

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
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Sing Ye Muses”

John Blow
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

“Therefore, being justified by faith” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory,

but by the grace of God we are redeemed.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #307 (Hymnal)*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You write your law in our hearts, but we ignore your holy word. You call us to be reconciled but we continue to live in discord. Forgive us, God of grace. Reform and transform our lives so that we may live in the light of the truth that sets us free; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE*

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “You are the Church of the Present”

Pastor John

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Friends, today we offer our thanks for the lives of those who have spent many of their years worshipping God in this church. We pray for their continued health, for the blessings and favor of God upon them and their families and for the ministry they have shared as a part of this congregation.

Presentation of 50 Year Members

Today we recognize you for the years of ministry and service you have given to the members and friends of our church. We give thanks to God for the many lives you have touched, both friend and stranger, and for your continued Journey in Faith as members of The First Presbyterian Church. With you we remember the commitments we made to serve God in this local congregation.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to you for your continued love and care, may you continue to do all within your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love, as together we recommit ourselves to the service of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for all God has given us as members together in the body of Christ and in this congregation. With you, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now may the God of all Grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6: 8-10

Anne Gordon
Pew Bible pg. 5

ANTHEM	<i>"I heard a voice from heaven"</i>	John Goss The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 2: 1-10	Pew Bible pg. 192
SERMON	"By God's Grace We <u>Are</u> Saved"	Rev. John A. Nolan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #275 (Hymnal)* *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

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	<i>"Ein Feste Burg"</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
	<i>(A safe stronghold our God is still)</i>	Organ
Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		

HYMN #321 (Hymnal)* *"The Church's One Foundation"*

RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	
		The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Trumpet Air</i>	John Reading Organ
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**Thanks Be to God for 50+ Years of Membership
at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, NJ**

We celebrate these men and women who have been members of our church family for over Fifty Years. This is a wonderful achievement and a testimony to the grace of God who strengthens our faith and life for the sake of Christ's church.

1927	Judson Hagerty	1958	Peg Hagerty
1937	Rose Eller	1959	Candice Silverman
1942	Arthur Danser	1960	H. Craig Gilbert Bev Gilbert Sally Giovanos Wilma Shimer Diane Smith Thomas Weidner
1947	S. Warren Tantum		
1948	Lillian Conley Monty Hagerty		
1949	Harvey Davison	1962	John Bloom William Chermak Katherine Davison Gladys Frisch Donald Patterson Margery Scott Jim Taylor
1951	Patricia Bohrs Jane Huff Susan Walcott		
1952	Barbara Danser		
1964	Henrietta Sushereba	1965	Alan Balcomb Barbara Balcomb Virginia Swanagan
1953	Pat Scott		
1954	Richard Craig	1966	Alan Danser George Smith
1955	Charles N. Patterson Dorothy Patterson	1968	Edward Konrad Richard Scott, Jr.

***“I was glad when they said unto me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in welcoming our guest preacher today, Rev. John A. Nolan. Rev. John A. Nolan is a retired Methodist Pastor of 30 years and recently retired Hospice Chaplain of 12 years. Same 42 years, husband of Mary; (who married better than she did). Rev. Nolan is a great-grandchild of this Congregation through the Perrine's and an Approved Supply Preacher for Presbytery of Monmouth.

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 Deacons in honor of our 50+ Year Members.

Head Ushers are Pat Bohrs and Ginny Swanagan.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Bill Chermak; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Judson Hagerty; Justin Keve; Cassandra Khazem; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Karen Moser; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Hennie Sushereba; Don Winchell and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Jo D. and George Andrews' granddaughter, Aevlin; 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; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby, & son-in-law, Bob; 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 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Lucille Kirkenir on November 1 and Carol Fisher on November 2. **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.

Parking Lot Paving: During the week of November 5-10, a portion of the church parking lot (the driveway section next to the Sanctuary) will be milled and repaved. The planned schedule is November 5 for milling and paving on November 8-10. The parking lot will be completely accessible for Sunday worship on November 11.

B&G realizes that this process may cause some inconvenience - we appreciate your patience as we work to improve the grounds.

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! 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.

Sunday School Teachers: Next **Sunday, November 4** our Sunday School Teachers will have a meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Our whole Church Family is invited to our **Celebration Sunday on November 11** from **9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will show our Thanks by making 50 bagged lunches that will be distributed to those in need!

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. **Tonight,** - come to youth group for some Halloween fun! Wear a costume if you like.

Next Sunday, November 4, Middle School and High School Youth Group should come to Fellowship Hall from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** to sort food for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Pizza will be served!

Our Middle School youth are invited to a retreat at **Camp Johnsonburg** November 30 to December 2. The deadline to register is November 11. For more information, please contact Daune Arsnow.

CPNS

It is Halloween already in Cranbury. Preschoolers love to dress up and pretend. When children dress up we see them playing as they take on the role of someone they admire, wonder about, or would like to be when they grow up. They represent themselves as someone or something else, maybe a monster, a dinosaur or a firefighter. This is an important part of their development of "transforming" one thing into another. Children should be given the opportunity to choose the costume using their own imaginations and resources. The process of creating the costume is just as important as wearing it. Our costume parades give children this opportunity

and they have been talking about their costumes for weeks. Please join us and watch the children parade in their costumes and sing a few songs as well. Our parades will be on Tuesday, October 30 at 9:15 a.m. and then again on Wednesday, October 31 at 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. On October 31, our audience will also be those participating in the senior program. We look forward to sharing this special time with everyone.

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.

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



You're Invited...



TO AN OPEN HOUSE IN HONOR OF
REV. SUZANNE SCHAFER-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

Pasta Night was a HUGE success!! We served 135 dinners and everyone had a great time. The food was delicious – thanks to Bea Davison, who made all the sauce and meatballs! The camaraderie shared at each table met our goal – reaching out to our Church Family and to the Community near and far.

Afraid to leave out even one person by listing names – we thank ALL who volunteered to help. There were people setting up, decorating, mixing salads, cooking, taking tickets, cleaning up, and serving (wasn't our wonderful Youth Group terrific!). We could never have done it without you and we are grateful to each one of you. And Yes! We are scheduling another next year!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: October 29, November 1, November 5, November 8, November 12, November 15, **(NO CLASSES on November 19 and November 22)**, November 26 and November 29

Senior Fellowship will have a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 31, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided. After we eat and socialize, the students from CPNS will parade for us in their costumes. If you would like to attend and are not on the senior fellowship calling list, please register with the church office by calling (609)395-0897 by Monday, October 29 by 2:30 p.m.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on November 8 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!

Religions of the World – If you are interested in learning about religions of the world, please join this new small group **TODAY at 11:45 a.m.** in the library.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 10/28 (Team #2) – 11/4 (Team #3) – 11/11 (Team #4)

	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)

Don't forget to bring your 2019 Pledges and Time and Talents sheets on Dedication Sunday, November 11. They can also be mailed to the church office using the return envelope provided in the letters you received or dropped off at the church office.

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 28, 2018

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:30a-12:30p K. Gordon (Church Office)
11:45a Small Group: Religions of the World (Lib)
5:00p-6:30p Middle School Youth Grp Halloween Party(All Areas)
6:30p-8:00p High School Youth Grp Halloween Party (FH/Yth Rm)

October 29, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p-9:00p K. Gordon (Church Office)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

October 30, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:15a CPNS Costume Parade (FH)
9:30a Staff Mtg
7:30p-9:00p K. Gordon (Church Office)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)

October 31, 2018

9:15a CPNS Costume Parade (FH)
10:30a-3:00p Sr. Fellowship: Set-up (FH/Kit/VAN)
11:30a-2:30p Sr. Fellowship: Halloween Luncheon (FH/Kit/VAN)

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)
12:45a CPNS Costume Parade (FH)
4:00p-9:00p Youth (VAN)
5:00p-7:00p Outreach: Halloween Candy dist

November 1, 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

November 2, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly
4:30p-9:30p Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society: Bi-Annual Potluck Supper & Meeting (FH/Kit)

November 3, 2018

8:00a-12p Scouts Food Collection

November 4, 2018 (Daylight Saving Time Ends)

8:00a Sunday School Teachers Meeting
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by coffee hour
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)
5:30p-7:30p Middle School/High School Youth Group: Help sort Thanksgiving Baskets (FH)

Reminder: Fall Back - End of Daylight Saving Time is next Sunday, November 4. (Turn clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m.)