

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 14, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

John Stanley (1712-1786)
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

“Give unto the Lord the glory due His name” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Confirmation Class

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

How can a mortal receive eternal life?

For God all things are possible.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #645 (Hymnal)* *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil. You have offered us abundance, but we are satisfied with wealth. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Word cut away all that is false and open our hearts to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE*

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Daune Arsnow

SCRIPTURE

Job 23: 1-9; 16-17

Kylie Vandenberg
Pew Bible pgs. 471-472

ANTHEM

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Harry Rowe Shelley
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 17-31

Pew Bible pg. 46

SERMON

“Binding Attachments”

Rev. Fred Whitehurst

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #450 (Hymnal)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

Variation on the chorale,

Johann Gottfried Walther

“If thou but suffer God to guide thee”

Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #840 (Hymnal)*

“When Peace like a River”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck,
(1562-1621)
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Please join us in welcoming our guest preacher today, Rev. Fred Whitehurst. Rev. Whitehurst moved to New Jersey in February 2012 and resides in Manalapan. He continues to work as a Hospice Chaplain (began 1998 in Atlanta). Rev. Whitehurst is presently Lead Chaplain for Grace Healthcare Services. He attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA; ordained in 1996. He was also Stated Supply for Hapeville Presbyterian Church in Atlanta for 9 years until 2009.

Rev. Whitehurst grew up on a dairy farm in New Bern, NC. He completed PhD coursework in Art History at the University of Maryland and taught at Georgia State University in Atlanta for over 10 years. He lived in NYC in the late 70's and consulted with the contemporary art community as part of PhD studies. Later, Rev. Whitehurst lived in Japan for 2 ½ years where he taught English as a second language & American culture. Four years ago, he officiated his daughter's wedding at Fernbrook Farms, Chesterfield, NJ. Rev. Whitehurst loves to visit his daughter and son in-law in Brooklyn and he is ecstatic to be a grandfather.

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 the Confirmation Class.

Head Usher is Craig Vandenberg.

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; Don Winchell and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Pat Demers' husband, Bob; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Judy Duke's granddaughter, Hannah & friend, Neva; Arlene Duran's cousin, Ed; Phyllis Dyke's friend, Cullen; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; 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; Doris Wiegartner's nephew, Staff Sgt. Steven Gray; and Loida Wilson's cousin, Charo & friend, Kathleen.

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: Bev Gilbert & Joan Sasso on October 15 and George Giovanos on October 18. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

B&G wants to invite everyone to our Fall Workday, on **Sunday, November 4**, beginning at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for participants. Anyone staying to help is welcomed to dress casual for Worship.

There are a variety of jobs that we would like to complete. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there. We are very thankful for any and all help in maintaining our church buildings and property.

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

A **big thank you** to our Sunday school students for assembling Hygiene Kits for Church World Service! The kits will help those affected by natural disasters-near and far. Completed kits as well as loose supplies for kits may be placed in the blue baskets in the Narthex or Fellowship hall. It's not too late, if you would like to help. Ziploc bags with instructions on how to make a kit can be found next to the blue baskets.

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 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.

The **Presbyterian Youth Triennium** will be held July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. All 8th graders and high school youth are welcome to attend this event. There will be an informational meeting **TONIGHT, October 14** from **6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall for youth and their parents. Hope you can come!

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

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. Mary Speer will be the discussion leader in October and November.

CPNS

This week the children in our 3 and 4/5-year-old classes will be visiting Lee Turkey and VonThun Farms. The children will pick pumpkins and get to see our farms in our local community.

Our learning consultant Lori Kleppe will be visiting our classrooms and completing base line observations of our children. She will meet with our teachers and provide any additional support for our upcoming parent-teacher conferences later this month. We are so fortunate to have the help and support of Mrs. Kleppe as she shares her expertise with our teachers and families at our school to help provide a successful preschool environment for every child.

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@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

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.

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

Our October Wish list for Skeet's Pantry: While all food donations are wonderful, we would especially appreciate the following this month: **Tuna Fish, Grape Jelly, Canned Fruit and Canned Soups**

(As always, please check "use by" dates to be sure all are current & haven't expired.)

As mentioned in our September update, monetary contributions are also accepted with our sincere gratitude. Those funds help us purchase enough of the various foods needed so that we can give grocery bags with healthy food staples to all the families who come to us each month. 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 AGAIN from All of Us at Skeet's Pantry!

OTHER NEWS

Flu Shots will be given in Cranbury on Wednesday October 17 at the Methodist Church, 41 North Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or given from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Plainsboro Recreation & Cultural Center, 641 Plainsboro Rd. You must be a Middlesex County resident. Shots are FREE to people upon providing your Medicare Card. People without a Medicare card must pay \$15 paid with exact change ONLY. No bills over \$20.00 will be accepted. Both the senior dose and the regular dose were available last week when the health dept. gave the flu shots at the Cranbury Senior Center

Pneumonia shots are also available for those who are 65 or older who have not ever had the pneumonia shot. This shot is also available for those 18-64 years old who have chronic health conditions. Pneumonia shots are \$65 (CASH exact change) for those without a Medicare card. No appointments are necessary. This information comes from The Middlesex County Board of Health and Senior Services website.



You're Invited...

TO AN OPEN HOUSE IN HONOR OF
REV. SUZANNE SCHAFFER-COATES
IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF HER TIME WITH US
AS OUR PARISH ASSOCIATE ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 FROM
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
AT THE HOME OF AUDREY AND GEORGE SMITH,
4 LABAW DRIVE, CRANBURY
(OFF OF OLD CRANBURY RD.)



OUTREACH

Join us this **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.

Pasta Dinner – October 19, 2018: 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 are **so grateful that we have had volunteers but we need more.** **Won't you consider giving a little time to make this a successful event!!!**

Committee members have volunteered for many of the jobs for the dinner. We need volunteers for:

1. Kitchen – We need help in getting everything ready for the serving table. We need help after the dinner to prepare any leftovers for sale.
2. Cleanup – we need volunteers to help clean up the kitchen – the Golden Agers Luncheon is held the following day and we need to get everything cleaned up for them.

We know we can do this – all of us working together. Call Doris at (609)395-7099; email her 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/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

There will be no program for Senior Breakfast Club in October.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: October 15, October 18, October 22, October 25 and October 29

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on 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!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 10/14 (Team #4) – 10/21 (Team #1) – 10/28 (Team #2)

	Month Ended 9/30/18
YTD Offerings	\$291,980
YTD Expenses	\$349,384
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$57,404)
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

October 14, 2018

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)
6:30p-7:15p Triennium Presentation: 8th Graders, High School Youth Group & Parents (FH/Lib)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (FH)

October 15, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

October 16, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

October 17, 2018

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)
7:30p Mercer Area District Mtg (McK Rm)

October 18, 2018

9a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)
10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
6:30p-7:30p Wolf Pack (McK Rm/EK)
7:30p The Chorale

October 19, 2018

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)
9:00a Bulletin Assembly
12:00p Prep: Pasta Dinner
5:00p-7:30p Pasta Dinner Set-up & Dinner (Kit/FH/Lib)

October 20, 2018

10:30a Memorial Service: Jay Hansen
11:00a-3:00p Golden Agers/Sr. Fellowship Luncheon (FH/VAN/Kit)

October 21, 2018

8:00a Teachers Breakfast (Lib)
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:45a Library Cmte (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)