

**Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church**

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

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 7, 2019    10:00 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

**PRELUDE**

*Toccata & Fugue*

**Josef F. N. Seger**

**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:** Freedom is coming!

**People:** We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.

**Leader:** Hope is coming!

**People:** We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.

**Leader:** God is here!

**People:** We count on God’s presence with us, to guide, heal and uplift our spirits.

**All:** Let Us Worship God!

**HYMN #338 (Hymnal)\*              “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

**CALL TO CONFSSION\***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSSION (In Unison)\***

**Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our**

**imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' name. 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 30

Mary Speer

Pew Bible pg. 505

ANTHEM

*"I Love You, Lord"*

arr. By Stan Pethel

Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Pew Bible pgs. 185-186

SERMON

*"God Confidence"*

Rev. Marie Branigan

HYMN #687 (Hymnal)\*

*"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

**THE RESPONSE**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

*Praeambulum on Tone III*

Franz X. A. Murschauser

Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\*

*"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication\*

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

HYMN #517 (Hymnal/Seated)

*"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"*

(verses 1-3)

## 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.**

*Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. 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.**

*Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us. With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

## 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 choir 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 congregants 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

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one, living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #8 (Hymnal)\*

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

## BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Fugue on Tone V*

Johann Pachelbel  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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 Helen Dickerson, Stan Dickerson, Joan Fraser and KY Huang.

**Coffee hour** is hosted by Heidi Knowlton.

**Head Usher** is Caren Anuszewski.

**Greeters** are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Church members with special prayer concerns:** Ethan Anuszewski; Betty Borgeson; 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; Hennie Sushereba; and Walter & Barb Wright.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Jo D. Andrews’ friend, Pamela; Harry & Pat Bohrs’ friend, Randy; Pat & Bob Demer’s nephew, Paul; 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; Peg & Monty Hagerty’s friends, Don & Judy Cooke on the passing of their son, Tim; 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 & Barb Wright's daughter, Marie 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:** Carolyn Lee on July 8, Dorothy Klotzbeacher on July 11 and Judson Hagerty's 106<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 14. **Happy Birthday!**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Join us TODAY 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. There are tickets available for today, please see Pastor Hannah to get your tickets!

## **CPNS**

We received notification that the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School has achieved a new five-year term of accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for earning the mark of quality. The accreditation decision is based on the adjusted score and CPNS had scores of

100+ in all ten standards. These standards include; relationships, curriculum, teaching, assessment of child progress, health, teachers, families, community relationships, physical environment, and leadership and management. We are blessed to continue to provide children and families of our church and community with the developmentally appropriate academics they deserve, in a Christian environment .

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**

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**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](mailto:cjkientz@verizon.net). Thanks so much!

## **OUTREACH**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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**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!

## **STEWARSHIP & FINANCE**

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Counting Teams: 7/7 (Team #2) – 7/14 (Team #3) – 7/21 (Team #4)

### **Month Ended 6/30/19**

YTD Offerings	\$182,104
YTD Expenses	\$200,949
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$18,845)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,668 (14% of \$25,960)

## **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.

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **July 7**

10:00a Worship w/Communion followed by refreshments  
1:00p Trenton Thunder Baseball game

### **July 8**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **July 9**

9:30a Staff Meeting  
7:30p AA (McK Rm)

### **July 10**

**July 11**  
8:30a Bulletin Assembly

**July 12**

Church Office Closed

**July 13**

**July 14**

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments