

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
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzone IV

Girolamo Frescobaldi
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

“Seek the Lord while He may be found”
(Isaiah 55: 6-7)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

I called to God: Lord, save my life!

God has delivered my soul from death.

Let us worship God

HYMN #35 (Hymnal)*

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE*

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

God spoke these words through his servant Moses: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Then in the fullness of time, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

UNISON STATEMENT: What the Lord has taught us through his Word and Spirit, and by the witness of his people, we must hand on to the next generation. These in turn will teach others to put their confidence in the Lord, remembering God’s faithfulness and keeping his commandments.

QUESTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

You are leaders in our congregation’s educational ministries to children, youth and adults. Through your efforts, the good news of God’s love will be taught and nurtured in the hearts, minds, and lives of people in this faith community. Please answer these questions. Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **We do.**

Do you promise to be guided by the Scriptures and the teachings of the church, so that with imagination and love you may serve the Holy Spirit, by calling children, youth and adults to faith in Christ and training his disciples? **We do.**

By the authority of the Session, you are commissioned to lead in our Christian education and youth ministries. May the light of Christ shine through all that you say and do. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19: 1-4a, 7-10, 12b-14 Maggie Hughes
Pew Bible pg. 498-499

ANTHEM *“Come Before the Lord with Singing”* Dave Dunbar
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE James 3: 1-12 Pew Bible pgs. 230

SERMON “Tongues of Fire” Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #759 (Hymnal)* *“O God, We Bear the Imprint”*

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 *Toccata per l’Elevazione* **Girolamo Frescobaldi**
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #366 (Hymnal)* *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Tedesca dita la Proficia

Marco Facoli
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS AND YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS 2018/2019

**Christian Education Committee,
Youth Ministry Committee and Sunday School Staff**

Jo D. Andrews, Samantha Andrews, Caren Anuszewski, Daune Arsnow, Vicki Bain, Annabelle Barnes, Brian Barry, Dina Ellsworth, Matt Ferguson, Becky Franke, David Geijer, Anne Gordon, Mark Hughes, Cassandra Khazem, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Caroline Koi, Jennifer Kong, Pastor Hannah Lovaglio, Michael Lovaglio, Susan Mavoides, Janice Parker, Megan Pease, Leigh Perry, Blase Toto, Leslie Vandenberg, Vicki Waciega, and Janet Wheeler

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Staff

Vicki Bain, Kathleen Cenci, Francine Coffee, Jenni Collins, Pam Dressel, Felicia Halligan, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Sandy Price, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Kathy Iorio, Nancy Kietlinski, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Helen Lazzaro, Tannashae Perrine, Heather Podlesny, Gretchen Potter, Kay Scott, Renee Spero, Susan Sumutka, Roopal Tripathi and Theresa Vaccaro

Library Subcommittee

Barbara Hannon, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Leah Moy, Jane Siebert
and Carole Vandercher

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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by John and Brenda Kirkenir.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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 & 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 & 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 & daughter-in-law, Debbie; Flo Kremann’s son, Ronnie; Pastor Hannah Lovaglio’s friend, Luke; Sharon Marshall’s daughter, Lisa; Karen Moser’s friend, Andrew; Leah Moy’s cousin, Sharon; Leigh Perry’s uncle, Jeffry; Carlene Reyes & Caren Anuszewski’s cousin, Danny; Arthur & Gloria-Jean Ryba's sister-in-law, Patricia & 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) & friend, Daniel; Larry & Margo Wegner’s son, Devin; Loida Wilson’s friend, Myra; 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: Betty Borgeson on September 18. **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

Sunday School - Please join us! 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.

Youth Group returns with our Annual Kick Off BBQ and Color Clashes at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 23! Middle School - bring a side dish and High School - bring a dessert. Please come and wear white!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Life Committee extends our sincere “Thank You” to all church members for wonderful donated side dishes and homemade desserts. There is nothing better than TLC home prepared food and desserts. Also, thank you to the Outreach Committee for welcoming our newest members with two decorated sheet cakes.

CPNS

We had a wonderful first week of the new school year. Our teachers are working with the children to build a caring community of learners. Establishing a warm, loving environment, along with positive relationships provides a critical foundation for successful learning.

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.

Join us on Friday, 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!

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our Newest Members: Brian Barry, Jennifer Lovaglio, Karen Lovaglio, Patrick Lovaglio, Sharon Marshall, John Ryba and Mariah Vassall. We are so glad you are here!

OUTREACH

Save the Date: Join us on **Friday, 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 - please note time change for **Monday, September 17** our exercise class will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and we will **not meet** on **Thursday, September 20.**

Sr. Exercise Schedule: September 17 (10:30 a.m.), September 20 (NO CLASS), September 24 and September 27

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: We will meet in Room 1 on Thursday, 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.

****NEW** Religions of the World** - a new small group is forming with the goal of learning about the religions of the world. If you are interested in joining please come to our kick-off meeting on September 30, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the library. Contact Carlene Reyes at creyes1@comcast.net with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/16 (Team #4) – 9/23 (Team #1) – 9/30 (Team #2)

	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 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)

September 17, 2018

10:30a Senior Exercise (FH)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 18, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

10:30a-4:30p Sr. Fellowship: Trip Historic Walnford (VAN)

1:00p Security Evaluation of Bldg.

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

September 19, 2018

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)

6:30p-7:30p Cub Scouts (McK Rm/EK)

September 20, 2018

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

7:30p The Chorale

September 21, 2018

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

September 22, 2018

1:00p Vow Renewal: Irving/Ondocin (Sanctuary)

September 23, 2018

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (McK Rm)

5:30p-7:30p Youth Grp Kick-Off BBQ (Courtyard/FH)