

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
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2013 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Concerto for Two Keyboards **Pedro Jose Blanco (ca, 1750-1811)**
Gaylord French and Donovan Klotzbeacher

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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Butler

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God’s love endures forever!

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful things God has done for us.

God’s love endures forever!

The Lord has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

God’s love endures forever!

Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth.

God’s love endures forever!

We are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the Creator.

God’s love endures forever!

There is no longer slave and free, but Christ is all and in all.

God’s love endures forever!

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)*

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy One, you are God, and your wonderful works are worthy of praise. Yet we confess that, in our disobedience, we have not sought you above, but we remain bound by earthly concerns, impure desires, and an abundance of possessions. In our quest for worldly treasures we lose sight of what pleases you. Forgive us, we pray, for our sin, greed, idolatry, and anger, for every hurtful word and hateful thought. Strip away our old ways and clothe us anew in Christ in whom alone our true identity is to be found. Renew us daily according to the glory of Christ, who is our all in all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE* ✠

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Vacation Bible School

SCRIPTURE

Luke 20: 1-8

Marie Perrine
Pew Bible pgs. 83-84

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Dance”

adapted by Sydney Carter
Jenna Cody & Ellie Suttmeier, Flutists
Roger Suttmeier, Pianist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 20: 9-19

Pew Bible pg. 84

SERMON

“Heaven Forbid!”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

adapted by Hal Hopson
Jenna Cody & Ellie Suttmeier, Flutists
Roger Suttmeier, Pianist

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*

“Lift High the Cross”

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:

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.

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:

Refreshments today will be hosted by Joanne Hughes and family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Bob Dyke.

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; David Geijer; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; Carol Sprout; and Nancy Stewart.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta and friend, Sarah Pagano; 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; Paul and Janet Furchak's friend, David Braverman; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder and great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Barbara Santoro's niece, Krystine; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike; and Doris Wiegartner's son, Brian.

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!

~ CPNS ~~

We are closed for the summer, and are busy getting ready for school to begin in September. We have several openings for our classes at this time and a very short wait list for our 2 1/2-year-old program. We also have a variety of exciting enrichment offerings as well as our new Kindergarten Skill Builder class on Monday and Friday afternoons. Don't hesitate to register for any of the exciting opportunities we are offering for the school year 2013 - 2014. I look forward to speaking with you.

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. 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! So many in our congregation have been helping to keep Skeet's Pantry stocked with food for families in need, and we truly thank you. Because you sometimes wonder which foods are most needed, we thought we'd simplify things for the next few months by designating a "Food of the Month". For August, our Food of the Month is CEREAL. We would be grateful for donations of any kind of cereal but most especially family size boxes of nutritious cereals rather than the sugary fancy kind! As always, you can leave your cereal donations in the wheelbarrow on Sunday mornings or in the front hallway of Fellowship Hall. THANKS for making August a great month full of cereal for needy families!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: One woman, Jacque, started a helpful service in the Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive, Iowa. She had knit scarves for many years for family and friends. The mission circle to which she belonged typically served meals to the Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS). But in the spring of 2011 the committee made plans to knit or purchase 140 scarves, one for each person at the shelter, before Christmas. Jacque invited the congregation to help. "God's spirit just took over", she said. "The pastor wrote an inspiring song. The pastor's wife sought and received yarn donations." Eventually, there were 356 scarves sufficient for CISS, Hope Ministries, CROSS Ministries, and Hansen House, and more for the people seeking shelter under the bridges. At the shelter, as the scarves were given out, the need for gloves became obvious. A few volunteers gave away their own gloves and others went to a clothing store where they bought gloves at cost. Joyful people had been promised a warmer winter, but Jacque was happiest of all: the roots of this simple act had blessed so many people!

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

The Wounded Warriors program is partnering with the Toys for Tots annual drives to collect gifts and items to provide pregnant wives of wounded warriors with "virtual" baby showers. There are about ten wives who are expecting within the next month but who are currently spending time with their husbands at Walter Reed Hospital and are away from friends and families.

If you would like to help these soon-to-be mothers have a little normalcy in their disrupted lives, please bring new, unwrapped newborn or infant items: clothing, diapers, onesies, pacifiers, disposable bottles, etc... to the church (there will be a donation box in fellowship hall and at the church office) by 8/4/13. This is a time sensitive giving opportunity, so we only have about a week.

Thank you for your generosity and care to assist those who serve our country.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 8/4 (Team #1) - 8/11 (Team #2)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

August 4, 2013 - August 11, 2013

Sunday 4	10:00a Worship w/communion followed by refreshments 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom
Monday 5	Floor stripping 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 6	Floor stripping 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a 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 7	Floor stripping
Thursday 8	Floor stripping 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs)
Friday 9	Floor stripping 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 10	Floor stripping
Sunday 11	Floor stripping 10:00a Worship with Baptism followed refreshments 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom