

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Sinfonia

William Boyce
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

“Bless the Lord, O my soul”
(Ps. 103:1)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Praise the Lord! Together, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of the Lord, full of honor and majesty, whose righteousness endures forever.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; the work of God’s hands is faithful and just.

God’s covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

Our redemption is in the name of our Lord.

Holy and awesome is God’s name in all the earth!

HYMN #652 (Hymnal)*

“A Grateful Heart”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

You have called us to serve your Word with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Too often our energy fades, and we waste our intelligence. We do not have the time for imagination or the patience for love. Your hope is abundant and your truth steadfast, yet we cannot trust the depth of your grace. Forgive us, God of mercy, and move us to know the goodness of your reign. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Thank you, Dr. Parker! Pastor Hannah
God calls us to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, no matter where we live out our calling. We give thanks to Dr. Parker for her service as the CPNS Director and celebrate her new calling as a teacher at TCNJ.

LITURGY

For energy enough to take morning walks and attend late night meetings and give a full day of work in between, we say:

Thank you, Dr. Parker!

For intelligence enough to always keep learning, we say:

Thank you, Dr. Parker!

For imagination enough to dream up a safe, loving, and fun place for our youngest friends to learn, play, and grow, we say:

Thank you, Dr. Parker!

For love enough to welcome the children, "for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these," we say:

Thank you, Dr. Parker!

And for the ministry of Dr. Parker in our midst as CPNS Director, and for the continued ministry of Dr. Parker in our midst as our sister in Christ, we say:

Thank you, God!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 111

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 562-563

ANTHEM

"Wade in the Water, Children"

Spiritual
arr. D. Klotzbecher
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

Pew Bible pg. 80

SERMON

"I Will Give Thanks"

Rev. Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #179 (Hymnal)* *“Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn”*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Transition Team Matt Ferguson

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Marie Branigan

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 *Allegretto* William Boyce
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #772 (Hymnal)* *“Live into Hope”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Gavotte* William Boyce
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**Henrietta W. Sushereba
June 14, 1926 – October 6, 2019**

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11: 25-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends, as we prepare to worship the Lord together, please be mindful of our neighbors and choir offerings by settling down prior to the start of our Prelude. Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

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.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by the Deacons in honor of Janice Parker.

Coffee hour is hosted by the Christian Ed Committee in honor of Janice Parker.

Head Usher is Craig Vandenberg.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Arlene Duran; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Harry Kleinkauf; Beatrice Mabutho; Nancy Norland; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Heidi & Cabot Knowlton, and their family & friends due to the passing of Hennie Sushereba; and Walter & Barb Wright.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes’ father, John; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. Maltby; Dorothy Klotzbeacher, her daughter, Nancy & grandson, Scott due to her son-in-law, Bob’s passing; Rev. Hannah Lovaglio’s friend, Kellen due to the passing of her husband, Luke; Jane Siebert’s friend, Madlyn; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Doris Wiegartner on October 13; Bev Gilbert and Joan Sasso on October 15; and George Giovanos on October 18. **Happy Birthday!**

CHOIR NEWS

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

Hygiene Kits for Natural Disaster Relief Efforts: We are gratefully accepting donations of hygiene kits and loose hygiene items. The Middle School Youth Group will prepare the hygiene kits for shipping to Church World Service next Sunday. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Youth Group - Join us TODAY for a Family Hike! Middle School and High School Youth and their families meet at 1:15 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will carpool to Princeton Institute Woods for a fall hike! This is flat terrain and can accommodate hikers of all abilities! Please bring a water bottle and snack and wear comfortable shoes. We will return to the church around 4:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Senior Fellowship and the Golden Age Neighbors are invited to a Potluck Luncheon hosted by the Congregational Life Committee on **Saturday, October 19, at 12:00 noon** in Fellowship Hall. Meat entrees and some side dishes will be provided as will beverages and dessert. If you are able you can bring a side dish. You do not have to be a member of either group to attend. Just come and enjoy the fellowship. Golden Age members usually bring a canned item for Skeet's pantry.

DEACONS

Coffee Hour Host(s) Needed: Anyone who signs up for Coffee Hour will have a Deacon helper if they want a Deacon helper. There are two sign-up lists; the first is to sign-up to be a Coffee Hour Host. The second is to volunteer to bring a plate of cookies or crackers or the like to help the host. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Jost at ruthjost@comcast.net.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

For October, Skeet's Pantry is Hoping for Some "Treats": Your generosity in September made over 70 families very happy, and now it's time to stock up our shelves for our October date for those in need – but the "treats" we're hoping you'll donate are the nutritious kind. In particular, we now need:

Grape Jelly; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Cereal; 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. Thank you for your thoughtfulness – and have a very Happy Halloween!

OUTREACH

Do you have a church name badge? Many of you already have a name badge. If you already have one, please remember to wear it. You might consider leaving it in a place in your home where you will see it when you are getting ready for church. If you don't have a name badge and would like one, please email Audrey Smith at aud123abc@aol.com.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Join us for Senior Breakfast on **Thursday, October 24 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Cranbury Inn. Our guest speaker will be Courtney Brown. His program will be "The Amazon Rainforest".

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

Senior Exercise Schedule: October 14; October 17; October 21; October 24; October 28 and October 31 – No Class

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **October 24** 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!

Religions of the World – Join us **TODAY, October 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Chaim for an Interfaith Gathering - 'An Evening in the Sukkah'**. To commemorate the ending of the growing season, celebrants build a Sukkah, a festive temporary dwelling reminiscent of the huts Biblical farmers lived in during harvest season in the fields. Beth Chaim invites us all for conversation, prayer and snacks in their Sukkah to celebrate the blessings of gratitude which unite our faith communities.

Please **RSVP** to Carlene Reyes at creyes1@comcast.net or (609)655-0804. For those looking to carpool, we will be leaving our church parking lot at 6:30 p.m.

Book Club: Our Book Group is reading *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, to be discussed at book group on **October 28** (7:30 to 9 p.m.). Join us in the church library!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 10/13 (Team #4) – 10/20 (Team #1) – 10/27 (Team #2)

Month Ended 9/30/19

YTD Offerings	\$244,737
YTD Expenses	\$316,045
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$71,308)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,988 (15% of \$25,960)

TRANSITION TEAM

CALLING ALL CATS!

Two weeks ago you should have received the link to your CAT. If you haven't already, please set aside 30 minutes to complete the assessment. Your **PERSONAL STORY** is critical to our leaders as they plan for our future. **PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY THIS WEEK** if you haven't already participated in this important process. The **DEADLINE** is next **Sunday, OCTOBER 20 AT MIDNIGHT**.

- Online users should have received an email from the church with [instructions](#) from the Transition Team, explaining how to use The Church Assessment Tool's (CAT) unique link to the CAT Survey. To complete the online survey all you have to do is [click on the link to start your survey](#).
- Paper copies are available for those of you without access to a computer, or who prefer to fill out a paper copy of the CAT Survey. There is a letter from the church with instructions explaining how to use The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) attached to your paper copy. The paper surveys are now available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, the library and the church office.
- If, after reading the instructions, you still have questions about the survey, a Transition Team member will be available during coffee hour.

- The CAT survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Once finished, completed paper surveys can be dropped off in the *Completed Paper Survey Boxes* located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, library and church office.
- Reminder, the online survey will not allow you to submit your responses unless all questions are answered. For open-ended questions, if you have no comments, respond by typing “NA”. Online users don’t forget to press SUBMIT once you have completed your survey!

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

October 13

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship with Janice Parker’s Recognition followed by coffee hour

1:15p-4p Youth Group Hike (VAN)

6:30p Religions of the World for 7p-8:30p Sukkah Service at Congregation Beth Chaim (VAN)

October 14

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:00p B&G Meeting (Lib.)

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib.)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

October 15

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Meeting

3:45p Children’s Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p Session Meeting (Lib.)

October 16

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

October 17

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)
10:00a Senior Exercise
6:45p Nominating Cmte (Church Office)
7:30p The Chorale

October 18

8:00a-10:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)
8:30a Bulletin Assembly
9:30a-10:30a God & Me Playgroup (Rm 8)

October 19

10:00a Prep for Golden Agers/Sr. Fellowship Luncheon (FH/Kit/VAN)
12:00p Golden Agers/Sr. Fellowship Luncheon (FH/Kit)

October 20

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:45a Library Committee (Lib.)
3:30p-5p Boy Scouts (FH)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)