

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
12th Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2011 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Fanfare Fugue

J.S. Bach
Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Gretchen Hull

The night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us lay aside the works of the night and put on the garments of the light.

Let us put on the garments of Jesus Christ, that all may know Christ's glory and praise God.

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

"Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, you have saved us for a purpose: You have overcome the darkness that we might embrace the light; you have defeated evil powers to make us glad and free. Yet we sin. We succumb to temptation and idolatry and miss opportunities you set before us. We neglect your presence, which is as near to us as our neighbor. Forgive our debts, O God, and teach us forgiveness. Teach us to love with determination and joy, that as children of light, we may resemble you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Dorothy Klotzbeacher

SCRIPTURE	Revelation 4: 1-11	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pgs. 247-248
ANTHEM	<i>“My Shepherd will supply my need”</i>	arr. for voice & clarinet by Donovan Klotzbeacher Jenni & Scott Collins
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 9: 8-17	Pew Bible pg. 7
SERMON	“God of the Rainbow”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>“Were you there”</i>	Spiritual Organ
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Dr. Hull
HYMN #272 (Hymnal)*	<i>“God of the Sparrow”</i>	

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 and those who wish gluten free bread will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #473 (Hymnal)*

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Fantasia VIII

Johann Jacob Froberger
Organ

RETIRING SPECIAL OFFERING: UNICEF: Famine relief in Somalia and the Horn of Africa. (Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury.)

***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.

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.

Gluten free bread is now available at all communion services. During our Intinction services, it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward. At our regular communion service, it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Communion Servers are Helen and Stan Dickerson, Anne Gordon, Gretchen Hull and Marie Perrine.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Richard G. Wagner by Leah Moy and family.

Head Ushers are George Arsnow and Rick & Nancy Norland.

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 Bloom; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Russ Richardson; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts; Mary Speer and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Linda Campbell's friend, Barbara Wasyluk; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Rose Eller's sister, Frieda Applegate; Gail Geijers'son, Dan and neighbor, Kathy Roman; Barbara Hannon's cousins, Frank and Thelma Gilbert and friend, Ruth Nunez; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; and Carolyn Lee's husband, John.

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!

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Please join us visiting the **Philadelphia Museum of Art** to view the exhibit "**Rembrandt and the Faces of Jesus**" on **Friday, October 28, 2011**. We will depart the church parking lot at **9:15 a.m.** and will depart the museum after lunch, or if you prefer, at 3:00 p.m.

This trip is open to the first 24 people who sign up. The cost is \$24.00 which includes your transportation in the church van or private vehicles, entrance to the museum, and special exhibit ticket. Please mail your check made out to Anne Gordon, 127 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512. Call with questions: 609-409-7885.

Also, on **Thursday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn there will be an insightful discussion about Rembrandt, his art, aging and spirituality conducted by Pastor Rosanna Anderson and Anne Gordon. Call Walter Wright or Stan Dickerson to reserve your spot at the breakfast.

~~ CHOIRS ~~

Feel free to exit the Church by the Bell Choir side and view the wonderful Bell storage cabinet that was constructed by Stan Dickerson this summer. He did a masterful job. Many thanks also go to Gaylord French, head of the Worship Committee, who saw the project through. Because of their efforts, the Bell Choir will not have to climb steps carrying their bells, music folders, risers and hymn books while holding their robe hems in order to perform in Church. Thanks guys!

THE CHORALE: Next week marks the beginning of the Fall rehearsals for The Chorale. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the sanctuary. Repertoire ranges from ancient to modern. The Chorale provides anthems as well as liturgical support for all worship services.

We welcome new members. If you have had previous choral-singing experience, please feel free to *just show up* for Thursday rehearsals.

If you are uncertain about your vocal abilities or have other concerns, please contact Mr. Klotzbeacher by email (dklotzbeacher@aol.com), or speak with him following church on Sunday.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Calling All Teachers and Adults who study the Bible! Is God leading you to share your gifts in Sunday school? We have many opportunities to teach and share faith with students of all ages! Speak with our Superintendent Peter Miller, Education Committee chair Doris Wiegartner or Pastor Rosanna if you want to know more about our openings.

Please Note: The fantastic slide show from VBS is on our website for those who would like to see again.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSES

As many of you might know a small group of people having been running a coffee house at our church for the last 2 years. As we start our 3rd year, we are looking for additional helpers, for small jobs at the coffee house.

This year we have proposed 5 shows each on the 2nd Friday in the months of Oct, Dec., Feb., April, and June. In order for us to continue this fund raiser/community outreach program we are looking for some additional volunteers to help out at one of the events. A sign-up sheet is posted on the coffee house bulletin board across from the kitchen.

The first job requires you to be at the church before and after the show for set-up (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and clean up (9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.). Another job is in the kitchen, serving coffee, hot dogs, cakes, pies, danish, your help for this job would be from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The last job we need volunteers for is to sell tickets and collect money at the door. This is usually from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Instructions on all of these jobs could be provided ahead of time or the night of. There is usually someone there to give some instructions.

Please contact George Conley at (609)577-7201 with any questions or if you would like to sign up for one of these responsibilities. We hope that we'll have plenty of volunteers so we could continue this community outreach event and provide additional funding for the Deacon's Benevolent Fund and Skeet's Pantry.

Yours in Christ, George Conley

~~ CPNS ~~

I can't believe how fast the summer has gone and hope everyone had a chance to relax. On Tuesday, we will be having our initial teacher's meeting for the new school year. We also have our playground gatherings, Back-to-School nights and our Open House where you get to have the opportunity to come into the class with your child. We want to make the transition as easy as possible for the children as well as our families. Separation can be difficult for everyone, but providing intentional opportunities of getting to know CPNS helps calm the fears.

If you are not enrolled yet, there are still a few openings. 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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Responding to famine in Somalia and the Horn of Africa - Please help provide emergency assistance through UNICEF to the many families and children that are affected by the famine spreading through Somalia and other areas of the Horn of Africa. Then number has risen to 12.4 million people, and 29,000 children have already died. Thousands are at risk. Many people have sought refuge in the Dadaab refugee

camp in Kenya, the world's largest refugee camp. It was built to hold 90,000 refugees and is now holding more than 420,000 people. They are in need of nutritional supplies, clean water, shelter, and many basic necessities. UNICEF can help.

There will be a special retiring offering today September 4. Checks can be made out to The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, and we will send the donations on to UNICEF. If you are unable to be at church on that day, donations can be left in the church office. **Thank you for sharing your financial blessings and helping those less fortunate and in dire need.**

SNIPPETS FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: A story of partnership comes to us from the Presbytery of Transylvania in Kentucky. Several years ago a clean water system was installed at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico by members of the Presbytery through the ministry of the Synod of Living Waters. Since then the children of Hampolo are significantly healthier. But one morning the water system was closed for renovation. But a truck from a Presbyterian Church nearby that also had a Loving Waters for the World system brought dozens of bottles of clean water, thus allowing mothers to pick up the safe water for their children. Partnership of PC(USA) churches with Mexican churches to install these water systems has led to partnerships among Mexican Presbyterians in supporting each other in the ministry of clean water. Partnerships creating partnerships. What could be better?

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Pat Bohrs announces that her husband, Harry, will be ordained on September 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hightstown.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

SENIOR EXERCISE

September 8, September 12, September 15,
September 19, September 22, September 26, September 29

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/4 (Team #2) - 9/11 (Team #3)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

September Activities for Youth Group

- 9/10 **(Sat.) Service Project: Assist with the Helene Cody Memorial 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run** on Cranbury Day. Meet at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00-10:00 a.m. event. **To volunteer, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com.**
- 9/11 **Bring a Friend to Church Day!** 10 a.m. Worship & **11 a.m. Homecoming Picnic** Join us at the Youth Group tables decorated with cranberry-colored ribbons!
- 9/17 **(Sat.) Youth Group Great Adventure Day & Steven Curtis Chapman Concert!** This is a fun opportunity for youth and families. Parents, we need your help to make this happen! Tickets cost \$29.50 and cover admission to the park and concert. You have the option of buying a meal voucher for \$13. **RSVP by email to Tom Senko at ts0629@verizon.net.** Turn in your signed permission form and check made payable to Cranbury Presbyterian Church as soon as possible, but no

later than Friday, September 2. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m.

9/25 5:30-7 p.m. **Youth Group** in Fellowship Hall - We will launch our new series, "Does the Bible Really Say That!?!". Musicians, please bring your guitars!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 4, 2011 - September 11, 2011

Sunday 4	10:00a Worship with Communion followed by Fellowship
Monday 5	(Labor Day) Church Office Closed 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 6	8:30a-3:00p CPNS Teachers Meeting-FH/Lib./Kit 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 3:00p-5:00p CPM Meeting-Library 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting-Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Church Office (downstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 7	8:00a-10:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House - Playground, Classrooms and FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 8	8:00a-10:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House - Playground, Classrooms and FH 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Nominating Committee Meeting- (church office downstairs) 7:30p B&G Meeting-Library 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 9	8:00a-10:00p CPNS Playground Gatherings, Back to School Night and Open House - Playground, Classrooms and FH 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 10	(Cranbury Day) 7:30a Youth Group meeting for the Helene Cody 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run 8:00a-10:00a Parking lot use 4:00p Wedding Joanne Young and Richard Depue
Sunday 11	(Bring a Friend to Church Day) 10:00a Worship followed by the Homecoming Picnic