

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

Confirmation Sunday
June 2, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Bach-Story
Brass Choir

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

arr. Laura Page
Bell Choir

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 I will at all times bless”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Brett Butler

Sing a new song to the Lord;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Say among the nations: “The Lord reigns.”

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

HYMN #430 (Hymnal)*

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, according to your will, our Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age. Yet despite his supreme sacrifice we have sought human approval, failed to trust your authority, and thus hobbled our faith. Forgive our double-mindedness, O Lord; graciously heal us, and grant us competence in worship and in witness to your revelation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Lou

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR: **Benjamin Cier, Emily Ellsworth, Tyler Huang, Evan Hughes, Brandon Kenny, Justin Keve, Zoe Kim, Nina Reyes, Villana Tkac, Cole Toto and Lian Wegryn.**

PRESENTATION AND OPENING STATEMENT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

C: I do.

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

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

C: I will, with God's help.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed*

P: 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Tyler Huang

QUESTION (to the confirmands)

L: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

C: I will, with God's help.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

L: By publicly professing their faith, these young people have confirmed the covenant God made with them in their baptism. 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: The peace of God be with you.
P: **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 13: 1-13 Stan Dickerson
Pew Bible pg. 175

ANTHEM “*Ode to Joy*” arr. Pat Bohrs
Bell Choir, Brass Choir and the Chorale

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4: 1-6, 14-16 Pew Bible pgs. 193-194

SERMON “Growing Up” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “*Let us break bread together*” Leo Nestor
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* “*Doxology*”
Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)* “*Fairest Lord Jesus*”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #333 (Hymnal)*

"Seek Ye First"

RESPONSE*

"Amen"

Danish
Bell Choir and the Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Prelude on Bristol

Healey Willan
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Visitors! We hope 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; or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red "friendship pad".

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. 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.

Gluten free bread is now available and it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Communion Servers are Stan Anuszewski, Joanne Hughes, Mark Hughes, Peter Miller and Carlene Reyes.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of Don Swanagan by his wife Virginia.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Gordon family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Gail Geijer.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

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 call the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; Martha Davis; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson and Art Ryba.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Tory Anderson's friend, Ryan Hudak; Jo D. Andrews' friend, Becky Dennison Peterson; Linda Campbell's friend, Ryan Quill; friend of the Conley family, Gene McDermott; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Pat Demers' son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay and family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp and friend, Bill Brokley; Paul and Janet Furchak's friend, David Brauerman; Gail Geijer's son, Dan and friend Dolores; the Hagerty's and Zimmer's friend, Sheila Hutchinson; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis & brother-in-law, Joe, cousin, Momabhele and co-worker, Aaron Hollis Lewis; Karen Moser's daughter, Dawn Winkler and granddaughter, Paige Winkler; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Marty Goldberg; Barbara Santoro's niece, Krystine; Fran Stewart's friend, Ciarra Blackman; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Mary Szczepanik's mother, Dorothy; Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike; and Doris Wiegartner's friend, Cherylin Kratina.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

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 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!

~~ BELL CHOIR ~~

Ringers Needed! The Bell choir is in need of additional ringers. The only qualifications are that you can count note values. The choir meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. It's a fun group and it only takes a few rehearsals to learn the technique. Come on out and give it a try. You may find that this is just what you are missing in your life, the opportunity to share your talents and glorify God.

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Please note: Adult Education classes will resume in September.

Martha Circle: All women of the Church - you are welcome to join the Martha Circle in the Library on **June 3 at 1:30 p.m.** This is a Study Group under the leadership of Rose Eller; the topic is "Dispatches to Christians: the Lesser Epistles."

~ CPNS ~~

This week will be our last enrichment classes for the 2012-2013 school year. We have already begun registering for next year's classes. If you haven't had the opportunity to look at our many offerings, please look on our website. You will be able to find the schedule of classes as well as a description of each. New this coming year will be "Alphabet Soup"; a cooking class being taught by Sheila Morrissey and assisted by Denise Reilley. Denise is the person that has made the delicious cheesecakes for our Mission Dinners (Guatemala) for the past several years, so we know she has some cooking and baking experience. In addition to our enrichment classes, new this year is our "Kindergarten Skill Builders" class, taught by Rosellyn Cassidy and Vicki Bain. Details for this can also be found on our website.

As you research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

Registration for our pre-summer and summer program has begun. Children entering our 3-year-old program through children entering first grade are eligible to attend. Registration forms can be found on our website.

Please call or stop by for details on any of our programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Skeet's Pantry Needs Some Food! With many thanks to all our friends in the congregation who have been so generous, we're asking again for some food for our pantry. Specifically, we need PASTA, RICE and CEREAL. Any kind, any size (but think "family size" if possible) will be very welcome. So thanks again for always being there when we need your help!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: This week, instead of bringing you a story of a mission effort, I shall share a prayer from the Presbytery of Cincinnati: "Loving God, your Son identified himself with the most overlooked. Guide and bless efforts to discover and exalt the presence of Jesus in the lives of those whom the world has abandoned. We ask this in the name of the Christ who welcomed the children into his arms. Amen". May we give thought and action to this prayer.

You're Invited: There is an effort underway by the Monmouth and New Brunswick Presbyteries to coordinate volunteer housing for those who will come from all over the country to help with the Sandy recovery efforts. Several church leaders from the Presbyteries have formed the Sandy Disaster Recovery Committee to address these needs and are asking for volunteers to help with some of the tasks.

You are invited to a meeting next Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 617 Ridge Road in Monmouth Junction. The focus of the meeting will be to explain the project.

If you feel called to help with Sandy recovery, please come to the meeting next Wednesday. In the meantime, if you have questions, feel free to call Ann Mooney at 609-448-0207.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise: June 3, June 6, June 10, June 13(last class)

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 6/2 (Team #4) and 6/9 (Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Flowers Openings: We have flower openings for June 30, July 7 and July 28. Please email Diane Smith at D1Stargazer@verizon.net or call 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

The Worship Committee is asking that anyone interested in being a Lay Reader, from July to December 2013, please sign-up on the schedule in Fellowship Hall.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Car Wash on June 9 after church. Minimum donation is \$5.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

June 2, 2013 – June 9, 2013

Sunday 2	(Confirmation Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Confirmation & Baptism followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 3	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 4	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 5	
Thursday 6	CPNS Last day of School 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a-3:30p CPNS Wonderful Year Celebration - FH/Sanctuary/ Courtyard 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib.
Friday 7	CPNS Last day of School 9:00a - 3:00p CPNS Wonderful Year Celebration - FH/Sanctuary/ Courtyard 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 8	
Sunday 9	(Children & Youth Sunday/Teacher Appreciation Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Youth Group Car Wash - parking lot 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group-McK Rm