

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the
Courtyard immediately following the service.*

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

*“Lieder ohne worte”
(Songs without words)*

Felix Mendelssohn
Piano

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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

we are members of the household of God.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #413 (Hymnal)*

“Come into God’s Presence”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as beloved children, but we do not honor your name. You call us to paths of righteousness, but we fail to follow your way. Forgive us, God of grace. Break down the walls that divide us from you and from one another, and build us up into a holy temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #582 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Caroline Koi
Pew Bible pg. 501

ANTHEM

"I Love You, Lord"
(& *"My Jesus, I love Thee"*)

arr. by Stan Pethel
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

II Samuel 9: 1-13

Pew Bible pg. 283

SERMON

"David and Mephibosheth: Mercy"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #435 (Hymnal)* *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Nimrod
(*Enigma Variations*)

Edward Elgar
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #436 (Hymnal)* *"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"*

BENEDICTION*

***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.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by George and Margie Conley.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Ian Anuszewski; Bill Chermak; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Karen Moser; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; our Youth Mission Team; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Pat Demers’ husband, Bob and friend, Ray; Gail Geijer’s sister, Jane; David Geijer’s friend, Kristen; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby, daughter, Nancy, son-in-law, Bob & daughter-in-law, Debbie; Flo Kremann’s son, Ronnie; Pastor Hannah Lovaglio’s friend, Luke; Leah Moy’s cousin, Sharon; Leigh Perry’s uncle, Jeffrey; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba’s sister-in-law, Patricia & sister-in-law, Linda and family; Doris Wiegartner’s nephew, Steven (Staff Sergeant USAF); Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko; and Walter Wright’s daughter, Marie.

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!

CHOIR NEWS

Part-time Bell Choir Director Wanted: If you or someone you know is interested and would like further information regarding the position’s responsibilities and qualifications or to schedule an interview, please contact Andy Jost, our Personnel and Administration Chairman at aejost@comcast.net or the church office at 609-395-0897

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School: We’re going on the ride of a lifetime with God this Summer on the **Rolling River Rampage!** Join us for Vacation Bible School July 30 through August 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Details and registration online at: www.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstPresCranbury.

Volunteer with VBS! It’s not too late! We need teachers, assistants, and volunteers galore in order to make VBS successful. Check out the giving trees by the front door to the Fellowship Hall for supplies to donate, or email Pastor Hannah (firstpreshannah@comcast.net) to sign up to volunteer. Qualified volunteers include anyone who loves God, enjoys children, and appreciates community (that’s you!). Drop off donated items in the Fellowship Hall in the basket by the giving trees. Thank you!

CPNS

CPNS is closed for the summer; however, there is much work to do to prepare for the beginning of a new school year. In addition to our work with GROW NJ Kids and our continued commitment to improve the quality of our program providing our children with the strongest foundation for their academic success, we are working on renewing our accreditation with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). We want to make sure we stay current with all the early childhood profession has to offer our teachers, our families, and our children.

We continue to register for the 2018-2019 school year. We have openings in some of our classes and enrichment programs, so there is still time. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Please remember 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

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

Attention Teens and Young Adults: We will be going to Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) on Thursday, August 2 and we welcome your help serving a meal. The church van departs at 2:30 p.m. from the church parking lot and returns by 5:45 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see and experience the good work that TASK does in Trenton. Please let Pastor Hannah or Anne Gordon know if you can join us.

July at Skeet's - U-Pick-It: The kinds of foods we put in every family's pair of grocery bags each month are listed below, and we invite you to pick from these items if you are planning to donate to our food pantry. As always, please be sure the expiration date on grocery items hasn't gone past. If you would prefer to give a money donation to our pantry, that is also very welcome and we truly appreciate your generosity. You can make a check payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, and then put "Skeet's Pantry" on the memo line of the check.

Our Monthly Food Items Include:

Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Cereal (preferably "family size"), Canned Beans, Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup

And if you would like to volunteer some time to help at Skeet's Pantry, please just give us a call – either via the church office or contact Jane Huff or Helen Dickerson. Thank you!!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Join the Senior Fellowship Committee!!! Please help continue our Sr. Fellowship program by joining the planning committee. We meet twice in October to plan activities for the upcoming year.

We also need help prior to our monthly programs for about an hour to set-up tablecloths, plates and napkins in the Fellowship Hall, placing cookies on serving dishes, and preparing beverages. In warmer months, we may go on trips. We act as chaperones, assisting the group while out on our trip. Our programs and trips are during the middle of the day and are usually on Tuesday. Even if you cannot stay during an entire program your help during set-up or clean-up would be greatly appreciated. Our seniors are a wonderful group and will bring you much joy!

If you have any questions about joining our committee or you would like to volunteer to be on the Sr. Fellowship Planning Committee, please contact Connie Bauder or leave a message at the church office at (609)395-0897; someone will return your call. You do not have to be a senior to be on this committee. Thank you for giving this mission your consideration.

SMALL GROUPS

The **Dayton Diners** is a group of Chancel Chorale members who go to the Dayton Diner for lunch after our worship service. We've been gathering informally for several years now and spend the time sharing conversation and good food. We cover a broad range of topics. Group size varies from six to as many as ten.

If you would like to join us some Sunday, see Jean Dvorak at church and let her know. We hope that if you do enjoy our social group you might be interested in joining the Chancel Chorale. Please note, in the summer, the Chorale becomes a "pick-up choir," which is a singing group that is particularly welcoming to new members. Why not try it out one Sunday and then enjoy lunch with us after the service?

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** will meet on July 26 in the library 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.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 7/22 (Team #4) - 7/29 (Team #1) - 8/5 (Team #2)

	Month Ended 6/30/18
YTD Offerings	\$223,816
YTD Expenses	\$242,176
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$18,360)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,571 (16% of \$21,978)

WORSHIP

We have an urgent need for ushers! Please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net if you are interested.

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)799-1724 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

Lay Readers: Sign-up for July-December: We are looking for lay readers for July through December 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

July 22, 2018

Youth Mission Trip (VAN)
10:00a Worship followed by refreshments

July 23, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

July 24, 2018

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

July 25, 2018

10:00a-12:00p VBS Early Check-In (Church Office)

July 26, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly
11:00a Prayer Shawl Mtg (Lib)

July 27, 2018

Church Office Closed

July 28, 2018

July 29, 2018

10:00a Worship w/Baptisms & VBS
Leaders Commissioning followed by refreshments
12:00p-3:00p VBS Decorating (All Areas)
4:00p-5:00p VBS Early Check In (FH)