

***Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church***

*Please join us for This Far by Faith Luncheon & Collective Memory Journey  
in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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

**September 22, 2019 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Voluntary V*

**Maurice Greene**  
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

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

**French**  
**arr. D. Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marie Branigan

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

**From sunrise to sunset, may the name of the Lord be praised.**

God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God’s people.**

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants!

**Praise the name of the Lord.**

HYMN #39 (Hymnal)\*

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

CALL TO CONFESSION\*

Rev. Branigan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**O Christ, your love is without limit; you gave your very life for us. Forgive us,**

**Lord, when we your people are hesitant to share even the smallest of our gifts.**

**O Christ, you model a life of service, always attentive to the ones in need.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we your people refuse to hear the cries of our neighbors. O Christ, you call us into community, joining the church in one faith, one baptism. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to live up to your calling. Forgive us, renew us, and remake us into your faithful people. 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

Psalm 113

Dina Ellsworth  
Pew Bible pg. 563

ANTHEM

*“With what shall I come before the Lord?”  
(Micah 6:6-8)*

**John Ness Beck**  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 79

SERMON

“Taking Care of Business”

Rev. Branigan

### THE RESPONSE

HYMN #828 (Hymnal)\*

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

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

*Quatriesme Kyrie*

Rev. Lovaglio

Andre Raison

Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\*

*“Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication\*

HYMN #722 (Hymnal)\* *“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”*

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BLESSING THE MEAL TO FOLLOW

Rev. Lovaglio

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*“What God ordains is always good”*

Johann Pachelbel

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 This Far by Faith Luncheon and Collective Memory Journey.

**Head Usher** is Heidi Knowlton.

**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; KY Huang; 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; Jean Dunham’s brother-in-law, Chuck; 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; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Rev. Hannah Lovaglio’s friends, Luke & Kellen; John Ryba & Sharon Marshall’s niece, McKenna; Janice Parker’s nephew, Matt; Rev. Joanne Petto’s friends, Peggy and Walt & co-worker, Rosaria and her husband, Ron; Bev Reddan’s mother, Marie; Senior Fellowship’s member Liz and her family; Jane Siebert’s friend, Madlyn; Joan Smith’s brother, Jim; CPNS teacher Sue Sumutka’s friends, David & 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](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!

**Birthday of Distinction:** Ann Zimmerman on September 24. **Happy Birthday!**

## **CHOIR NEWS**

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**The 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 Klotzbecher 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.



**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](mailto:george@andrewsmusic.com) for more information.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Room 8.
- **Sunday School** on Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. with programs for children ages 0 – 12th grade and their parents.
- **Youth Group (Sundays)** for Middle Schoolers 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and High Schoolers 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**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.

## **OTHER NEWS**

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**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!



# 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.*



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## **SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB**

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 Club 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. Please contact Fritz Hager at (609)655-2787 for more information.

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** September 23, September 26 and (September 30 – meets at 10:30 a.m.)

## **SMALL GROUPS**

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**Prayer Shawl Group:** Join us in Room 1 on **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 tomorrow, **September 23** (7:30 to 9:00 p.m.). Join us!

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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Counting Teams: 9/22 (Team #1) – 9/29 (Team #2) – 10/6 (Team #3)

### **Month Ended 8/31/19**

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

## **TRANSITION TEAM**

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**Hooray!** Today is the day of our church's *This Far By Faith Luncheon and Collective Memory Journey* together. We will meet in Fellowship Hall, directly after Worship.

And...very soon there will also be a Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), up and ready to use online, as well as a paper copy survey form for those who prefer not fill out the anonymous Church Assessment Tool online.

Your Transition Team will have more information about (CAT) at the Luncheon today. We look forward to seeing you there!



## **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).

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **September 22**

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship followed by This Far by Faith Luncheon & Collective Memory Journey

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

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

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

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

### **September 23**

9:00a CPNS Parent Social set-up (Lib/Kit)

10:00a Senior Exercise

11:00a CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)

7:30p Brass Choir

7:30p Book Club (Lib)

7:30p Transition Team Mtg (Rm 1/FH)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **September 24**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:00a CPNS Parent Social set-up (Lib/Kit)

11:00a CPNS Parent Social (Lib/Kit)

9:30a Staff Meeting

3:45p Children's Choir

4:40p Presbytery Mtg. (Shrewsbury)

7:00p Deacons Meeting (FH)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

**September 25**

7:00p Bell Choir

**September 26**

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn

10:00a Senior Exercise

11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

7:30p The Chorale

**September 27**

8:30a Bulletin Assembly

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

**September 28**

10:00a-4p Cranbury House Tour: Sanctuary will be open

**September 29**

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

4:00p Gaylord F. Organ Recital (FH)

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

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