

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

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“O Christ, who are the light and day”

Georg Boehm
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

The Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

God gathers us in this place,
where light streams in and darkness disappears.
God calls you to this place,
where I am known, celebrated, and belong.
God will send us from this place,
with the courage to serve and love.

HYMN #401 (Hymnal)*

“Here in This Place”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of grace, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for shouting over our neighbors, when your Spirit beckons us to listen. Forgive us for our complacency, when we are called to be agents of change. Forgive us for working, rather than serving. Forgive us for producing, rather than creating. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and move us into life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*
HYMN #581 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*
THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 43:1-7	Anne Gordon Pew Bible pg. 672
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ANTHEM		The Children’s Choir
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SCRIPTURE	Luke 3:15-22	Pew Bible pg. 60
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SERMON	“To Be Beloved”	Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
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THE RESPONSE

HYMN #691 (Hymnal)* *“Lord, When I Came into This Life”*

COMMISSIONING OF THE CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD: **Samantha Andrews; Chris Cenci (Financial Consultant); Jessica Corriveau; Jane Curran (Moderator); Dina Ellsworth; Adria Janni; Nicole Minguillon; Janice Parker (Director); Patri Sullivan (School Representative); Jim Taylor; Kristen Taylor; Erin Toomey and Janet Wheeler (Business Administrator).**

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Brothers and sisters, God has called you to particular service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters to this role in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BLESSING

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Friends, you are commissioned to service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. May

the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being: spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

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

"Come, Holy Spirit, like the wind"

John Carter
The Chorale

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #547 (Hymnal)* *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"Freu' Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele"

Georg Boehm
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

will take place immediately following our Worship service on
Sunday, January 27 in the Fellowship Hall followed by our "Winter Picnic".

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 Jim and Debbie Taylor. Cake will be served in honor of our CPNS Board Members.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Judson Hagerty; Justin Keve; Cassandra Khazem; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Charles Patterson, Jr.; Charles Patterson, Sr.; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:

Linda Campbell’s friend, Christine; Barbara Connors’ mother, Ann; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Arlene Duran’s son-in-law, Mark & cousin, Ed; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Karen Lovaglio’s friend, Antwon; Anita McManus’ sister, Nancy; Karen Moser’s friend, Andrew; Art Ryba’s brother, Hilton & sister-in-law, Patricia; and Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko.

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 Daune Arsnow at deersnow@verizon.net. 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Our whole church family is invited to attend our next **Celebration Sunday** this coming Sunday, January 20 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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! Join us on Monday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. We will be reading *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Pastor Hannah Lovaglio will be our discussion leader.

CPNS

This morning during our church service, we will be commissioning our Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Board Members. Each week, we provide over 100 children and families from our church and surrounding community a Christian preschool experience. If you visit this building during the week, you will see children, families, and teachers all busy with the many preschool activities. Our CPNS Board members are those individuals that are not usually seen on a daily basis, however, their impact contributes so much to the success of CPNS. Each and every one of these individuals gives of their time and expertise to help provide a successful Christian preschool experience to so many children. Please say thank you when you see them and show your appreciation for the dedication and commitment and the difference they make to our church.

We began registration for the 2019-2020 school year on Monday, January 7 with our existing students. Alumni, church members and members of the Cranbury First Aid Squad and Fire Department will have priority to register beginning Monday, January 14. Our Open House for the 2019-2020 school year will take

place on Wednesday, January 23, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by the general public registration on February 1. In addition to our previous class and enrichment offerings, this year we are offering a new Preschool Extension program.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about CPNS. We want everyone to take advantage of giving their children a developmentally appropriate academic, Christian preschool experience.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

Make It a Happy New Year at SKEET's PANTRY! THANK YOU so much for making Christmas a wonderful event at our pantry. Your food, gifts and donations made over 100 families VERY happy in December. Our congregation's generosity never fails to amaze and delight everyone!

Now we are gearing up for 2019 and our pantry shelves need to be filled up again. The foods we hope you will donate are the same ones every family needs – so please consider giving any of the following to help us get off to a good start in this New Year:

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

If you prefer to give a monetary gift to Skeet's Pantry, checks can be made out to our church, with "Skeet's Pantry" on the memo line. If you would like to be a Skeet's Pantry volunteer, please leave word at our church office and we will get in touch with you. THANKS AGAIN!

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on Thursday, January 24 at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. The program will be "The Mighty Mississippi" presented by Rev. Harry Bohrs.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-

0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with the number of guests that will attend. The cost of breakfast is \$6 payable at the Inn. For information, contact Fritz Hager at (609)655-2787.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: January 14, January 17, January 21, January 24, January 28, and January 31

Upcoming Sr. Fellowship Event: Senior Fellowship will have an afternoon at the movies on **Tuesday, January 15 at 12 noon** in Fellowship Hall. Bring a Brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will serve freshly popped popcorn at the break that we will enjoy during the movie.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend, please pre-register by calling the church office at (609)395-0897 tomorrow Monday, January 14 by 3:00 p.m. Come have some fellowship and entertainment on a cold winter's day.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **January 24** 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

Pledge Envelopes: Your 2019 pledge envelopes are available to pick up in Rm 1.

Counting Teams: 1/13 (Team #1)–1/20 (Team #2)–1/27 (Team #3)

	Month Ended 12/31/18
YTD Offerings	\$395,649
YTD Expenses	\$441,704
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$46,055)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,797 (17% of \$21,978)

WORSHIP

We need volunteers to Usher! If you have questions or would like to usher, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-9176 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Congregational Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Lay Readers: The Lay Reader schedule for January through June 2019 is posted in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for, and would welcome, any new Readers to our group. Any questions please contact Joan Fraser.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 13 (Baptism of the Lord)

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship w/CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour

3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)

6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

January 14

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

January 15

9:00a-3:00p CPNS PJ/Pancake Day (CRs/Kit)

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:45p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

January 16

9:00a-3:00p CPNS PJ/Pancake Day (CRs/Kit)

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)

7:30p Mercer Area District Mtg (McK Rm)

January 17

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

6:30p-7:30p Wolf Pack (McK Rm/EK)

7:30p The Chorale

January 18

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

7:00p Outreach "Moo"vie Night (FH/Kit)

January 19

January 20

9:15a Celebration Sunday (FH)

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

11:45a Library Cmte (Lib)

6:30p-8:30p Middle/High School Yth Grp attending MLK Service (VAN)