

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
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Fugue in C

J.S. Bach
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

“I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes” Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

The last are first in the realm of God;

the least are welcomed in Jesus’ name.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #409 (Hymnal)*

“God Is Here!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE*

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9: 30-37

Bea Davison
Pew Bible pg. 45

ANTHEM

“This little light o’ mine” Spiritual, arr. John W. Work
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

James 3: 13-18

Pew Bible pgs. 230

SERMON

“Spiritual Valuables” Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness

Loida Wilson

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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

“We now implore the Holy Ghost”

Dietrich Buxtehude
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #432 (Hymnal)*

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Dialogue

Jean François D'andrieu
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.

Flowers today are given by Christine Ondocin and Robb Irving dedicated to their parents, Joseph & Josephine Ondocin and Robert & Anne Irving.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Fran Stewart.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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; Judy Duke’s friend, Neva; 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: Ann Zimmerman on September 24. **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. **TONIGHT, September 23!** Middle School - bring a side dish and High School - bring a dessert. Please come and wear white!

CPNS

We continue to get to know each other and learn about being a school family. This week, our children will be visiting other classrooms and meeting the other teachers at CPNS. The families of our CPNS children will enjoy a "Parent Social" so they also will have an opportunity to get to know the other families at CPNS. Our church family is always welcome! If you are able, please join us in the church library for some light refreshments, on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

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 this **Friday, September 28** 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!

INTERIM PASTOR UPDATE

We are actively engaged in a search for an Interim Pastor. We have posted a detailed “Ministry Information Form” on a job posting site offered by PC(USA) to encourage candidates to apply for the position. As candidates apply, we will assess their experience and credentials and conduct interviews as needed to winnow down the roster. We are seeking an individual we believe best fits our need for an interim who will guide us through the upcoming mission study process, to bridge to a new permanent pastor and provide the leadership and encouragement to maintain or grow our congregation’s ministry and worship life. While we are moving quickly on this search, the process can sometimes extend for several weeks to a few months, depending on the availability of candidates during our search.

If you have any questions, please contact any of us or the email address below.

Interim Pastor Nominating Committee: (ipnc_cranbury@outlook.com)
Jane Curran; Ken Gordon; Mark Hughes; Jennifer Kong; Vicki Waciega

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering: Blessed are the Peacemakers – An Opportunity to Give - For over 30 years, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been committed to pursuing a peaceful and just world. Peace seekers and advocates, those who work and pray for reconciliation and justice, have found their home in the Presbyterian peacemaking community. This offering, joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers; enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our communities and across the world.

Join us on **Sunday, October 7** when we collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Special offering envelopes are in the pews and in the narthex. Please give generously for peace. **IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

September at Skeet’s: 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

Blessing of the Animals: On Saturday, September 9, a group of 23 dogs and a cat gathered with their humans on the South Lawn. Pastor Joanne Petto led the group in a wonderful service recognizing the importance of each of these pets in our lives, and, praying for those animals of every species that are endangered or abused. Each pet and human was then blessed individually by Pastor Joanne. It was so successful that we immediately decided to calendar the Second Annual Blessing of the animals. Thank you Pastor Joanne!! We also sincerely thank George Conley for providing a sound system for the service and music.

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.

Help Wanted for our Pasta Dinner on October 19! All who attended the 2017 Pasta Dinner – all 148 of you – had a terrific time and a wonderful dinner.

Outreach is planning the 2018 dinner BUT we can’t do it without YOU! We need help! Committee members have volunteered for many of the jobs for the dinner.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

1. Pasta/Cheese – shopping (a list will do – we have a volunteer shopper), cooking, preparing for serving
2. Salad/Bread – shopping, preparing, and getting ready to serve
3. Serving/busing tables – we traditionally serve buffet style
4. Taking tickets at door

We will also need help for those who have agreed to be in charge of cleaning up after the dinner.

We know we can do this – all of us working together! Call Doris at (609)395-7099; email Doris at doriswieg@aol.com; or see her after Worship or at Coffee Hour; or see any of our Committee members.

We have enjoyed our vacations and survived the unusual weather, now it is time again to gather, with our church family for fellowship and good food. Please join us for ***Lunch or Dinner for Eight.*** We are looking for guests and hosts or/ hostesses for this semi-annual event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at our new location outside of Fellowship Hall, waiting for your name. Questions, please call Carol Fisher at (609)655-5153.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m.** at The Cranbury Inn. Our speaker is Nancy Fiske, Director of the Plainsboro Preserve. She will provide information about the Wildlife Center and the latest on tick bites.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with the number of guests that will attend. The cost of breakfast is \$6 payable at the Inn. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)655-6864.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: September 24, September 27, October 1, October 4, October 8, October 11, October 15, October 18, October 22, October 25 and October 29

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: The Prayer Shawl Group has been busy. Pastor Joanne Petto delivered one of our beautiful shawls to a congregant who was hospitalized. The Deacons have delivered one of our shawls and a lap robe to two congregants homebound at Meadow Lakes. As is our tradition, we each knitted a few stitches in each shawl – showing the love and care of the whole group. When a shawl is completed, the group lays hands on it and we each say a prayer for whoever will be given the shawl. We send our love and prayers for comfort for the recipient.

Join us in Room 1 the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Knit or crochet along with us. We need to prepare an inventory of shawls so they are ready whenever needed by one of our Pastors or one of the Deacons. We'd love to welcome you into our group. While we knit together, we enjoy our fellowship time together – so will you!

****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 at 12:00 p.m.** in the library. Contact Carlene Reyes at creyes1@comcast.net with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/23 (Team #1) – 9/30 (Team #2) – 10/7 (Team #3)

	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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

September 24, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 25, 2018

9:00a CPNS Set-up (Lib/Kit)

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

11:00a CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)

2:30p CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)

4:30p Presbytery Mtg (Hightstown)

7:00p Deacons Mtg (FH)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

September 26, 2018

9:00a CPNS Set-up (Lib/Kit)

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

11:00a CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)

2:30p CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)

September 27, 2018

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

11:00a Prayer Shawl Mtg (Rm 1)

7:30p The Chorale

September 28, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

6:30p Square Dance and Bake Sale (FH)

September 29, 2018**September 30, 2018**

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

12:00p Small Group: Religions of the World (Lib)

3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)

5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)

6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)