

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the
Courtyard immediately following the service.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Pièces d'Orgue

Gaspard Corrette
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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Summer wanes and autumn draws close.

Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

Come, let us celebrate God’s eternal presence and love.

Lord, open us to receive your direction for our lives.

HYMN #664 (Hymnal)*

“Morning Has Broken”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of justice and righteousness, you call us: to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways. Yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, save our souls, that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 15

Stan Dickerson
Pew Bible pg. 495

ANTHEM

"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me"

arr. K. Lee Scott
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

James 1: 17-27

Pew Bible pg. 229

SERMON

"Be Doers"

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Arise and shine in splendor"

Johannes Brahms
Organ

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #509 (Hymnal)*

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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.

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 Pastor 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 set aside on the bread plates for those who require it during communion.

Communion Servers are Pat Bohrs, Gail Geijer, Cassandra Khazem, Ann Mooney and Pat Scott.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Fran Stewart.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Bill Chermak; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Kay Hansen and family due to the passing of her husband, Jay; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Karen Moser; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Margie & George Conley’s friends, Kristine & Joe; Pat Demers’ husband, Bob; Arlene Duran’s cousin, Ed; Gordon & Joan Fraser’s daughter, Fiona and friend, Cathy; friend of the congregation, Nicolle; Gail Geijer’s sister, Jane; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby, daughter, Nancy, son-in-law, Bob and daughter-in-law, Debbie; Pastor Hannah Lovaglio’s friend, Luke; Leah Moy’s cousin, Sharon; Leigh Perry’s uncle, Jeffry; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba's sister-in-law, Patricia and sister-in-law, Linda & family; Audrey & George Smith’s daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Joan & Dale Smith’s sister-in-law, Priscilla; Doris Wiegartner’s nephew, Steven (Staff Sergeant USAF) and friend, Daniel; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Harvey Davison on September 9. **Happy Birthday!**

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

Calling all teachers, educators, and friends of young people! If you’d like to join a Sunday School Teaching Team or the Youth Advisors Team, please let Pastor Hannah or Sunday School Superintendent, Daune Arsnow, know. This is sure to be an exciting year in the life of our children and youth, and we hope you’ll hear the call to walk alongside them.

Sunday School returns at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16!

Youth Group returns with our Annual BBQ at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join us on **September 9**, for our **Annual Homecoming Picnic** after our Worship Service in the courtyard. The Congregational Life Committee will provide burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and drinks.

Last names beginning with: **A-M** bring salad/sides – **O-Z** bring a dessert
The Brass Band will perform. Everyone is invited – help us celebrate!!!

CPNS

We will once again begin another school year! We will welcome many new families to our CPNS family, and welcome back many that have been part of our CPNS family in years past. We begin on Tuesday evening with our Back-To-School Night, Wednesday with our 10-minute visits for our 2 1/2-year-old children, and Thursday with our Playground Gatherings and Open Houses. These activities are a wonderful way to transition children and families into a new school year and a great way to get to know each other better.

Our teachers returned this past week and are all looking forward to beginning a new school year. They have been working hard getting their rooms ready to welcome the children and their families. They have also been busy this summer taking many professional development opportunities to continue to learn the best practices to provide the highest quality preschool to the children from our church and surrounding community that choose to attend CPNS for their preschool.

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.

Save the Date!!! Join us on September 28, 2018 for a fun filled evening of square dancing with Mr. Rich Delgado, professional caller! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Square dancing starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Entry donation is \$5 per person. Proceeds directly benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund. There will be baked goods for sale!

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

September at Skeet's: Skeet's Pantry averaged 70+ families each month throughout the summer, and they were happy and grateful for the bags of food and bunches of fresh produce, bread, eggs and miscellaneous "goodies" given to them each month because of YOUR generosity.

Now we are gearing up for the always busy Fall months, and we need everyone's help to keep our shelves stocked. September's food suggestions: Cereal, Grape Jelly and Canned Soup

If you would prefer to help us with a monetary contribution, we would be especially happy to receive your donation. We need to purchase a variety of food items each month to be sure every family is receiving a well-balanced assortment of staples, including good protein food. But donations have been shrinking over the past year, making these purchases more difficult. So we invite you to consider this option. A tax-deductible check can be made payable to: First Pres. Church of Cranbury (with "Skeet's Pantry" on the memo line) and placed in the Sunday collection plate or dropped off at the church office. THANKS VERY MUCH!

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Welcome! If you are looking for a church home, we would love for you to be a part of our congregation. Our new member classes began last Sunday and continued today with the last class next week September 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. The New Member Recognition will be on September 9 during our Worship Service. Pastor Hannah Lovaglio will lead these sessions.

This is an exciting time to join our church family. It is a time to dream with God, to listen to where the Spirit is leading us, to follow Christ with boldness and joy, and to step with confidence into an unknown but hopeful future. We hope you'll come explore how God might be calling you home, here.

OUTREACH

Join us on **September 15** for the **Blessing of the Animals** at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date: Join us on **October 19** from **5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for our **Pasta Dinner Night!**

Tickets can be purchased after Worship, during Coffee Hour or call the church office at (609)395-0897. Each ticket is \$5 and children 5 and under are free.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise class begins again this fall on **Thursday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.** and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays. **Please note time change for Monday, September 17** our exercise class will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

Sr. Exercise Schedule: September 13, September 17 (10:30 a.m.), September 20, September 24 and September 27

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: We meet in Room 1 on Thursday, September 13 and September 27 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: 9/2 (Team #2) – 9/9 (Team #3) – 9/16 (Team #4)

	Month Ended 7/31/18
YTD Offerings	\$248,272
YTD Expenses	\$277,365
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$29,093)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,630 (17% 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 now through December: We are looking for lay readers for August 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!

<p><u>REMINDER:</u> Our Fall Worship Schedule begins next Sunday, September 9 (Homecoming Sunday) at 10:30 a.m. Our Fall Church Office hours begin on Monday, September 10. Hours will be Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>
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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 2, 2018

9:00a New Members Class (Lib)

10:00a Worship and Communion followed by refreshments

September 3, 2018 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 4, 2018

9:30a Staff Mtg

5:00p-10:00p Back to School Night (CRs/FH)

7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (Lib)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p MS&G Mtg (FH)

September 5, 2018

All Day 2 ½ year old 10-minute visits (Playground/CRs/FH)

7:00p Bell Choir

September 6, 2018

All Day CPNS Playground Gatherings/Back to School Night/Open House
(Playground/CRs/FH)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN

7:00p Worship Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p B&G Mtg (Lib)

September 7, 2018

Church Office Closed

September 8, 2018 (Cranbury Day)

September 9, 2018 (Homecoming Sunday)

9:00a-10:15a Sunday School Teacher Training (Yth Rm)

9:00a New Members Class (Lib)

10:30a Worship w/New Member Recognition followed by the Homecoming Picnic

3:30p-4:30p Ladies Sweet Tea Baby Shower: Pastor Hannah (FH/Kit)



Ladies...
Please join us for a
Sweet Tea
Baby Shower
celebrating
Pastor Hannah

SEPTEMBER 9
 3:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



It's a Display Shower Y'all!



Your thoughtful gift will be put on display,
 so no need to wrap it in any way.

A name tag and bow will do just great,
 leaving Hannah time to visit and eat cake!

Diaper Raffle



Bringing a Packet of Diapers in any size
 Gives you a chance to Win a Prizel