

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Two Devotional Pieces

Donovan Klotzbecher
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

Pastor Joanne

Sing aloud to God our strength.

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

God would feed us with the finest of the wheat,
and satisfy us with honey from the rock.

HYMN #14 (Hymnal)*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Though we have heard that the humble will be lifted up, we live as if we did not know your Word. We seek power and privilege over humility and compassion. We climb ladders of success rather than take steps of justice. We still wrestle for seats of honor, and we still try to limit the guest list at your table. Forgive us in Christ, our model of true humanity, and convict us to reflect the depth of your love. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #582 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 541-542

ANTHEM

Devotion

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)
Summer Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible pg. 77

SERMON

"My Place at the Table"

Pastor Hannah

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #523 (Hymnal)*

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Joanne

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

Devotional Piece, No. 22

Dom Paul Benoit
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #462 (Hymnal)*

"I Love to Tell the Story"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Joyous Postlude

Sister M. Florentine, PHJC
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 Happy 1st Birthday Jack Finn! Come for cake!

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; 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: Maria Blomgren’s brother, Robert; 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; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s daughter, Fiona; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes’ father, John & niece, Lauren; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; John Ryba & Sharon Marshall’s niece, McKenna; Janice Parker’s nephew, Matt; Joanne Petto’s friends, Peggy and Walt; Bev Reddan’s mother, Marie; Jane Siebert’s friend, Madlyn; Joan Smith’s brother, Jim; Vicki Waciega’s friends, Amy & Janet; Larry & Margo Wegner’s niece, Hannah; Janet Wheeler’s friend, Grace; Doris Wiegartner’s nephew, Gary; Loida Wilson’s mother, Loli, and friend, Mike; 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. 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!

**As you read the announcements this morning, see if you can find a hidden message!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

The new year is upon us! Mark your calendars & join us for:

- **Adult Bible Study** on Monday, September 9 @ 1:30 p.m. in the library. We'll be studying the book of Isaiah this year. There is nothing to prepare for the first session.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks**, Sunday September 8 during Worship. Teachers & Students, bring your backpacks because "God's got your back!"
- **God & Me Playgroup** for children ages 3 – 18 months starts Friday, September 13 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 8.
- **Sunday School** begins again Sunday, September 15 from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. with programs for children ages 0 – 12th grade and their parents. *If you find*
- **Youth Group** for middle school and high school students kicks off with a BBQ & kickball on Sunday, September 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Save the Date! Join us on **September 8, 2019** for our **Annual Homecoming Picnic** after our Worship Service in the courtyard.

The Congregational Life Committee will provide burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips and drinks.

Last names beginning with:

A-R - bring salad/sides

S-Z - bring a dessert

The Brass Band will perform. Everyone is invited – help us celebrate!!! If you would like to help out with set-up, please arrive at 8:30 a.m. and if you would like to help with clean-up please stay afterward. Thank you and look forward to seeing you. *this message*, Please invite a friend too!

Please contact Matt Curran at curranmej@yahoo.com with any questions.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

SEPTEMBER at SKEET'S: Shelves are Looking Empty! Lots of groceries and fresh produce were distributed in August, thanks as always, to the generosity of our church and community members. But now our shelves are pretty empty and we need your help to stock up for our September Pantry. These are the foods we especially would appreciate:

**Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Pasta, Pasta Sauce,
Tuna Fish, Canned Soup, Canned Beans**

As always, please be sure the “use by” date hasn’t expired yet. And if you would prefer to make a monetary contribution so that we can buy more of what we need, that is always gratefully received. Just make your check payable to our church and put “Skeet’s Pantry” on the memo line.

By the way, through a super kind donation from one of our church member families, we were able to give a new air conditioner to one of our elderly Skeet’s patrons who suffers from respiratory disease. *don't forget* This summer was the first one in a long time during which he didn’t need to be hospitalized due to the heat. He was able to stay home and enjoy the blessings of cool air! It’s wonderful that we are blessed with such caring members, and this happy Skeet’s patron sends his love & gratitude to all in our church.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 **September 12 and September 26** at 11:00 a.m. Knit or crochet along with us. We'd love to welcome you into our group. While we knit together, we enjoy our fellowship time together – so will you!

to join us **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 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). Join us!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/1 (Team #2) – 9/8 (Team #3) – 9/15 (Team #4)

Month Ended 7/31/19

YTD Offerings	\$199,480
YTD Expenses	\$231,373
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$31,893)
YTD Per Capita next week for	\$3,668 (14% of \$25,960)

TRANSITION TEAM

The Transition Team has been working hard this summer to prepare for the Mission Study which will launch in the fall. *Homecoming Sunday* and Our first event is coming up soon so:

Save the Date! Join us on **September 22** after Worship for “*This far by Faith*” a celebration of our history as we prepare for our future. Lunch will be served.

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 our upcoming 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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 1

10:00a Worship followed by refreshments *Sunday Fundays!*

September 2 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 3

(All Day/Evening) CPNS Open House & Back to School Night (FH)

9:30a Staff Meeting

7:00p CE and Youth Meeting (Lib.)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p MS&G Meeting (Church Office)

September 4

(All Day/Evening) CPNS Open House & Back to School Night (FH)

7:00p Bell Choir

7:30p Transition Team Mtg (Lib)

September 5

8:30a Bulletin Assembly

10:00a Sr. Exercise (FH)

2:30p-5:30p TASK – VAN

6:45p Worship Committee Meeting (Lib.)

7:30p The Chorale

September 6

Church Office Closed

September 7 (Cranbury Day)

September 8 (Homecoming Sunday)

10:30a Worship w/Communion & Blessing of the Backpacks followed by the Annual Homecoming Picnic