

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship at our Annual Homecoming Picnic
immediately following the service.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Homecoming Sunday

September 9, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Ring-A Them Bells”

Michael Akers
Bell and Brass Choirs

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

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

The Lord will come to save us.

Let us worship God.

HYMN # 634 (Hymnal)*

“To God Be the Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Joanne Petto

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Session has received new members into church membership. 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.

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

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 604

ANTHEM

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. by John Carter
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

James 2: 1-17

Pew Bible pgs. 229-230

SERMON

“Faith Without Works”

Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN # 611 (Hymnal)*

“Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

"Heaven Bound"

arr. Linda Lamb
Bell and Brass Choirs

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #839 (Hymnal)*

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary

Charles Hommann
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 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.

Head Usher is Stan Dickerson.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Bill Chermak; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Lucille Kirkenir; Pastor Hannah, Michael and Jack Finn Lovaglio; 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; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha and brother, Clifford; Arlene Duran's cousin, Ed; Phyllis Dyke's friend, Cullen; 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, Jeffrey; Carlene Reyes and Caren Anuszewski's cousin, Danny; 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 today, 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 our Sunday School Superintendent, Daune Arnow, 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. this coming Sunday, September 16! Please join us!

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

CPNS

We are off to an amazing start to a new school year. This past week we enjoyed all of our transition opportunities to help our families, their children, and our teachers to get to know each other. This will be our 34th year of welcoming students to a new school year that begins on Monday. We are all so blessed to have the support of our church family and cannot thank you enough for all you do to make the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursey School such a wonderful experience for families and their 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 e-mail 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 ends 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 Presbyterian 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!

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 Thursdays, 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 9/9 (Team #3) – 9/16 (Team #4)

	Month Ended 8/31/18
YTD Offerings	\$264,987
YTD Expenses	\$316,936
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$51,949)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,730 (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!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 9, 2018 (Homecoming Sunday)

9:30a-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

September 10, 2018

Fall Church Office Hours begin (9:00a to 3:00p)

CPNS 1st Day of School

1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 11, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

7:00p Outreach Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Upstairs Church Office)

7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

September 12, 2018

9:00a Session Material Due

1130a-1230p CPNS Meeting (Lib)

7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg (Lib)

September 13, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

11:00a Prayer Shawl Mtg (Rm 1)

7:00p P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p The Chorale

September 14, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

September 15, 2018

10:00a Blessing of the Animals (Parking Lot)

September 16, 2018

9:15a First Day of Sunday School

10:30a Worship w/CE & CPNS Teachers Commissioning followed by coffee hour

11:45a Library Cmte (Lib)

5:30p Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)