

***Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church***

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Ascension of the Lord Sunday**

**June 2, 2019 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*“Beautiful Savior”*

**Bill Ingram**  
Bell Choir

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

*“Grace be Unto You and Peace”*  
*(I Cor. 1:3)*

**Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

**shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
**sovereign over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout,

**the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!**

HYMN #267 (Hymnal)\*

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

CALL TO CONFESSION\*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**Faithful God, you are devoted to us. Forgive us when we are not devoted to you. We would rather be secure than be brave. We would rather be in control than be faithful. We know that you call out for us to follow, but we look for you in all the wrong places. Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us from our self-centeredness. Empower us to know the depth of your grace, and lead us to share that grace with the world. Amen.**

SILENT MEDITATION\*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS\*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)\*

*"Gloria Patri"*

THE PEACE\*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Patrick Lovaglio  
Pew Bible pg. 192

ANTHEM

*"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me"*

**arr. K. Lee Scott**  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible pg. 91

SERMON

*"Gone Up But Not Forgotten"*

Rev. Marie Branigan

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost

Confirmation Class

HYMN #260 (Hymnal)\*

*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

**THE RESPONSE**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*"Beach Spring"*

**arr. John Matheny**  
Bell Choir

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\*

*"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication\*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)\*

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

INVITATION

## PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You are robed in majesty and glory, girded in mercy and strength. You established the world—the heavens, the earth, the seas. From age to age you reign; from everlasting you are God. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Jesus came to fulfill the law, the prophets, and the psalms. After he rose from the dead, he ascended to heaven to reign. With joy we worship him and bless your name. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us your Spirit of wisdom and enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know the hope to which you have called us and proclaim the good news of Christ's coming realm. Through the Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory now and forever. Even as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us saying:*

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Communion this morning will be by Intinction. Please allow the choirs to receive communion before coming forward. Those seated near the outside aisles should move toward the back of the sanctuary then up the center aisle. Those seated convenient to the center aisle will follow the side aisle folks up the center aisle starting with those in the back. (Ushers will cue each section and serve those who choose to remain seated).*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN #269 (Hymnal)\*                      *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”*

RESPONSE\*                                      *Choral Amen*

The Chorale

### BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*                                      *Pomp and Circumstance*

Edward Elgar  
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.

**Communion Servers** are Daune Arsnow and Joan Fraser.

**Coffee hour** is hosted by Sharon Marshall and John Ryba.

**Head Ushers** are George Arsnow and Pat Bohrs.

**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; Gordon & Joan Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes' father, John; the Khazem family's friend, Jess; Carol Kientz's cousin, Steve; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; John Ryba & Sharon Marshall's niece, McKenna; Karen Moser's friend, Andrew; Joan Smith's brother, Jim; Janet Wheeler's friend, Grace; 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](mailto: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!

**Birthdays of Distinction:** Jack Fisher on June 7 and Warren Barnes on June 9. **Happy Birthday!**

## **UPDATE...TRANSITION TEAM**

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](mailto:firstpresmarie@comcast.net) or call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Marie by June 3.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**Canna Lily Bulbs:** There are 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:** Join us next Sunday, June 9 during our Sunday School hour for our Year End Celebration and for our Teacher Appreciation during Worship.

**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, June 2.**

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

**Youth Band:** All 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:firstpresdaune@comcast.net) if you are interested!

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

## **CPNS**

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Our last day of class at the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School for the 2018-2019 school year will be Tuesday, June 4. On Wednesday, June 5 our 4/5 pre-k classes will be having a "Wonderful Year Celebration" and then everyone will be gathering at the Village Park for our "Panda Picnic in the Park". We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for at CPNS and we are looking forward to these special times with the children and families of CPNS.

Our summer program will be held the weeks of June 10 and June 17. We have a few spots left if you are interested in registering your child. We also are continuing to register for the 2019-2020 school year. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our school. We want everyone to take advantage of giving their children a developmentally appropriate academic, Christian preschool experience.

## **JOHNSONBURG NEWS**

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**Johnsonburg is 60 Years Young!** Our church will be kicking off the celebration by hosting the Commissioning of the Summer Staff (45 strong) during Worship on **Sunday, June 16!** It will be a joyful time of worship, praise and song.

The celebration continues, with Friends Day at the Camp on Saturday, July 6 with games, picnic food, boating and lakeside fun. All are invited! Finally, Saturday, October 5 you are invited to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Celebration at Johnsonburg! It promises to be an evening of fun, food, drink, and sharing our love for the place we fondly call J'burg. This celebration will be the kick off of a capital campaign to raise \$1.6 million to provide for future generations. Please save the date!

## **MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**June is here and Skeet's Pantry needs some Help!** As always, you, our wonderful congregation, came through with food and support for our May Skeet's Pantry. But now we're gearing up for June, and there are 5 types of food we would be particularly grateful for:

**Peanut Butter** (but not jelly – we’re good with Jelly for now); **Spaghetti** (but not Pasta – we’re good with Pasta, too); **Pasta Sauce** (any flavor!); **Canned Fruit** (all varieties); **Cereal** – (Family Size if possible, and the healthy sorts of cereal rather than overly sweet)

Many Thanks from all of us at Skeet’s. Your caring helps so many families!

**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](mailto:loidawilson@comcast.net) or call her at (609)947-3348.

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## **OTHER NEWS**

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

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## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

**Sr. Exercise Schedule:** June 3, June 6, June 10 and June 13 (last class)

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## **SMALL GROUPS**

**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!

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## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

Counting Teams: 6/2 (Team #1) – 6/9 (Team #2) – 6/16 (Team #3)

### **Month Ended 4/30/19**

YTD Offerings	\$100,490
YTD Expenses	\$127,184
YTD Net Income/ <b>(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$26,694)</b>
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**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net).

**Lay Readers:** The Lay Reader schedule for July through December 2019 is posted in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up, especially for July, as soon as possible. We are looking for, and would welcome, any new Readers to join our team. 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.



**Summer Worship hours** begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 16.

**Summer Church Office** hours begin on Monday, June 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday.

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **June 2**

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

11:30a Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser

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

### **June 3**

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)  
1:30p Adult Bible Study (Lib)  
7:00p B&G Mtg (Lib)  
7:30p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **June 4**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
9:30a Staff Mtg  
7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (Lib)  
7:30p AA (McK Rm)  
7:30p MS&G Mtg (church office)

### **June 5**

8:00a-3:00p CPNS Teachers Mtg (FH/Kit)  
9:00a-10:30a CPNS Set-up (Sanctuary)  
10:30a-11:30a CPNS Wonderful Year Celebration (Sanctuary/FH/Courtyard)  
11:30a-1:30a CPNS Panda Picnic in the Park @ Village Park

### **June 6**

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)  
2:30p-5:30p TASK – VAN  
6:45p Worship Cmte Mtg (Lib)

### **June 7**

8:00a-3:00p CPNS Teachers Mtg (FH/Kit)  
9:00a Bulletin Assembly

### **June 8**

### **June 9 (Pentecost)**

9:15a Sunday School End of Year Celebration (FH)  
10:30a Worship with Baptisms followed by coffee hour  
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)  
6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)