

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

19th Sunday of Pentecost

October 20, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzona IV

Girolamo Frescobaldi
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

“The Lord is My Strength and My Song” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 118:14) **The Chorale**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

and let us observe it to the end.

Give us understanding, that we may keep your law,

and observe it with our whole hearts.

Turn our hearts to your decrees,

and not to selfish gain.

Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;

give us life in your ways.

Confirm to your servants your promise,

and let us worship you.

HYMN #267 (Hymnal)*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution; when we trade justice for convenience; when we doubt whether you are real enough, whether we are good enough, whether your love is strong enough to overcome the destructive powers of our world. Forgive us, O God, and move us to know your transformative grace. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

Kylie Vandenberg

Pew Bible pg. 571

ANTHEM

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”

Donovan Klotzbeacher

(Proverbs 3:5-7)

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1–8

Pew Bible pg. 81

SERMON

“When Persistence Prays”

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #465 (Hymnal)*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Max Reger
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #450 (Hymnal)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“O that I had a thousand voices”

Max Reger
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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.

Coffee hour is hosted by the P&A Committee.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Arlene Duran; Craig Gilbert; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Harry Kleinkauf; Beatrice Mabutho; Nancy Norland; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Elliott Wilson and Walter & Barb Wright.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Joan & Gordon Fraser's daughter, Fiona; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes' father, John; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. Maltby; 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!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

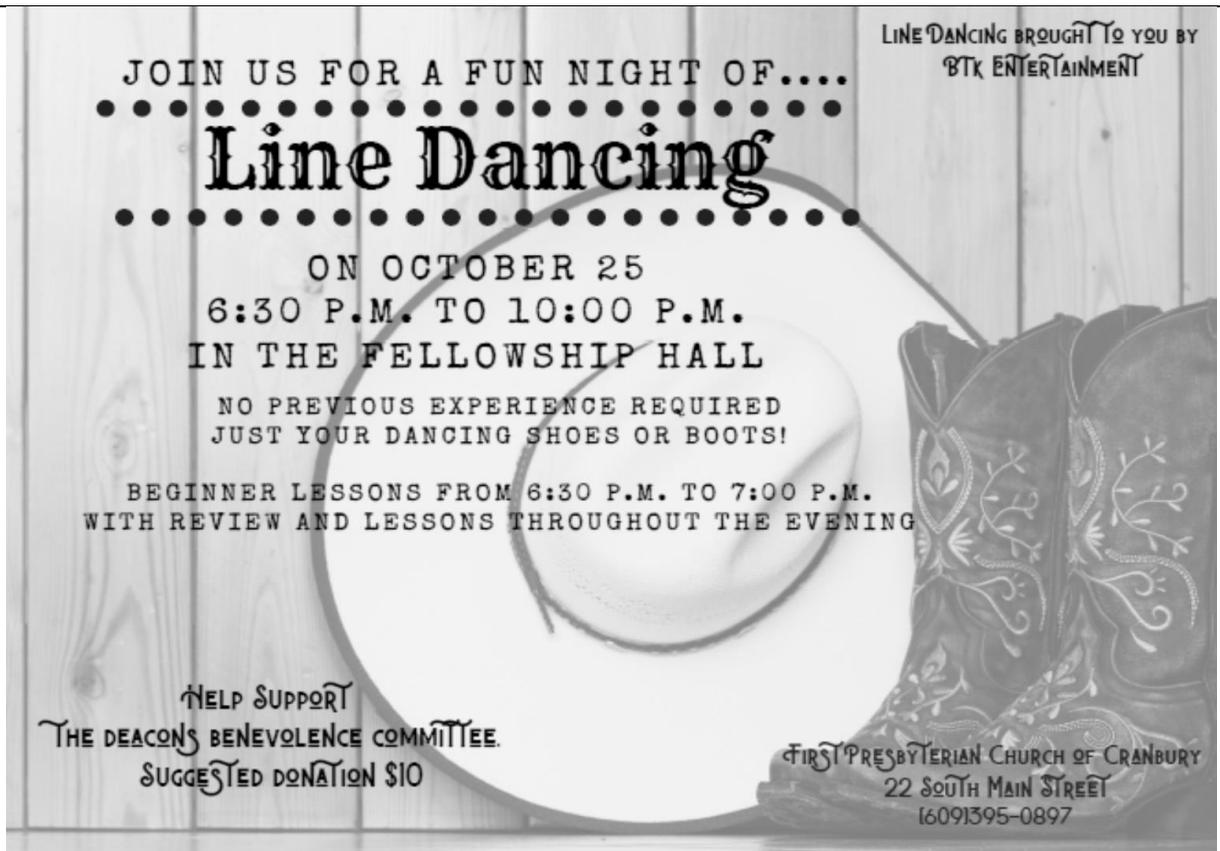
We want to invite everyone to our **Fall Workday on Sunday, November 3** beginning at 12:00 p.m. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will provide lunch for those helping during the workday as we tackle some projects around the church. Anyone staying to help can dress down for Worship.

There is a variety of jobs that we would like to complete this Fall. These include some outside and inside clean up and some repairs and maintenance items. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there. We are very thankful for any and all help in maintaining our church building and property. Looking forward to a productive day.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group - Middle School Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. and will prepare the hygiene kits for shipment to Church World Service tonight. High School Youth Group meets at 6:30 p.m.

DEACONS



JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF....

Line Dancing

ON OCTOBER 25
6:30 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
JUST YOUR DANCING SHOES OR BOOTS!

BEGINNER LESSONS FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
WITH REVIEW AND LESSONS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

LINE DANCING BROUGHT TO YOU BY
BTX ENTERTAINMENT

HELP SUPPORT
THE DEACONS BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE.
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CRANBURY
22 SOUTH MAIN STREET
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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

What a sign of hope and faith! Our congregation donated **\$1,028** to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering! Of this amount, twenty percent goes to the organization of our choice, which is Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. PPF works tirelessly for peace and reconciliation here and around the world. Their website is www.presbyterianpeacefellowship.org, to learn more about their work.

Together, with Presbyterian Church USA we can and **do** make a difference.

Yours in supporting Peace, the Mission, Service and Grants Committee

OTHER NEWS



Thank you all so much for your support and encouragement during my years as the director of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. It was an honor to have been recognized during last Sunday's church service with such a special celebration. I want to thank all of you that were able to be there and those that were there in spirit. I would also like to thank our very dedicated Christian Education and Youth Committees for the gifts, and for hosting such a special coffee hour; for the Deacons for the beautiful flowers; and to Pastor Hannah for the children's message and very special liturgy written just for me.

I have been blessed to have been part of this church family for the past 25 years, five as a CPNS teacher, and 20 of them as the director of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School and look forward to our continued relationships for years to come.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!! Janice Parker

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.

Blessing of the Animals: On October 6, we hosted 20 of our furry friends on the South Lawn. After a short service (during which all guests behaved), Pastor Marie blessed each pet as they lined up to go past her with their human families. We were also pleased to have several families from our community join us. Thanks go to Zach Conley who provided the loudspeaker system for our event! We will see you next year for the 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals!

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 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!

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: 10/20 (Team #1) – 10/27 (Team #2) – 11/3 (Team #3)

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

WE CAN'T WAIT MUCH LONGER

If you haven't found time to fill out your CAT survey yet, you may be thinking that, by now, other people have said the same things you would say in one way or another. Friends and family may share your thoughts in some areas. Some folks may share your thoughts in yet other areas, but the truth is that there is **ONLY ONE YOU**, and your unique combination of experiences and perceptions is what we need.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF LETTING OTHERS SPEAK FOR YOU. The results from the completed CAT surveys will shed light on **WHAT** our members are feeling, and **HOW MANY** share those feelings. Your answers are critical to guiding us on our journey together. Sharing your story will only take 30 minutes, and this is your last chance. The window on this opportunity closes at MIDNIGHT TONIGHT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20!

Even if your answers are very similar to someone else's, that is still important information for the church to have. The information gathered from the CAT (Congregation Assessment Tool) will be used to help us in our Mission Study. The Mission Study is an important prerequisite in our search for a new permanent pastor.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Transition Team. Our email address is below, or you can contact the church office at (609) 395-0897.

With gratitude,

Transition Team (Email Contact: FPCTransition@outlook.com)

Jo D. Andrews, Matt Ferguson, Ken Gordon, Joanne Hughes, Sharon Marshall, Susan Mavoides, Loida Noriega Wilson, Carlene Reyes, Audrey Smith, Mary Speer, and Pastor Marie Branigan

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 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)

October 21

9:00a-12p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Lib/Rm 1)
10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p Transition Team Mtg (Lib)
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

October 22

9:00a-12p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Lib/Rm 1)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Meeting
3:45p Children's Choir
7:00p Deacons Meeting (FH)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)

October 23

9:00a-12p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Lib/Rm 1)
7:00p Bell Choir
7:15p-9:15p Mercer Area Scout Mtg (FH)

October 24

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

9a-12p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Lib)

10:00a Senior Exercise

11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

6:45p Nominating Cmte (Church Office)

7:30p The Chorale

October 25

8:30a Bulletin Assembly

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

9:00a-12p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Lib/Rm 1)

6:30p-10p Line Dancing (FH/Kit)

October 26

October 27 (Reformation Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship w/50+ Members Recognition followed by coffee hour

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

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