

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
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue

Flor Peeters
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

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord”
(Ps. 92: 1-4)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Hold fast to your hope without wavering,
for God who has promised is faithful.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #634 (Hymnal)*

“To God Be the Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You warn us of what is to come, but we ignore the signs of the times. You promise us a new creation, but we cling to the ruins of this world. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash away the stain of our sin and keep us faithful in love and in deed, while we await your coming in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE*

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Harry

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 31-33

Connor Stewart

Pew Bible pg. 735

ANTHEM

“With a Voice of Thanksgiving”

Hank Beebe

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 3: 1-13

Pew Bible pg. 204

SERMON

“Focus on Faith”

Rev. Harry Bohrs

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #263 (Hymnal)* *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

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.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Matt Curran

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Chorale

Louis Vierne

Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #307 (Hymnal)*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Ricercare

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the Session immediately following the
10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, December 2, 2018,
for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in welcoming our guest preacher today, Rev. Harry Bohrs.

Rev. Harry Bohrs is no stranger to our church as he has been a guest preacher with us in the past. Rev. Bohrs is married to Pat Bohrs, former Bell/Brass Choir Director and current chair of our Worship Committee. Rev. Bohrs is Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Hightstown. Educated at Baylor University; Biblical Seminary (NY). He attends lectures at Princeton. Rev. Bohrs was director (2 years) of the Christian Singles Ministry for Monmouth Presbytery.

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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Ethel & Jake Klotzbeacher and Ellen & George Vandercher by Dorothy Klotzbeacher.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Ruth Jost.

Head Usher is Alan Danser

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Pat & Bob Demers' friend, Uri; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Judy Duke's granddaughter, Hannah; Arlene Duran's cousin, Ed; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mary Lou Kerr's co-worker, Joe; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Sharon Marshall's daughter, Lisa & nephew, Jimmy; Karen Moser's friend, Andrew; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes & Caren Anuszewski's cousin, Danny; Larry & Margo Wegner's friends, Dahlia & family; 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: Courtney Brown today, November 18 and Nancy Ellis on November 21. **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! 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.

Our whole Church Family is invited to our next **Celebration Sunday on November 25** from **9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate Advent by making Christmas gifts!

Stars on Our Giving Tree: CPNS and Sunday School are teaming up this year to provide a very Merry Christmas to our Skeet's Pantry children! On November 25, there will be a giving tree in Fellowship Hall with 14 stars on it. Each star is for a Skeet's family in need of Christmas gifts for their children. The star has the names and ages of the children in the family along with gift ideas. Please take a star and Christmas shop for the children, with love and imagination. Friends, families and small groups may want to share the shopping for the children on one star together. Gift receipts are encouraged if clothing or shoes are purchased. Each gift should be wrapped and have the child's name on it. Gifts can be placed under the giving tree up until Wednesday, December 12. The gifts will be distributed to the children at our next Skeet's Food Distribution day, December 14. If you would like to get a head start on your Christmas shopping, stop by the church office this week to pick up a star!

TONIGHT, November 18! Middle School and High School youth are invited to our **Friendsgiving Feast** in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please bring a nut-free dish to share.

Christmas Wreaths for Sale! The Youth Group is selling Christmas Wreaths to benefit the Summer Mission Trips. The Evergreen wreaths measure 24 inches (outer diameter) and can be purchased for \$12 without a bow or \$15 with a red bow. Wreaths will be sold in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on December 2.

November Book Club: Join us on **November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1.** We are reading *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. This book is about sixteen-year-old Starr Carter who moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Mary Speer will be the discussion leader.

CPNS

November gives us another opportunity to reflect on everything we are thankful for. God has given us so many wonderful blessings here at the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. We are thankful to have a safe, warm building that we can go to school in. We are thankful for our parents, board members, and the many volunteers that help us in so many ways. We are thankful for our teachers who love and care for our children every day, and we are thankful for our children, those very special blessings, who make us smile and warm our hearts. We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving, filled with family, friends, and love.

DEACONS

At coffee hour this morning, the Deacons are selling beautiful candles to benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund. Candles are \$12.00 each. The Deacons Benevolence Fund provides financial assistance to members of the church and community who are in need of temporary assistance.

The Deacons would like to say **THANK YOU** to the volunteers and for all the generous food and monetary donations that were given to us to provide 150 plus Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in our area and beyond. We will continue collecting food from now until December for our Skeet's Pantry Distribution on December 14. We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and we are so thankful for our church family and your continued support!!

OTHER NEWS

A special note of thanks: I was recently in the hospital and it was so uplifting to receive so many cards of well wishes. I wish to thank our congregation for their kindness. Also, thank you, Ruth Jost and Brenda Kirkenir, for bringing me communion this past Monday.

~~Walt Wright

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: (NO CLASSES on November 19 and November 22), November 26 and November 29

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on November 29 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: 11/18 (Team #1) – 11/25 (Team #2) – 12/2 (Team #3)

Month Ended 10/31/18

YTD Offerings	\$312,524
YTD Expenses	\$376,112
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$63,588)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,730 (17% of \$21,978)

Thinking about a year-end offering to help our budget? Try a gift of appreciated stock (or shares of a mutual fund). Gifting securities that have appreciated in value has tax benefits. By doing so, you avoid paying taxes on the capital gains that have accumulated and the market value of the securities when received will be reported as part of your annual offering.

Instructions to make a transfer of securities can be downloaded from our church website, at www.cranburypres.org or you can contact Ken Gordon at stewardshipandfinance@cranburypres.org.

WORSHIP

We need volunteers to join our ushering team! 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.

There are extra red hymnals and Bibles in the Narthex closet. Our church family is most welcome to take any of the hymnals and/or Bibles in this closet home to keep. **TODAY**, the hymnals and Bibles left in the closet will be given to the Gospel Mission Core.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 18, 2018

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:45a Library Cmte (Lib)
5:30p-7:30p Friendsgiving: Middle/High School Youth Grps (FH)
7:30p CPNS Set-up for Thanksgiving Program (FH)

November 19, 2018

10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Prog(FH/Kit)
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

November 20, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Prog(FH/Kit)
2:15p CPNS Thanksgiving Prog(FH/Kit)
3:45p Children's Choir
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Session Mtg.

November 21, 2018

CPNS Closed
9:00a Bulletin Assembly

November 22, 2018 (Thanksgiving Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

November 23, 2018

CPNS/Church Office Closed

November 24, 2018

November 25, 2018 (Christ the King)

9:15a Celebration Sunday
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
No Evening Youth Group