

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

Confirmation Sunday

May 19, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Toccata in F

Johann Pachelbel
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

“Maluwa”

UrbanPromise International Fellows Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens!

Men, women, all people alike,

old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

whose name is exalted above heaven and earth!

HYMN #610 (Hymnal)* *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, your love knows no bounds. Forgive us when we try to confine it. Your grace is for all people. Forgive us when we try to restrain it. Your Spirit beckons us to follow. Forgive us when we choose not to listen. Forgive us, God, of the ways we fall short. Set us free, that we might love and serve you. 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 148

Austin Applegate
Pew Bible pgs. 582-583

ANTHEM

“We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light”

Zulu song,
arr. Hal Hopson
Combined Choirs

SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible pg. 108

ANTHEM

“Atimandike”

UPI Fellows Choir

SERMON

“Believe. Behave. Belong.”

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #726 (Hymnal)*

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR: **Austin Applegate, Nicholas Arsnow, Malcolm Ferguson, Danielle Franke, Megan Khazem, Donovan Mavoides, Gavin Mavoides, Luke Pease, Lauren Reiss, Connor Stewart and Kylie Vandenberg**

PRESENTATION AND OPENING STATEMENT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

C: **I do.**

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

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

C: I will, with God's help.

L: Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers?

C: I will, with God's help.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – 2019 Confirmation Class Statement of Faith

We believe God is the almighty Lord who created the world and the universe and whose love knows no bounds. Jesus is the human version of God, fully human and fully God. Jesus is our perfect example, our teacher, and our friend. Jesus died for our sins and overcame death so that we might live. The Holy Spirit is always present reminding us of God's love. We believe in one Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God.

We believe scripture is the living Word of God and the way to learn God's incredible story. We know it is important to worship every Sunday because worship is a time to reflect on the past week and talk to God. In worship we are with God, and we confess our sins together with the whole congregation. Baptism is a two-way commitment between God and God's children. Communion relates bread and juice to Christ's body and blood in remembrance of him. Prayer is our communication with God; in prayer we share our thoughts, gratitude, joys, and needs.

We believe that faith has room for doubt, and some things will remain a mystery. We wonder if evil is created by God, and we wonder about the relationship between God and science. We celebrate God's love, the gift of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. We give thanks to God for life, family, friends, security, and opportunities. And we commit to love God, ourselves, and others as we grow in faith.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

L: By publicly professing their faith, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

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

"Kosi"

UPI Fellows Choir

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #300 (Hymnal)* *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

"Imela"

UPI Fellows Choir

POSTLUDE*

"Praise be to you, Jesus Christ"

Johann Pachelbel
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 Dennis & Nancy Chonko and Art & Gloria-Jean Ryba.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Ethan Anuszewski; Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Carol Fisher; Joan Fraser; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; 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; Janet Wheeler's friend, Grace; 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!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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: There will be **NO Sunday School on Sunday, May 26.**

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 are attending the *UrbanPromise* Concert this afternoon at 3:00 p.m., and going for Gil&Bert’s Ice Cream after. We will return to the church by 5:30 p.m. There will be **NO Youth Group on Sunday, May 26.**

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

On Saturday, May 18 the Cranbury Municipal Alliance sponsored their first Health & Wellness Fair at the Cranbury School. As a community outreach, the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School and Church was there providing information on the benefits of play. We also shared information on the importance of spiritual development for young children.

On Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 our local police officers will be visiting CPNS. They will be talking with the children about what a police officer does in our community and about how to stay safe. We are so blessed to live and work in a community that has so many dedicated and caring individuals such as our local police department.

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

Coffee Hour: There will be **NO Coffee hour on Sunday, May 26.**

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.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: The Deacons are in need of help for this year's Strawberry Festival. We are looking for volunteers from the church community to help with set-up, running activities and take-down. At present, we do not have enough volunteers to conduct this year's festival!

Please consider volunteering to continue this decades long tradition in our community. The Strawberry Festival is our most popular community outreach event but we cannot run it without you!

The Strawberry Festival is on June 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers all day so any time donated will be of great help. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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.

OUTREACH

Have you noticed the beautiful Easter Season banners flying in front of our Sanctuary? Many thanks go to the Jost, Kirkenir and Conley families for putting them up for all the community to see the Easter Message – He is Risen!

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on Thursday, May 23 at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. Our performer will be Jerry Yochelson and his magic violin.

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: May 20, May 23, (May 27-NO CLASS), and May 30

The Strawberry Festival is Saturday June 1, 2019 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Senior Fellowship will have 2 tables reserved for seniors. We want you to join us! Purchase your ice cream and look for our reserved tables and eat with our members. The church band will play from 3:30-4:30 p.m. followed by a Blue grass band which will play from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Discount tickets may be purchased weekdays at the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or on Sunday during coffee hour for \$7.00. At the door tickets will be \$8.00. All proceeds go to the Deacons' Benevolence Fund which is used to aid people of the community and surrounding area who show up at our door in need of many forms of help. How often can you eat strawberry shortcake and help people in need by one act? Hot dogs and hamburgers will also be available for separate purchase outside. We look forward to seeing you at the Strawberry Festival. Bring a friend!

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: 5/19 (Team #3) – 5/26 (Team #4) – 6/2 (Team #1)

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 19 (Confirmation Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship w/Confirmation followed by coffee hour
11:45a Library Cmte (Lib)
3:00p UrbanPromise Concert (Sanctuary/FH)
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (McK Rm)
4p-5p Webelos Mtg (McK Rm)
4:30p-5:30p Youth Group @ Gil&Berts

May 20

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
7:30p Book Club (Rm 1)
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

May 21

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
3:30p Children's Choir
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)
7:30p Set-up: Women's Club Mtg (FH)

May 22

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)
3:30p Set-up: Women's Club Mtg (FH/Kit)
5:00p Women's Club Mtg (FH/Kit)
6:30p-9:00p Boy Scouts Council Mtg (McK Rm/JK)
7:30p Bell Choir

May 23

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn
10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

May 24

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

May 25

May 26

No Sunday School
10:30a Worship (no coffee hour)
No Youth Grp