

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ascension Sunday

May 16, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Saraband

Michael Christian Festing (1680-1752)

Melissa Bohl, oboist

Boree

William Babell (1690-1723)

Melissa Bohl, oboist

INTROIT

“He Reigns”

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Joanne Petto

Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome and sovereign over all the earth.

HYMN #151 (Hymnal)*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP (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.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scott Richard Lawson
son of Robert C. Lawson and Patti G. Davis
grandson of Edgar and Margaret Lawson
born on March 1, 2010

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

Marie Perrine

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Scott the good news of the gospel, to help him to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen him family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, “We do.”

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

The Apostles’ Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)

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:

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 44-53

Gretchen Stults
Pew Bible pg. 91

ANTHEM

“You are My All in all”

Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 16: 1-15

Pew Bible pg. 110

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #148 (Hymnal)*

“At the Name of Jesus”

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Earl Davison, Mildred “Bea” Davison, Rebecca Franke, Elvin Rodriguez and Waleska Rodriguez. They have participated in our Inquirers’ Class, where they have learned something of the belief and practice of God’s people in this place. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

C: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

C: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Petto

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Jesus, my all, to heaven has gone"

Howard Helvey
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Petto

HYMN #147 (Hymnal)*

"Blessing and Honor"

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Threefold Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

"Come thou fount of every blessing"

Austin C. Lovelace
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Visitors! We hope that you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information.

Please welcome Melissa Bohl performing our preludes today. She is the principal oboe in the Greater Trenton Symphony and also is a department head at the Westminster Conservatory.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Childcare providers for the infant nursery are Linda Protinick and Taylor Panconi. The toddler nursery is staffed by Bob and David Mills. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! "Worship bags" containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Joseph and Henrietta Magnani from their daughter Rose, granddaughters, Linda and Diane and great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Erin.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

After Service Greeter is Jack Britton.

Coffee Hour is hosted today by Craig and Leslie Vandenberg.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, or 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 contact the church office at 395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge and John Bloom; Jim Cox; Bill and Martha Davis; Sheree Dunnett; Kim Hafner; Edgar and Margaret Lawson; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Warren Perrine; Rev. Joanne Petto; Jen Probasco; Cheryl Richardson's husband, Russ; Dawn Simpson-Klotzbeacher; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; David Geijer's, friend, Mark Zakalux; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Doreen Grand-Jean's niece, Leanne; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Dawn Michaud's father, Frank Thomas; Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden; Jane Siebert's friend, Jan Hauber; Cathy Vogen's father-in-law, Don Vogen; and Doris Wiegartner's son, Brian.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community.

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 remember family & friends in our nation's service: Colonel John Bartolotto (US Army), Elsie & Russell Sutton's son-in-law; Lt. Nick Brunetti (USMC), Tracey Yeager Brunetti's husband and Jeff & Diane Yeager's son-in-law; Adam Frick (US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen's cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75th Ranger Regiment), Janet & Paul Furchak's son; Colonel Martha Lenhart (US Army), Jim & Barbara Cox's daughter-in-law; Greg McAvoy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer's grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Menten (9th Cavalry Troop), Pat & Bill Leonard's son-in-law; Major Douglas Miller (US Air Force), George & Audrey Smith's nephew and Anna Wahler's grandson; Tony Paschall, Ann and Ted Zimmerman's step-grandson, and Colonel Daniel Shanahan (US Army), Leslie Vandenberg's cousin.

- Please be sure to 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: Martha Davis on May 19 and Winifred Demarest on May 22 **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Adult Classes during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

May 23 Book Signing & Presentation by John Grigg

Dr. John Grigg, a scholar of Early American religious history and the author of *The Lives of David Brainerd: The Making of an American Evangelical Icon* will speak at a special adult education and book-signing event during Sunday school on May 23 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn: All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our study on *The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS Registration is now open! Registration will conclude on May 28. Forms are available in several locations, including the church office, CPNS cubbies near Janice Parker's office, and on the church website.

To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! If you're available to help in any way, please sign up on your registration form or contact one of the directors listed below.

Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader
Oversee Decorations or Photography
Assist with Snacks or Decorations

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Claudette Guy (409-8553) or Janet Wheeler (655-8313).

~~ CPNS ~~



We are currently registering for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net to find out more information. As a Christian Nursery School our goal is to guide your children in the appropriate ways to get along with others, to be self-confident and respectful

individuals, to make decisions, to be creative, to solve math problems, to love reading and writing, and most of all to love to learn.

We are offering a summer program in July. Please call or email for further details. We look forward to hearing from you! **P.S.** Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about us as well.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: It is amazing what a fairly simple sounding suggestion can cause to happen! For instance, a Sunday School teacher in Ohio suggested to her class of children that they can live their faith by acts of kindness. The next Sunday her class distributed three comfort pillows in worship. Apparently the imagination of the congregation was touched because in a short time church members were making pillows for people in need of hope and comfort and that number grew to 4,000 pillows. The comfort pillows carry a message of love and support from the church, encouraging people to contact their local Presbyterian church if they want to know about God's love for them. Children's organizations, hospice and cancer treatment providers, and residents of Ohio Veterans Home have received the pillows. Each Sunday the congregation prays for those who have received a pillow; or a blanket, another comfort item church members are making for those in the area without shelter or a place to sleep.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: Please participate in our May 30 BREAD FOR THE WORLD Offering of Letters. Letters, envelopes, and stamps will be available at coffee hour. Our letters will urge Congress to make some changes and/or retain some improvements in tax laws so that more children can benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit which was established in 1975 to help low-income families hold on to more of their earnings. In that year, more than 22 million households applied for this credit and received an average of \$1,864. As a result, an estimated 5 million people including 2.6 million children were lifted above the poverty line.

SKEET'S PANTRY NEEDS A FEW GOOD HELPERS

The need for our Cranbury Pres "Skeet's Pantry" is continuing to grow - we provided food for about 170 people this month. Donations of food are always welcome. **The Pantry is also in need of paper grocery bags.** We hope you will continue to give what food you can to this important community mission of our church.

But we also need a few more pairs of hands to help serve at our monthly food pantry. We especially need some strong hands and arms to help folks get the food to their cars, and help us set up the bags of groceries and fresh veggies in our Fellowship Hall. We just need your help one morning a month - the 3rd Friday of each month from 8:15am to 11:15am. If you can join our Skeet's Pantry team on the 3rd Friday, we will welcome you with open arms and our community will benefit from your helping hands. Just let us know if you can respond to this need - call either Jane Huff (395-0756) or Flo Kremann (490-1140) so that we know if and when you're available. THANKS!!!

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

Please join us at the Cranbury Inn on **Thursday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m.** for breakfast and a slide show entitled, "Some Great Places". Fritz and Mary Jane Hager have a wonderful presentation which will include favorite places to visit from their travels around the globe.

Looking ahead to Thursday, June 24, the program for the morning will be Karl Dentino presenting his Ragtime Blues program of guitar music and historical commentary. It promises to be foot-tapping, knee slapping kind of program.

For information about the Senior Breakfast Club, please contact Stan Dickerson (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright (609)799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown. We are keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on it, please call the church office.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

May 17, May 20
May 24, May 27 and NO Class on 5/31

CRANBURY SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Please Note: Due to budget constraints, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 per person for luncheons. Please bring exact change on the day of the luncheon.

On Friday May 21, please join us for luncheon at noon to be followed by a patriotic sing-a-long with Francine Hannay at the Cranbury Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome. YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday May 17. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

**RECYCLE, REUSE, HELP THOSE IN NEED!
USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE**

**Saturday, May 22 ~ 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Rain or Shine in our Church Parking Lot**

Items begin collected: gently used manual wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower chairs, commodes, tray tables, grab bars and other small pieces of equipment. Contributions will be donated to **YourResource**, a non-profit human services and environmental organization in Ewing. Call (609) 530-1513 with questions or contact Anne Gordon.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

What Is Your Legacy?

Our weekly offerings and special offerings throughout the year provide for the immediate needs of our church and the missions and ministries we support, however, there are other opportunities available for you to provide for the long-term resources for our church - now and after your lifetime. Gifting through a bequest or other estate planning techniques, are a means for providing a healthy legacy to our congregation and the mission of the Church. The Stewardship & Finance Committee is in the beginning stages of organizing a legacy gifting program, if you are interested in more information, please contact Ken Gordon or Rev. Mitchell.

Counting Teams: 5/16 (Team #2) - 5/23 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: The Worship Committee still has some openings for Lay Readers for July through December. Please use the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to take advantage of our nursery if you have children age 5 and under. If you prefer to keep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

TODAY May 14-16 (Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 3 p.m.) Middle School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Connected 24/7"

TODAY May 16 Youth Group 6:30-8:00 p.m. New songs, games, get ready for Ocean Grove!

May 23 2:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Group hiking at Sourland Mountain Preserve (VAN)

May 30 (Memorial Day weekend) **No Youth Group**

SAVE THE DATES!

June 5 (Saturday) Service Project: Assist with the Strawberry Festival

June 6 Children & Youth Sunday

June 13 Jell-o Games!

News from Camp Johnsonburg

Looking for a summer job or volunteer opportunity? Camp Johnsonburg is now accepting applications for paid and volunteer positions this summer. There are openings for male and female counselors, life guards, kitchen and maintenance crew and nurses. Johnsonburg is hosting an **Open House** this **Saturday, May 22**, for families and individuals who would like to see the camp, meet the summer staff and learn about summer camp programs. Please contact Camp Johnsonburg at 908-852-2349, via email at info@campjburg.org, or visit the website at www.campjburg.org. Camp brochures are also available in the Narthex and on the Youth Ministry bulletin board across from Fellowship Hall.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

May 16, 2010 - May 23, 2010

Sunday 16	(Ascension Sunday) 9:00a Inquirers' Class Breakfast w/Session-FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Baptism and New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 1:00p Middle School Retreat returns from Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 3:00p-5:00p Annual Women's Tea-FH/KIT 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 17	10:00a Senior Exercise 12(noon) CPNS set-up for Family Fun Day - FH 7:00p-10:00p Boy Scouts-FH(GC) 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 18	9:00a Bulletin Material 9:00a - 3:00p CPNS Family Fun Day - all areas 6:30p-7:30p Session dinner w/Confirmands - FH 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 19	9:00a - 3:00p CPNS Family Fun Day - all areas 11:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 3:30p Women's Club set-up-FH/Kit 5:00p Women's Club Meeting-FH/Kit 7:00 Boy Scout District Meeting-McK Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 20	Newsletter Info Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 6p-7p Cub Scout (KE) 6:00p-10:00p Boy Scouts-FH(GC) 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 21	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 22	9:00a-12(noon) Used Medical Equipment Drop off- Parking Lot
Sunday 23	(Pentecost) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Confirmation followed by coffee hour 2:00p-5:00p Youth Group hiking at Sourland Mountain Preserve (VAN) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn