

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzona

Andrea Gabrieli
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.)

INTROIT

"Seek the Lord while He may be found" **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Hannah

We come to this place to search for God,
but God is already searching for us.
We come to this place to speak to God,
but God is already speaking to us.
Let us worship and listen for God,
who calls us together and leads us home.

HYMN # 620 (Hymnal)* *"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"*

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O Lord, you love and care for us, the sheep of your fold. You provide for us and nurture us with the food of your presence and the waters of your grace. Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we did not need your love. Still, O Lord,

we wander astray, as if we could live this life on our own. Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a gentle word and a reminder of your promises. Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a shepherd's crook and a glimpse of your providence. For we fear we cannot find our way home without the sound of your voice to guide us. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Pew Bible pg. 208

ANTHEM

"When I can read my title clear"

arr. by John Purifoy
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15: 1-10

Pew Bible pg. 78

SERMON

"Lost and Found"

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN # 634 (Hymnal)*

"To God Be the Glory"

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

Capriccio

Geo. F. Handel
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN # 649 (Hymnal)*

“Amazing Grace”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Basse de Trompette

Jean Adam Guilain
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.

Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Ernest and Jeanne McKenrick by Arthur & Gloria-Jean (McKenrick) Ryba.

Coffee hour is hosted by Pat Bohrs and Helen Dickerson.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Beatrice Mabutho; Nancy Norland; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Hennie Sushereba; and Walter & Barb Wright.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Carol Edelson's friend, John; Joan & Gordon Fraser's daughter, Fiona; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Anne Gordon's father, Byron; 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 & co-worker, Rosaria and her husband, Ron; Bev Reddan's mother, Marie; Senior Fellowship's friend Liz and her family; Jane Siebert's friend, Madlyn; Joan Smith's brother, Jim; CPNS teacher Sue Sumutka's friends, David and Myra; Larry & Margo Wegner's niece, Hannah; Doris Wiegartner's nephew, Gary; Loida Wilson's mother, Loli; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Betty Borgeson on September 18. **Happy Birthday!**

CHOIR NEWS

Chorale: As our various Fall programs commence, just a reminder that The Chorale is seeking additional members to fill out the various sections. Please speak to Don Klotzbeacher following any worship service if interested.

Want to observe a choir rehearsal first? Plan to attend any Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Thank you,
Don Klotzbeacher, director

Save the Date! Please join us for an **Organ Concert** presented by our own Gaylord French on Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!



Please Come Join Us!! Bell Ringers are needed for our Bell Choir. We rehearse every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and we play in the church service on the first Sunday of each month. No previous bell ringer experience is necessary. All you need to know is how to count to four and a willingness to learn as we praise God through music! For an absolutely incredible music experience, contact George Andrews at (212) 222-8264 or george@andrewsmusic.com for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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

- **Adult Bible Study** on the first Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the library. We'll be studying the book of Isaiah this year.
- **God & Me Playgroup** for children ages 3 – 18 months every Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 8.
- **Sunday School** on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. with programs for children ages 0 – 12th grade and their parents.
- **Our Youth Group Kick-Off BBQ** for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers **TONIGHT** from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

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. 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.

OUTREACH



Blessing of the Animals

*Join us at
The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury,
22 South Main Street on
October 5 at 10:00 a.m.
in the church parking lot.*

*In case of rain, the service will be held
in the Fellowship Hall.*



SENIOR BREAKFAST

Join us for Senior Breakfast on Thursday, September 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. Our guest speaker will be author Linda J. Barth. She will present portions from her book, “New Jersey Originals”, that include NJ trailblazing characters, odd inventions, technological marvels and more.

Senior Breakfast is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast 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 let the Cranbury Inn know the number of guests that will attend. The cost of breakfast is \$6 payable at the Inn.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: September 16, September 19, September 23, September 26 and September 30

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 **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!

Read with us – Our Book Group is reading Lisa See’s *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* as well as *The Island of Sea Women*, both to be discussed at book group on **Monday, September 23** (7:30 to 9:00 p.m.). Join us!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 9/15 (Team #4) – 9/22 (Team #1) – 9/29 (Team #2)

Month Ended 8/31/19

YTD Offerings	\$217,122
YTD Expenses	\$272,785
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$56,663)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,768 (15% of \$25,960)

TRANSITION TEAM

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

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 15

9:15a First Day of Sunday School (all areas)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:45a Library Committee (Lib.)
5:00p-7:00p Youth Group Kick-off BBQ

September 16

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p Transition Team Mtg (Lib)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

September 17

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Meeting
3:45p Children's Choir
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Session Meeting (Lib.)

September 18

7:00p Bell Choir
7:30p ?Transition Team Mtg (Lib)?

September 19

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)
10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p The Chorale

September 20

8:00a-10:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)

8:30a Bulletin Assembly

9:30a-10:30a God & Me Playgroup (Rm 8)

September 21

September 22

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship followed by This Far by Faith Event & Luncheon

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)

5:30p Set-up for Scout Court of Honor (FH)

7:00p-9:00p Scout Court of Honor (FH)

6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)