

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

Christ the King

November 25, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Benton Price
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

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Music, George J. Elvey, 1884
Lyrics, Henry Alford, 1865
Children's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship the Lord with gladness.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Come into the presence of the Lord and know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God and bless his holy name.

The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever, and his faithfulness is to all generations.

Come; let us worship our Lord, Christ the King!

HYMN #268 (Hymnal)*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You come to us in glory, yet we hide our faces from you. You speak to us in truth, yet we close our hearts to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Release us from sin, restore our lives, and rule in our hearts, this day and always; 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

Revelation 1:4b-8

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 245

ANTHEM

“Thank you, Lord”

Music, Walter Hawkins
Additional Lyrics, Jo D. Andrews
Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-37

Pew Bible pg. 113

MEDITATION

“Christ the King”

Rev. Joanne Petto

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #459 (Hymnal)*

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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

“Ride on, King Jesus”

Rbt. Fountain,
Arr. Rbt. Glasmann
The Chorale

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #264 (Hymnal)*

“At the Name of Jesus”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

March (Parsifal)

Richard Wagner
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

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 in memory of Rev. Wendy White Thode given by her mother, Henrietta Sushereba, sister & brother-in-law, Heidi and Cabot Knowlton, children, Annie, Betsy, Ted and wife Erica and granddaughter, Turner.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Daune Arsnow and the Deacons.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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; Patria Sullivan and her family & the Tallent family on the death of her mother, Florence; 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; Janet Wheeler's aunt, Linda; 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: S. Warren Tantum on December 1. **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.

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! There is 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. 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.

Youth Group (Sundays): Middle School and High School Youth Groups will **NOT** meet TONIGHT, November 25.

Christmas Wreaths for Sale! Next Sunday, December 2, the Youth Group will be selling Christmas Wreaths in the Fellowship Hall to benefit the Summer Mission Trips. The Evergreen wreaths can be purchased for \$12 without a bow or \$15 with a red bow.

November Book Club: Join us on **tomorrow, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Save the date - Annual Christmas Luncheon: Join us on Sunday, December 16 at 11:30 a.m. following our Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall for our traditional "Chicken Soup and Christmas Cheer" luncheon. Please bring a dessert to share which can be dropped off in the kitchen before Worship. We will be singing all our favorite Christmas carols.

CPNS

We hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful. We have so many things to be thankful for at Thanksgiving and throughout the year. We begin this holiday season with Advent as we prepare for Christmas. This is a time for many activities including gift buying for those individuals on our Christmas lists. At this time of year, we are all not as fortunate and able to purchase gifts for those we love. Because of the gifts God has given us at CPNS, we have decided to help those less fortunate.

This year, we will be purchasing gifts for children from our own Skeet's Food Pantry. We are partnering with our Christian Education committee in order to help make these children's Christmas wishes come true. Our program, Pennies for Presents will begin on Monday, November 26. The children will be bringing in pennies, change, or bills to help us purchase the gifts for the children in the Skeet's Food Pantry families.

Pennies for Presents is a concrete opportunity for our children to participate in helping others. The past programs were extremely successful and the many pennies collected made Christmas a lot brighter because of all our efforts.

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.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

Christmas at Skeet's Pantry is Just Around the Corner! First, we salute our Deacons for their amazing efforts on November 17. Over 400 people enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving because of all the food distributed to families who filled our Fellowship Hall with excitement and appreciation. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful Deacons and volunteers.

But now it's time to get ready for our next exciting event: Christmas at Skeet's Pantry. Our Pantry volunteers will be putting together bags of groceries for families and giving them out on December 14. We're expecting well over 100 families, so we need fill up our shelves again, and we have faith that our congregation and community will answer our call as you have always done with so much love.

Skeet's Christmas Wish list:

**Cereal, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly Canned Soup, Tuna Fish,
Canned Beans (all varieties), Canned Vegetables**

We send everyone a great big THANK YOU and we wish you and yours all the blessings of Christmas.

OTHER NEWS

The beautiful cross which hangs in our Sanctuary is now available for the first time as a pendant. The original cross was designed in the 1950s by Hugh Logan, one of our parishioners, and then carved and gilded in the Vatican.

The pendant is an exact molded replica of this cross, and measures 1 1/4" long, and is available in any metal of your choosing. It is only available by custom order directly by you from the Jewelry Design Gallery, which is located inside ShopRite on Rte. 130 in Hightstown where any of the salespersons can help you with your order, or by calling them at (609)371-1800. It will take 2-3 weeks to create your piece. The price for a silver cross is \$59, plus tax, and in gold the price is \$350, plus tax. You can also customize the finish to be shiny or antiqued. When you call, just identify yourself as a member of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, as this cross is only available to us.

If you have any questions, need help, or would like to see the pendant, see or call Joan Smith at (609) 655-1905, or email at joankeenesmith@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

SAVE THE DATE! Urban Promise Fundraiser: On Sunday, December 9 during the coffee hour, representatives from *UrbanPromise* International will be selling items from Africa, including hand carved Noah's Arks, Nativity sets, wooden animals and bowls, as well as jewelry, hand sewn bags, aprons, shirts and dresses, coffee from their Honduran site, Dr. Bruce Main's books and much more! Cash or checks welcome. No credit cards.

The sale will be held in Fellowship Hall. You may remember that many of these beautiful items were available following the *UrbanPromise* concert and were very well received.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: November 26, November 29, December 3, December 6, December 10 and December 13.

Connie Bauder would like to give thanks for the members of the Senior Fellowship Planning Committee who help to plan and execute the programs and trips that the Senior Fellowship Mission of our church provides for the senior citizens of our community. This mission is open to all people age 55 and older in the towns around our church. Our goal is to allow seniors to form bonds with other local seniors and give them opportunities for social interaction, education and enjoyment. Please join me in giving thanks for the members of the committee who have joined me in doing God's work this year: Nancy and Dennis Chonko, Joan Fraser, Anita McManus, Heidi Knowlton (refreshments), Audrey Smith, Larry White (driver), and Bill Bauder (van driver). Special thanks to Nancy and Dennis Chonko who have been on this committee for many years. They are retiring from the Senior Fellowship Planning Committee to spend more time with their family. They will be sorely missed as they have made bonds with the seniors and have gone out of their way share their talents and to be helpful to all.

I put out a call to the congregation for volunteers to join the Planning Committee and I am excited to say that we have 5 people who have stepped up to answer the need for new members so that this mission can continue for yet another year. I encourage all the seniors in our congregation to attend our programs and share their experiences with others in our group. Some people in our group have very little interaction with others and they love to have new people to talk to. I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

~~Connie Bauder-Coordinator of Senior Fellowship

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: 11/25 (Team #2) – 12/2 (Team #3) – 12/9 (Team #4)

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 25, 2018 (Christ the King)

9:15a Celebration Sunday

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

No Evening Youth Group

November 26, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

6:30p Nominating Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

7:30p Book Club (Rm 1)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

November 27, 2018

9:00a-3:00p CPNS School Pictures (FH)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
3:45p Children's Choir
7:00p Deacons Mtg (FH)
7:30p IPNC Mtg (Church Office Upstairs)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)

November 28, 2018

9:00a-3:00p CPNS School Pictures (FH)
11:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)
7:00p Bell Choir

November 29, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)
6:30p Nominating Cmte Mtg (Church Office)
7:30p The Chorale

November 30, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

December 1, 2018**December 2, 2018**

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship w/Communion & Congregational Mtg to Elect Church Officers followed by coffee hour
11:30a Youth Group: Wreath Sale (FH)
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)
5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp
6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp