

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

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 24, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"We gather together"

Franklin Ritter
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, saying, "Thank you!" to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

INTROIT

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Music by George J. Elvey(1816-1893)

Text by Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Children and Youth Choir

HYMN #367 (Hymnal)*

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

(verses 2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Forgive us, Living God. We can be an ungrateful people. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share the same with others. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*
THE PEACE*

"Gloria Patri"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Hannah

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Rev. Marie Branigan

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

Ms. Dorothy Klotzbeacher

On behalf of the Session we present **William Amoo Blankson** son of George A. Blankson and Caroline Koi born on May 11, 2019 to be baptized.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

Do you desire that William be baptized? **I do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child? **I do.**

QUESTIONS TO THE SPONSORS

As sponsors, do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage William to be a faithful Christian? **I do.**

QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE CONGREGATION:

Will we help William remember that God loves him and that we love him?

We will.

Will we share the stories of Jesus with William? **We will.**

QUESTION TO ADULT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:*

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture William by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

(Parents and Sponsors) Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Hymnal, pg. 35)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Rev. Lovaglio

The Lord be with You

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

HYMN #486 (Hymnal)* *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 180-181

ANTHEM *“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”*
Music by Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)
Lyrics by Henry Jackson van Dyke (1907)
Children and Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-9 Pew Bible pgs. 198-199

SERMON “Thanksgiving Exercises” Rev. Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #652 (Hymnal)* *“A Grateful Heart”*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship 2019 Matt Curran

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Rev. 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 *“Let all things now living”*

Welsh tune
arr. Katherine Davis
The Chorale

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #19 (Hymnal)* *“God of Great and God of Small”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *“Nun danket alle Gott”*

Georg Kaufmann
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Raymond Peter Stecher
March 19, 1954 – November 15, 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 today are given in loving memory of Ethel & Jake Klotzbeacher and Ellen & George Vandercher by Dorothy Klotzbeacher.

Coffee hour is hosted George Blankson and Caroline Koi.

Head Usher is Heidi Knowlton.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Arlene and Dennis Duran; Dina Ellsworth; Craig Gilbert; Sally Giovanos; Harry Kleinkauf; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; and Elliott Wilson.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: CPNS teacher, Gretchen’s husband, Chip; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Jean Dunham’s brother-in-law, Chuck; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s daughter, Fiona; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes’ father, John; Ed Kietlinski’s sister, Joanna; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. Maltby; Rev. Joanne Petto’s friend, Steve & family; Senior Fellowship member, Ruth; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaity; Art & Gloria Jean Ryba’s cousin, Layla; Jane Siebert’s friend, Madlyn; Joan Smith’s brother, Jim; Doris Wiegartner’s nephew, Gary; Loida Wilson’s mother, Loli; and Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko.

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: Courtney Brown on November 18, Nancy Ellis on November 21, and Warren S. Tantum on December 1. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group – Friendsgiving Feast: Middle School and High School Youth Group meets **TONIGHT** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. for our Friendsgiving Feast.

Movie Night! The youth group invites all those interested to join us for "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks next **Sunday, December 1**. To reserve your ticket to the 5:45 p.m. show at AMC Hamilton, contact Pastor Hannah. The church van will leave from the church parking lot at 4:45 p.m. and return by 8:15 p.m.

Nativity Processional! Sunday December 8 is a Celebration Sunday! We will celebrate advent with a Nativity Procession down Main Street! Gather at 84 North Main Street at 9:15 a.m. and don a nativity costume. The procession will start at 9:45 a.m. and continue to our church, where we will enjoy caroling with our families in the Sanctuary.

Giving Tree! This Christmas, I invite you to Dream Big! Imagine with me, that it's Christmas time at UrbanPromise in Trenton and each of the 20+ children in the Harry Potter Book Club receive a Harry Potter Wand and a Harry Potter LEGO Kit! Can you imagine the smiles and the excitement of these first through eighth grade children?! But wait - there's more! - the 20+ High Schoolers that work as After School Camp Counselors or "Street Leaders" at UrbanPromise are opening their matching L.L. Bean Flannel Shirts. And look - now they're posing in their matching flannels for a group photo!

It's just a November dream now...but our church family can make this a reality! This Christmas, the Christian Ed Committee and CPNS invite you to select a tag from the giving tree on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and then place the tag and a monetary donation in the UrbanPromise stocking to cover the cost of the gift. The Christian Ed committee will purchase the gift on the tag with your donation. We encourage friends to go in on a gift (or two!) together. Checks can be made out to the First Presbyterian Church with "UrbanPromise Giving Tree" in the memo line. Thank you for having Big Dreams for the children and youth at UrbanPromise this Christmas!

DEACONS

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Thank you to all our church members and the community at large for your generous donations. We were able to provide 150 Thanksgiving meals because of your continued support. Together we continue to grow in Christ!

With much love, your 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.

OTHER NEWS

The beautiful cross which hangs in our Sanctuary is available as a pendant. The pendant is an exact molded replica of this cross, and measures 1 1/4" long, and is available in any metal of your choosing. It is only available by custom order directly

by you from the Jewelry Design Gallery, which is located inside ShopRite on Rte. 130 in Hightstown where any of the salespersons can help you with your order, or by calling them at (609)371-1800. It will take 2-3 weeks to create your piece. The price for a silver cross is \$59, plus tax, and in gold the price is \$350, plus tax. You can also customize the finish to be shiny or antiqued. When you call, just identify yourself as a member of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, as this cross is only available to us.

If you have any questions, need help, or would like to see the pendant, see or call Joan Smith at (609)655-1905, or email at joankeenesmith@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

November is GOOD NEWS MONTH!!! Please share your good news (promotion, learned to ride a bike, expecting, bought a new house, found a great new restaurant— endless possibilities) on our Good News November bulletin board in fellowship hall. Just pick a paper apple, pumpkin or leaf, write your good news on it, and tack it to the bulletin board - so we can all share in your good news! Thank you!

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 FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: NO CLASSES on November 25 and November 28

Connie Bauder would like to give thanks for the members of the Senior Fellowship Planning Committee who help to plan and execute the programs and trips that the Senior Fellowship Mission of our church provides for the senior citizens of our community. This mission is open to all people age 55 and older in the towns around our church. Our goal is to allow seniors to form bonds with other local seniors and give them opportunities for social interaction, education and enjoyment. Please join me in giving thanks for the members of the committee who have joined me in doing God's work this year: Arlene Duran, Carol Edelson, Joan Fraser, Anita McManus,

Heidi Knowlton(refreshments), Leigh Perry, Audrey Smith, Carlene Reyes, Shirley Bastedo, Agnes Winchell, Larry White(driver), Bill Bauder(van driver) and Dennis Chonko(computer submissions). They have made bonds with the seniors and have gone out of their way share their talents and to be helpful to all. If you would like to join us on the planning committee for 2020, please contact Connie Bauder.

I encourage all the seniors in our congregation to attend our programs and share their experiences with others in our group. Some people in our group have very little interaction with others and they love to have new people to talk to. This could be your mission.

I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.
Connie Bauder - Coordinator of Senior Fellowship

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **December 12** 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 *The Water Dancer*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates, to be discussed at book group tomorrow, **November 25** (7:30 to 9 p.m.). Join us in the church library!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/24 (Team #2) – 12/1 (Team #3) – 12/8 (Team #4)

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

November 24 (Christ the King Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship w/Baptism followed by coffee hour

5:30p-7:30p Youth Grp Friendsgiving (FH)

7:30p CPNS Set-up for Thanksgiving Prog. (FH)

November 25

All Day/Evening CPNS Thanksgiving Program Set-up (FH)

10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program (FH)

7:30p Brass Choir

7:30 Book Club (Lib)

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

November 26

9:30a Staff Meeting

10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program (FH)

3:45p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

November 27

8:30a Bulletin Assembly

CPNS Closed

7:00p Bell Choir

November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)

CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed

November 29

CPNS/Church Office Closed

Hanging of the Greens

November 30

December 1 (1st Sunday of Advent)

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)

10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

3:30p-5p Boy Scouts (FH)

4:45p-8:15p Youth Group: Movie (VAN)