Fold Amen”* **Traditional
Bell Choir**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *“O Lord, Our God”* **J. S. Bach
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.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

Communion Servers are Alan Danser, Carol and Jack Fisher, Ken and Anne Gordon, John and Brenda Kirkenir and Jean Randazzo.

The Flowers today are provided by Jane Huff from her garden. Thank you!!!

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Outreach Committee in honor of our new members.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Judson Hagerty; Beatrice Mabutho; Ann Mooney; Karen Moser; Charlie Patterson; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Don Winchell and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Margie & George Conley's, future daughter-in-law, Trish; CPNS family, baby Nicholas & family; Pat Demers' husband, Bob & step-son, Peter; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Linda Ferguson's sister, Patty & daughter-in-law, Kristin; Joan & Gordon Fraser's friends, Sally & Gail; Patricia Grasso's friends, Barbara, Joanne & Debbie; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager's daughter-in-law, Liz; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & daughter, Nancy & son-in-law, Bob; Flo Kremann's son, Ronnie; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; Ann Mooney's sister, Mary; Karen Moser's friend, Sue; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba's sister-in-law, Patricia; Sr. Exercise member, Mary; Doris Wiegartner's nephew, Steven (Staff Sergeant USAF); and Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko.

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 Chain: If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 or email Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com. 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.

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: Craig Gilbert on May 10. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone TODAY to our Spring Workday beginning at 12:00 p.m. The B&G Committee will provide lunch for those helping during the workday as we tackle some projects around the church. There is a variety of jobs that we would like to complete. Looking forward to a productive day!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Youth Group Tonight: Middle School Youth Group meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Book Club: Meets again Monday, May 21 at 7:30 at Samantha Andrew's house. (the 3rd Monday, to avoid Labor Day). We will be reading *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles (a not very long, fairly upbeat last read).

CPNS

We are celebrating our CPNS teachers this week in appreciation for all they do. Part of this celebration, includes lunch on Wednesday. This special lunch is hosted by our CPNS Board Members. The families of CPNS volunteer to bring all the fixings for a special lunch. They bring in main dishes, salads, desserts, paper products and drinks.

In addition, this week, we will be having our parent-teacher conferences, along with the distribution of our year end assessment document. Family involvement is important and this is one of the many opportunities to communicate the progress children make in our program.

If you are looking for a summer program for your preschooler, CPNS will be holding a summer program the weeks of June 11 and June 18. Please call or email for additional information.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker 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 child(ren) the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

DEACONS

Our **Annual Strawberry Festival** sponsored by the Board of Deacons to benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund will be on **Saturday, June 2** from **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Enjoy strawberries, cake, ice cream, live music, games, pony ride, petting zoo and bake sale!

Advance tickets can be purchased from a Deacon, during coffee hour, through the church office or at CPNS. The cost of each ticket is \$7.00 for each adult and \$5.00 for each child ages 2-12.

Tickets at the door on June 2 are \$8.00 for each adult ticket and \$6.00 for each child ages 2-12.

Coffee Hour – New Procedure! Anyone who signs up for Coffee Hour will have a Deacon helper if they want a Deacon helper. There are two sign-up lists; the first is to sign-up to be a Coffee Hour Host. The second is to volunteer to bring a plate of cookies or crackers or the like to help the host. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or email her at frannymag58@aol.com.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

News from Skeet's Pantry: We are planning for our May food distribution. Here's what we really need the most:

Tuna Fish, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly

As always, if helping via donation by cash or check is easier for you, we are deeply grateful for those contributions to our food pantry, too. Checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, with "Skeet's Pantry" in the memo section of the check.

If you are thinking about helping as a volunteer at Skeet's Pantry, you might consider letting us put your name on our "On Call" list. That is a new list we're putting together for folks who might be available on a weekday (usually a Wednesday) to receive deliveries of food from Mercer Street Friends and show the delivery people where to put the items. We wouldn't call on you too often for this help, but we'd like to have a few volunteers who might help with this on an as-needed basis. Please talk with Jane Huff if you're interested, or leave your name and contact info with our church office and one of us will get back to you.

OUTREACH

UrbanPromise International's African Gospel Choir will give a community concert on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for music, rhythm and celebration – bring your family, friends and neighbors!

We need your help! In 2017, we hosted a wonderful reception for everyone who attended the UrbanPromise International Concert. We had the most wonderful cookies. We need your help again. Our Committee is small and cannot do this alone. We need YOU to bake and donate cookies for the reception once again—we have had many new folks who say they are coming – we need to be prepared. Come and enjoy the punch, cookies (yours and others), camaraderie with the Fellows, and the shopping for jewelry, carvings, and other African items.

You can drop off your cookies in the kitchen prior to the concert; if you should want to leave them after worship, please mark the box/bag clearly – UPI Concert – so they don't get mixed with coffee hour goodies. Thank you all. See you on May 20!!!!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 7, May 10, May 14, May 17, May 21, May 24, (NO CLASS-May 28) and May 31

Upcoming Event: Our next program will be Tuesday, May 29, at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a concert featuring Zack Alexander, an outstanding vocalist who sings in the style of Frank Sinatra. Zack is completing his FOURTH year at Hofstra University and is majoring in Radio and Television Production. Two years ago, he won the National Frank Sinatra singing contest in Hoboken. He is destined to be a sought after entertainer.

This will be a brown bag lunch at noon (please bring your own sandwich). We will provide beverages and dessert. If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend this program we request that you preregister by Thursday, May 24 at noon by calling the church office at (609)395-0897 and leave your name and phone number in case we have to call to cancel the program due to bad weather or other conditions. Please let us know if you would like to bring a friend. Last year, Zack came and dazzled us for one hour of wonderful songs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Fellowship will attend the **Strawberry Festival** on **Saturday, June 2**. Starting at 4:00 p.m. buy your dessert and look for the tables inside Fellowship Hall, labelled Senior Fellowship, if you would like to eat your delicious pound cake, topped with vanilla ice cream and smothered with fresh strawberries with the company of other local seniors. The brass band will play from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All proceeds from the festival tickets go to the Deacons Benevolence Fund helping those in need in our local area.

SMALL GROUPS

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** will meet May 10 (Church Office) and May 24 (Room 1) at 11:00 a.m.

All knitters, crocheters, all who want to knit/crochet join us for fellowship as we knit/crochet these beautiful shawls.

Perkins Dinner Group: At 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month, 10-15 women from church meet at Perkins for supper. It is a time of friendship, fellowship and food. Each of us chooses her own dinner from the menu and each of us pays for her own dinner. No need to call - just show up. However, when we get to 15 it is almost too many. So, if you would like to join us, then we would like to have you call to let us know and hopefully we can add you to the list. You can call Pat Scott at (609)395-9757 or email me at tugmate@msn.com.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/6 (Team #1) – 5/13 (Team #2)

	Month Ended 4/30/18
YTD Offerings	\$154,732
YTD Expenses	\$163,413
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$8,681)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,115 (14% of \$21,978)

WORSHIP

Flowers: If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any given Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one(s), please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-2000 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

Lay Readers Needed: We are looking for lay readers from now 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!

Ushers Needed: We have a number of vacancies to fill on our Ushering Guild. All ages are welcome to participate! If you are interested in joining our ushering team, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-2000 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 6 (Ascension Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship w/Communion & New Member Recog. followed by coffee hour
12:00p B&G Workday
5p-6:30p Middle School YG (Yth Rm)
6p-8:30p Boy Scouts (FH/Rm 1/Lib)
6:30p-8p High School YG (Yth Rm)

May 7

CPNS Parent/Teacher Conf. (Rm 1/Lib)
10:00a Senior Exercise
1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)
7:00p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

May 8

CPNS Parent/Teacher Conf. (Rm 1/Lib)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
3:30p Children's Choir
7:00p Outreach Committee Mtg (Lib)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p S&F Cmte Mtg (Church Office)
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Upstairs Church Office)

May 9

CPNS Parent/Teacher Conf. (Rm 1/Lib)
9:00a-2:00p CPNS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (FH/Kit)
9:00a Session Material Due
7:00p Bell Choir
7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting (Lib)

May 10 (Ascension of the Lord)

CPNS Parent/Teacher Conf. (Rm 1/Lib)
10:00a Senior Exercise
11:00a Prayer Shawl Mtg (Church Office)
7:00p P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)
7:30p The Chorale

May 11

CPNS Parent/Teacher Conf. (Rm 1/Lib)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

May 12

Youth Grp Family Hike

May 13 (Mother's Day/Per Capita Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour