

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

*“Auf meinen lieben Gott”
(In God, my faithful God, I trust)*

Dietrich Buxtehude
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

*“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?”
(Ps. 24:3-4a)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.
Let us worship God!

HYMN #465 (Hymnal)* *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 46 Dina Ellsworth
Pew Bible pg. 517-518

ANTHEM *"Rain Down"* **Jamie Cortez, arr. John Carter**
(See insert) The Chorale and Congregation

SCRIPTURE John 5:1-9 Pew Bible pg. 96

SERMON "Ready Willing and Able" Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #792 (Hymnal)* *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

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 *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"* **Benton Price**
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #840 (Hymnal)* *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Come with us, O blessed Jesus”

**Johann Schop,
Harm by J.S. Bach
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.

No coffee hour today.

Flowers today are in loving memory of Marlene French given by her husband, Gaylord French.

Head Usher is Heidi Knowlton.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Ethan Anuszewski; Betty Borgeson; Sue Britton; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Carol Fisher; Joan Fraser; David Geijer; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; Margaret Lawson; Beatrice Mabutho; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; and Hennie Sushereba.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Jo D. Andrews’ friend, Pamela; 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; the Khazem family's friend, Jess; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Lil Conley on May 27. **Happy Birthday!**



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...

We are making progress toward forming a transition team! At the May 21 meeting, Session approved the following Elders and Deacons to serve on the team: Loida Wilson, Ken Gordon, Jo D. Andrews, Carlene Reyes, Audrey Smith and Sharon Marshall.

We are now in search of members at large (those not presently serving on either board) to round out the team. If you would like to propose the name of a member, please send an email to firstpresmarie@comcast.net or call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Marie by June 3.

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: NO Sunday School today, May 26. Join us next week, June 2nd for Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 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): There will be **NO Youth Group tonight, May 26.**

Car Wash Fundraiser: Next Sunday, June 2, the Youth Group will hold a car wash after the Worship Service to raise funds for our Summer Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for your support!

Youth Band: 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 Monday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Read Acts 15:1-28:31 to prepare.

CPNS

On Saturday, May 18, the Cranbury Municipal Alliance sponsored the first Health & Wellness Fair. As a community outreach, the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School and Church provided information on the benefits of play. It was great to see so many of you there. A big THANK YOU to Ruthie Jost for all the help and for being the best strawberry ever!

Our NAEYC assessor was with us last week. She had many positive comments about our program and we look forward to receiving our accreditation decision report in a few months as we continue to improve upon our quality program. Having our NAEYC accreditation is another way of providing our existing families, our community, and our church with the highest quality Christian preschool program for all of our children.

The registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Just reminders with the warmer weather approaching don't forget to register your child for our CPNS Summer Program the weeks of June 10 and June 17. There are a few spots left. 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

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!



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

The **Brass Choir** will give a concert at the Parsonage Barn, 3 Cranbury Neck Rd., on Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a chair or use one from the barn and enjoy the music!

OUTREACH

Thanks to each of you who baked such delicious cookies for the reception after the *Urban Promise* International Concert on Sunday. What a wonderful and varied table we presented. We so much appreciated your contributions.

FYI: The leftover cookies were sent home with the Fellows – they prepare their own meals and this dessert was a real treat for them. Thank You!!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: (May 27-NO CLASS), May 30, June 3, June 6, June 10 and June 13.

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 **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!

Read with us this Summer – Our Book Group will be reading Lee Sing's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* as well as *The Island of Sea Women* this summer, both to be discussed at book group on Monday, September 23 (7:30 – 9:00p.m.). Join us!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/26 (Team #4) – 6/2 (Team #1) – 6/9 (Team #2)

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.

The Children’s Choir would like to thank their benevolent friends in the congregation for the gifts that may soon bring new children’s choir robes.



OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 26

No Sunday School

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

No Youth Grp

May 27 (Memorial Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

May 28

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:00p Strawberry Fest prep

3:30p Children's Choir

7:00p Deacons Mtg (FH)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

May 29

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

3:00a-7:00p Strawberry Festival prep (FH/Kit)

7:30p Bell Choir

May 30

(Ascension of the Lord)

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

3:00a-7:00p Strawberry Festival prep (FH/Kit)

May 31

8:30a-7:00p Strawberry Festival prep (FH/Kit)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

June 1

3:00p – 6:00p Annual Strawberry Festival (All Areas)

3:00p Sr. Fellowship (VAN)

June 2

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

11:45a Youth Group Car Wash

5:30p Boy Scouts Court of Honor (FH)