

Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church
*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” outside
in the Courtyard immediately following the service.*

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2019 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Verdant Meadows”

Geo. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

Leader: Give thanks to God. Call on God’s name. Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to the Lord. Sing praises. Tell of all God’s wonderful works!**

Unison: **Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

HYMN #435 (Hymnal)* *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #582 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pgs. 506-507

ANTHEM

"Listen to the Music"

Ed Robertson
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible pgs. 66-67

SERMON

"Forgiveness Not Soon Forgotten"

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #169 (Hymnal)* *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

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

Nimrod (Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #31 (Hymnal)*

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"As Torrents in Summer"

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.

Coffee hour is hosted by Margie Conley and Mary Lou Kerr.

Head Usher is Daune Arsnow.

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; Arlene & Dennis Duran’s daughters, Catherine & Jennifer; 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; Janice Parker’s nephew, Matt; Joanne Petto’s friend, Estelle; Bev Reddan’s mother, Marie; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Ginette Smith on July 5. **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

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

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!

OUTREACH

Prayer Chain: We remember Marie Perrine, who recently passed away. She took over the Prayer Chain in 2009. She was dedicated to ensuring that all requests were met and that the messages quickly went through to those who were members of the chain. She recognized that some just wanted prayers without revealing the reason, some shared what the request was, some wanted the congregation to know and pray and some just wanted those on the prayer chain to know of the request. Marie carefully shared this information when Outreach became the Committee responsible for this ministry.

Marie continued to diligently send out the lists of those on the chain and who they were to call next on the list, updating whenever a new person volunteered or someone had to withdraw. It was quite a job and Marie did it cheerfully and well. We are so grateful to her for her dedication.

At this time, those on the Prayer Chain can receive requests via email or telephone. We have two lists with only those on the telephone having to call the next person on the list. Most requests come to the church office at (609)395-0897). The request immediately goes out to the list of those praying. You can also email Daune Arsnow at deersnow@verizon.net with a request. If you need prayers for any reason, know anyone – friend – neighbor - co-worker – who needs prayer, contact us - imagine so many prayers going out to God.

We need VOLUNTEERS! We are a “praying” church. If you volunteer, you only have to check your emails or telephone messages daily and agree to say a prayer for any requests that come in. It will just take a minute or two of your time and prayers are answered – we are thrilled when we get good news back from those for whom we prayed!!! Call the office or email doriswieg@aol.com to join us – if you have questions, call Doris at (609)395-7099.

Marie served for 10 years – Let’s honor her by keeping her legacy going!

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: 6/30 (Team #1) – 7/7 (Team #2) – 7/14 (Team #3)

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 30

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments

July 1

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
1:30p Adult Bible Study (Lib)
7:30p Transition Team (Lib)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

July 2

9:30a Staff Meeting
6:30p Special Called Presbytery Mtg (Tennent)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)

July 3

8:30a Bulletin Assembly

July 4 (Independence Day)

Church Office Closed

July 5

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July 6

July 7

10:00a Worship w/Communion followed by refreshments