

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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John James (d. 1745)

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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

Breathe new life into your people, O God.

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

We are all brothers and sisters through God’s love.

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

HYMN #611 (Hymnal)*

“Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Hymnal, pg. 35)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

The Lord be with You

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:23-29

Pat Demers
Pew Bible pg. 189

ANTHEM

*“O Lord Most Holy”
(Panis Angelicus)*

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-20

Pew Bible pgs. 127-128

SERMON

“Chosen Instruments”

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #482 (Hymnal)*

“Baptized in Water”

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Session has received the following people into church membership: **John Cosse, Samuel Ranjendran, Pearl Samuel and Lori Hluchy**. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (to the candidates)

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

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

L: Do you trust in Him?

C: **I do.**

L: Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His Word and show His love?

C: **I do.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed (Ecumenical)*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

QUESTION (to the candidates)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: **I will.**

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have publicly affirmed their faith and have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us 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 him.**

L: Let us pray

P: **O God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. 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

Voluntary XX

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #722 (Hymnal)* *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Short Piece, No. 18

Maurice Greene

Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

In the sure hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ, the congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Gretchen E. Hull** who passed away on May 30, 2019.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, July 1 at 1:00 p.m. at Meadow Lakes Retirement Community in Hightstown, NJ. Donations may be made in Ms. Hull's memory to Food for the Hungry (www.fh.org).

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 the Outreach Committee.

Head Usher is 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; Joan Fraser; David Geijer; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; Margaret Lawson; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; 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; Jean Dunham's brother-in-law, Chuck & daughter-in-law, Tiffany; Gordon & Joan Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes' father, John; family & friends of Gretchen Hull due to her death; 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; Janice Parker's nephew, Matt; family & friends of Marie Perrine due to her death; Joanne Petto's friend, Estelle; Sr. Exercise member, Bonnie; Sr. Fellowship member, Elizabeth; Joan Smith's brother, Jim; Vicki Waciega's friend, Amy; 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. 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: Barbara Balcomb and Nancy Stewart on June 26.
Happy Birthday!

CHOIR NEWS

Pickup Choir: Summer marks the beginning of our "pickup choir". If you enjoy singing and can carry a tune, now is the time to gather informally about 45 minutes prior to Sunday worship to learn an easy anthem which will then be sung during the service that follows.

Singing in the choir is a good way to memorize bible verses as many of the anthems are directly from scripture! Perhaps you'd even like to sing in choir as part of your time and talent offering. Summer is a good time to give it a go!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow! Please keep our children, youth, teachers and many volunteers in your prayers throughout the week. You can participate in VBS from afar by exploring God's word from Ephesians 3:20, our theme verse: *"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."*

Join us for an afternoon of baseball! The youth are selling tickets to the Sunday, July 7 Trenton Thunder Baseball game to benefit their summer youth mission trip. The Thunder face the Hartford Yard Goats at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 a ticket. Seats in the church van are available. Contact Pastor Hannah (firstpreshannah@comcast.net) to reserve your tickets!

CPNS

We had a wonderful CPNS Summer Program and want to thank our teachers, Mrs. Halligan, Mrs. Reilley, and Ms. Collins for sharing these weeks with the children. They explored the themes of ocean and ponds and all things related to these bodies of water including things that call these waters home. The children even had the opportunity to walk to a local pond in Cranbury near the firehouse. It is so wonderful to let the children have these first hand experiences.

CPNS will be closed for the summer, however, there is much happening as we prepare for a new school year. We have a few spots left in our 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.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

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!

Special Need: An Air Conditioner: Can you help an elderly Skeet's Pantry patron wishing for an air-conditioner (window-type)? Summer is here and so is the heat. Our needy patron lives in senior housing in East Windsor and would love to have relief from that heat at home. (Yes, he has adequate electric power.) If you or someone you know could donate an air conditioner to Skeet's Pantry for this patron, it would bring great joy and be truly appreciated.

If you can help, please call Carol Kientz at (609)426-0690 or email her at cjkientz@verizon.net. Thanks so much!

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, June 27 at 8:30 a.m.** at The Cranbury Inn. Our speaker will be Frank Marlowe talking about Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

SMALL GROUPS

Read with us this Summer – Our Book Group will be reading Lisa See'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: 6/23 (Team #4) – 6/30 (Team #1) – 7/7 (Team #2)

Month Ended 5/31/19

YTD Offerings	\$144,149
YTD Expenses	\$161,978
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$17,829)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,628 (14% of \$25,960)

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 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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 23

10:00a Worship with Baptism & New Member Recognition followed by refreshments
11:30a VBS Meeting
All afternoon/evening VBS (All Areas)

June 24

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
7:30p Transition Team Mtg. (Lib)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

June 25

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)
9:30a Staff Mtg
7:00p Deacons Mtg (FH)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)

June 26

9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)

June 27

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn
9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)
11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

June 28

Church Office Closed
9:00a-12:00p VBS (All Areas)
4:00p Prep for Parent Night (FH)
5:30p-9:30p Youth Group Fundraiser: Babysitting Night (FH)

June 29

June 30

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments