

***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.*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 30, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in F*

**Maurice Greene**  
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

*“Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just”*  
*(Ps. 32: 1-3)*

**Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

High School Sunday School Class

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God;

**the Lord is our rock and our redeemer.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN #794 (Hymnal)\*

*“O Savior, in This Quiet Place”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love; 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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 63

Mary Speer  
Pew Bible pg. 527

ANTHEM

*“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray”*

**Alan Pote**  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

James 5: 13-20

Pew Bible pgs. 231-232

SERMON

“The Color of Prayer”

Rev. Joanne Petto

## THE RESPONSE

HYMN #465 (Hymnal)\*     *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

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

*Adagio*

**Rosalie Bonighton**  
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\*

*“Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication\*

HYMN #697 (Hymnal)\*

*“Take My Life”*

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Short Piece, No. 18*

**Maurice Greene**  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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 the High School Sunday School Class.

**Head Ushers** are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

**Greeter** is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Church members with special prayer concerns:** Bill Chermak; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; 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:** Pat Demers’ husband, Bob; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha and brother, Clifford; Judy Duke’s granddaughter, Hannah & friend, Neva; Arlene Duran’s cousin, Ed; Phyllis Dyke’s friend, Cullen; Gordon & Joan Fraser’s daughter, Fiona & friend, Cathy; 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; Sharon Marshall’s daughter, Lisa; Karen Moser’s friend, Andrew; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes & Caren Anuszewski’s cousin, Danny; Larry & Margo Wegner’s son, Devin; and Loida Wilson’s friend, Myra.

**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](mailto: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**

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**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](mailto:aejost@comcast.net) or the church office at 609-395-0897

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Sunday School Would Love Your Help!** We are in need of two greeters for the Sunday school hour each Sunday morning. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Daune Arsnow at [firstpresdaune@comcast.net](mailto:firstpresdaune@comcast.net) or (609)395-0897.

**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 (Sundays):** Middle School Youth Group meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**Book Club Returns!** Join us on **Monday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1.** We will be reading (or re-reading) the beloved classic, Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of this novel. Join us as we get to know the March family: Meg - the sweet-tempered one. Jo - the smart one. Beth - the shy one. Amy - the sassy one. Their father is away at war and times are difficult, but the bond between the sisters is strong. Through sisterly squabbles, happy times and sad, their four lives follow different paths, and they discover that growing up is sometimes very hard to do. . . . Mary Speer will be the discussion leader in October and November.

## **CPNS**

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As you know the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and this year is a renewal year. Our renewal materials have been sent and our teachers continue to work providing the evidence to share with the NAEYC assessors showing the amazing things that happens at CPNS every day. For those of you that are not familiar with NAEYC, they are the nation's largest organization of early childhood educators. To obtain this accreditation, CPNS has voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study and continuous improvements to provide the highest quality Christian preschool program.

Research shows a direct correlation between high-quality early learning and children's positive long-term outcomes in life, including increased educational attainment, healthier lifestyles, and more successful careers. NAEYC Accreditation helps teachers and other staff at early learning programs; such as CPNS, develop a shared understanding and commitment to quality. The accreditation process leads to increased staff morale, greater staff retention, and a more positive, energetic work atmosphere overall—enabling preschools to provide a solid foundation for all children's success in life.

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@comast.net](mailto:cpnschool@comast.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**

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**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](mailto:frannymag58@aol.com).

## **INTERIM PASTOR UPDATE**

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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](mailto:ipnc_cranbury@outlook.com))  
Jane Curran; Ken Gordon; Mark Hughes; Jennifer Kong; Vicki Waciega

## **MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**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!**

## **OUTREACH**

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**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](mailto: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.

## **OTHER NEWS**

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**Thank you...** We wish Pastor Suzanne many blessings as she begins her new position of Interim Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. We will miss her as our Parish Associate here, where she graced us with her energetic spirit, friendship, memorable sermons, Christian Education leadership, and Pastoral reassurance during home and hospital visits. In addition, we are ever grateful for her many years of Meadow Lakes Ministry leadership, in collaboration with our church.



## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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

## **SMALL GROUPS**

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**Prayer Shawl Group:** Join us in Room 1 on October 11 and October 25 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 **TODAY at 12:00 p.m.** in the library. Contact Carlene Reyes at [creyes1@comcast.net](mailto:creyes1@comcast.net) with any questions.

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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**Counting Teams:** 9/30 (Team #2) – 10/7 (Team #3) – 10/14 (Team #4)

	<b>Month Ended 8/31/18</b>
YTD Offerings	\$264,987
YTD Expenses	\$316,936
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	<b>(\$51,949)</b>
YTD Per Capita	\$3,730 (17% of \$21,978)

## **WORSHIP**

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**We have an urgent need for ushers!** Please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or [cabotk@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net).

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **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)

### **October 1, 2018**

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)  
1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)  
7:30p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **October 2, 2018**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
9:30a Staff Mtg  
7:30p AA (McK Rm)  
7:30p MS&G Mtg (church office)

### **October 3, 2018**

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)  
6:00p Set-up: Women's Club Mtg (FH/Kit)  
7:00p Women's Club Mtg (FH/Kit)  
7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (Lib)

### **October 4, 2018**

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)  
2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN  
7:00p Worship Cmte Mtg (Lib)  
7:30p B&G Mtg (Lib)  
7:30p The Chorale

### **October 5, 2018**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

### **October 6, 2018**

### **October 7, 2018 (Home Communion/ World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness Sunday)**

9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour  
5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)  
6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)