

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

Mother’s Day

May 12, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Verdant Meadows

Geo. F. Handel
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

“Day By Day” music & lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
(*Godspell Song*) Children’s Choir

The song follows a prayer ascribed to the 13th Century English bishop, Saint Richard of Chichester

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd, our guide and protector.

The Lord is our parent, our companion and friend.

The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

The Lord is present, with comfort and care.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,

honor and might be to our God! Amen.

HYMN #664 (Hymnal)*

“Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old way of doing things. You are a God of infinite good news, yet we live in fear and dread. You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days proclaiming death. Lord, have

mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness. You are a God of abundance, yet we fear there is not enough grace. You are a God of empowerment, yet we doubt whether we can do your work. You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot forgive others or ourselves. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Luke Pease
Pew Bible pg. 501

ANTHEM

"Tomorrow"
(*A Better You, Better Me*)

Music by Quincy Jones,
Lyrics by Siedah Garrett,
Arranged by Rod Temperton & Quincy Jones
Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-30

Pew Bible pg. 104

SERMON

"Sheep and Shepherd"

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #187 (Hymnal)*

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Harry Rowe Shelly
The Chorale

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Rigadoon

Geo. F. Handel
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 one of our Pastors 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”.

Children are welcome in worship! Worship materials for children 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. Children are also invited to come forward for the children’s message, and nursery care is available throughout the service. Find the way to worship that works best for your family!

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Jo D. Andrews and Fran Stewart.

Head Usher is Stan Dickerson.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Ethan Anuszewski; Austin Applegate; Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Carol Fisher; Joan Fraser; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Sally Giovanos; Anne Gordon & family due to the

passing of her brother, John; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; John Kirkenir & family and friends due to the passing of his mother, Lucille; Margaret Lawson; Beatrice Mabutho; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Kevin Smith; and Hennie Sushereba.

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

Harry & Pat Bohrs' friend, Randy; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Judy Duke's soon to be son-in-law, Peter; Jean Dunham's brother-in-law, Chuck & daughter-in-law, Tiffany; Linda Ferguson's daughter-in-law, Kristin; Gordon & Joan Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes' father, John; Mark & Joanne Hughes', niece, Lauren; Carol Kientz's cousin, Steve; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Karen Lovaglio's friend, Antwon; Michael Lovaglio's friend, Kyle; Pastor Hannah & Michael Lovaglio's friends, Luke and Christie; Anita McManus' sister, Nancy; Karen Moser's friend, Andrew & daughter's friend, Jamie; Art Ryba's sister-in-law, Patricia; John Ryba & Sharon Marshall's niece, McKenna; Joan Smith's brother, Jim; Doris Wiegartner's friend, Tyler; Loida Wilson's cousin, Charo & friend, Kathleen; Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko; and Walter Wright's daughter, Mary Alice.

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 fill out and 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!



During the month of May, we will be working on creating a **HOT 100 Hymns Chart** for our church. You can participate by filling out the My Top 10 list card that is in the bulletin. When compiled the Top 100 will be a guide to combining old favorites with new songs as we praise God together!

UPDATE

Coming Soon: We received a timely question/suggestion about getting started with exploring the future. Presently, the Session is working on launching a Transition Team who will facilitate this important endeavor. The team will consist of Elders, Deacons and Members at Large. Stay tuned for more info coming soon.....

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

"Many Hands Make Light Work". B&G would like to thank the following volunteers who came out to help on work day: Dennis and Nancy Chonko, Stan Dickerson, Nicholas Arsnow, George Conley, Ken Gordon, KY Huang, Andy Jost, John and Brenda Kirkenir, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Leigh, Mitchell and June Perry. Our apologies to anyone who we missed on this list.

Canna Lily Bulbs: There is a box of extra Canna Lily bulbs (the big plants with the red flowers) in a box next to the kitchen door on the patio. Help yourself.

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 Library, followed by Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Register for Vacation Bible School (VBS): Join us on June 24 through June 28 for VBS – To Mars & Beyond! You can register at <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstPresCranbury>.

Youth Group (Sundays): Middle School and High School Youth Groups will NOT meet tonight, May 12.

Do you play an instrument? All 5th through 12th graders are invited to join our youth band. We will have three practices and then play in church. Please contact Daune Arsnow at (609)395-0897 or firstpresdaune@comcast.net if you are interested!

Bible Study – The Book of Acts: Join us on June 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Read Acts 15:1-28:31 to prepare.

Book Club! Join us for our next book club meeting **Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in Room 1. We will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

CPNS

We had an amazing teacher appreciation lunch sponsored by our CPNS board members. Our CPNS families made the food and shared their special recipes with us. It was such a wonderful day and very much appreciated by all. A big thank you to all who helped make this day so special for all of us at CPNS.

On Saturday, May 18, the Cranbury Municipal Alliance is sponsoring the first Health & Wellness Fair from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Cranbury School. There will be family fun for everyone. As a community outreach, the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School and church will be providing information on the benefits of play. We will also be sharing information on the importance of spiritual development for young children. Please stop by our table and say hello, perhaps even stop and play awhile.

The registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. 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.

DEACONS

Our **Annual Strawberry Festival** sponsored by the Board of Deacons to benefit the Deacons Benevolence Fund will be on **Saturday, June 1** from **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Enjoy strawberries, cake, ice cream, live music, games, pony rides, petting zoo and bake sale!

Advance tickets can be purchased from a Deacon, during coffee hour, through the church office or at CPNS. The cost of each ticket is \$7.00 for each adult and \$5.00 for each child ages 2-12.

Tickets at the door on June 1 are \$8.00 for each adult ticket and \$6.00 for each child ages 2-12.

Coffee Hour: 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

Please Help Us Make May a Merry Month at Skeet's Pantry: You'll find a list below of the foods we especially need, and how much of each we need in order to fill grocery bags this month:

Beans (canned – all varieties/116 cans needed); **Fruit** (canned – all varieties/40 cans needed); **Peanut Butter** (54 jars needed); **Pasta** (36 boxes needed); **Grape Jelly** (50 jars needed); **Pasta Sauce** (36 jars needed); **Cereal** (family size is best/53 boxes needed); **Spaghetti** (30 boxes needed);

As always, all our Skeet's volunteers and recipient families are so very grateful to our congregation for your continued generosity. We also want to thank Shop-Rite of East Windsor for helping with those Easter hams, and thanks, as well, to Cranbury School and our local Postal Workers for giving us a boost this month, too.

CROP Hunger Walk: If someone is interested in organizing this year's CROP Hunger Walk for our church, please contact Loida Wilson at loidawilson@comcast.net or call her at (609)947-3348.

OTHER NEWS

What a great surprise! Words cannot express the joy and love that I felt on Sunday, May 5. Thank you all for your planning, announcements, gifts and celebration during Worship and coffee hour. Your thoughtfulness amazed me and I truly appreciate it!

Sharon Ramkishun

OUTREACH

We need your help! In 2018, we hosted a wonderful reception for everyone who attended the **UrbanPromise International Concert**. We had the most wonderful cookies. We need your help again. Our Committee is small and cannot do this alone. We need YOU to bake and donate cookies for the reception once again—we have had many new folks who say they are coming – we need to be prepared. Come and enjoy the punch, cookies (yours and others), camaraderie with the Fellows, and the shopping for jewelry, carvings, and other African items.

You can drop off your cookies in the kitchen prior to the concert; if you should want to leave them after worship, please mark the box/bag clearly – UPI Concert – so they don't get mixed with coffee hour goodies. Thank you all. **See you on May 19!!!!**

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: May 13, May 16, May 20, May 23, (May 27-NO CLASS), May 30

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **May 23, June 13 and June 27** 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: 5/12 (Team #2) – 5/19 (Team #3) – 5/26 (Team #4)

Month Ended 4/30/19

YTD Offerings	\$100,490
YTD Expenses	\$127,184
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$26,694)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,432 (13% of \$25,960)

Per Capita: Commit yourself to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation”. Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together as we seek to discern with one another where it is God is leading us. Please consider contributing your per capita of \$40/member!

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 now 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

May 12 (Mother's Day)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
No Youth Grp

May 13

10a Senior Exercise (FH)
7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)
7:30p Brass Choir
8p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

May 14

9a Bulletin Material Due
9a Sr. Fellowship (VAN) followed by
Trip to Pearl Buck House Tour (VAN)
9:30a Staff Mtg
1p-4p Pres. Mission Council Mtg. (Lib)
3:30p Children's Choir
5:30p-7p Confirmand Dinner with
Session (FH/Kit)
7p Outreach Cmte Mtg (Lib)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Upstairs
Church Office)
7:30p S&F Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

May 15

9:00a Session Material Due
11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)
7:30p Bell Choir
7:30p Mercer Area District Mtg (McK
Rm)

May 16

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

May 17

8a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry
Distribution (FH)
9a Bulletin Assembly

May 18

9a Presbytery Mtg (Matawan)

May 19 (Confirmation Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship w/Confirmation
followed by coffee hour
11:30a New Member Mtg. (Lib)
3p Urban*Promise* Concert
(Sanctuary/FH)
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (McK Rm)
4p-5p Webelos Mtg (McK Rm)
4:30p Youth Group @ Gil & Berts