

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

Homecoming Sunday
September 9, 2012 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“The Name of Jesus”

arr. Pat Bohrs
Brass 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

“Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness”

Samuel Wesley
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life.

Put your trust in the Lord who created all that is around us.

Put your trust in the God who keeps faith forever and ever.

Put your trust in the One who calls us to worship in spirit and truth.

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*

“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of all creation, we live each day because of your grace. Hear our confession as we recognize the many ways we fall short of your intentions. Forgive us for choosing to love those who are dressed like us, speak like us, share our experiences and way of living. We speak of our commitment to you but act in ways that deny you. Show us your grace and mercy that is beyond our understanding, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Seminarian Brett Butler

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 1: 12-18 Gretchen Stults
Pew Bible pgs. 614-615

ANTHEM *“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates”* C. Wesley Anderson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 2: 12-16 Pew Bible pg. 615

SERMON *“The Pursuit of Wisdom”* Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)* *“Be Thou My Vision”*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Carol Kientz

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Mitchell

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 *“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love”* arr. Kevin McChesney
Bell Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Anderson

HYMN #391 (Hymnal)* *“Take My Life”*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Twofold Amen in G* D. Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE *Presto (Sonata VI)* Thomas Augustine Arne
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Fall/Winter Church Office Hours begin on Monday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Flowers in the chancel are given by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sutton and family in memory of Russell’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton and Elsie Sutton’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fryer.

There will be no coffee hour today due to the Homecoming Picnic.

Head Usher is Stan Dickerson.

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 (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Tory Anderson; Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Martha Davis; Arlene Duran; Nancy Ellis and family; John Henzler; Bill Keller; Helen Myer; Rebecca Peltó; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser’s mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darvin’s daughter, Cindy; Arlene Duran’s daughter, Catherine Lepp; Bob and Phyllis Dyke’s friend, Maria Garay; Joan Fraser’s in-law, Debbie Costello; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; family member of CPNS, Patricia Holman; Jane Huff’s grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes’ parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill’s mother, Carol Scarpone; Mary Lou Kerr’s friend, Ron Wanat; Carolyn Lee’s husband, John; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes’ friend, Will; Barrie Sutton’s parents, Anne and Charlie Miller; Mary Szczepanik’s mother Dorothy; Leslie Vandenberg’s brother, James Danek; Cathy Vogen’s aunt, Dani Ratkelis and Doris Wiegartner’s friend, Jeremy Huff.

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!

~~ CHOIR ~~

New members needed for the Cherub Choir ages 4 to 8 and for the Worship Choir ages 9 and up. Please email Mrs. Laurie Davis at musicmomnj@comcast.net or call her at 609/598-0649.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

- Committee Chair, Doris Wiegartner, invites everyone on the Sunday school staff roster to the Annual **Teachers' Retreat on Sunday, September 16 from 8:15-10:15 in Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided during the September 16 Teachers' Retreat in Room 18.**

Our guest speaker is Dr. Gretchen G. Hull, who is preparing an inspiring biblical message to encourage us. It is of vital importance that every teacher, shepherd, substitute teacher, and help attend this meeting to begin our new year together in the best way possible! If you have any questions, please contact Doris at doriswieg@aol.com.

- **Sunday School** for all ages begins on September 23 at 9:15 a.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Mulumba from Congo, (see special insert) will give a talk for Adult Education in the Library. See the Christian Education bulletin board for the complete list of class locations.
- **Parent Meeting and "Kids & Communion"** event on September 23. On the first day of Sunday school, students will go to classes from 9:15-9:45 a.m. Parents will go to a mandatory meeting in Fellowship Hall. Then the students will join us as we explore together the significance of the Lord's Supper at each stage of our life of faith.
- **We have a new date for Commissioning** all who work with Sunday school for children, youth and adults as well as CPNS. It will be during worship at **10:30 a.m. on September 30.**
- **Confirmation Class:** Parents of each student in Confirmation this year are invited to our only **Parents' Meeting on September 23 at 11:30 a.m.** Just pick up your coffee and bring it downstairs to the McKnight Room.

~ CPNS ~

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer months. This week our CPNS families will return to school, and once again our halls and classrooms will be filled with the sights and sounds of children. We are all so excited to begin a new school year, filled with new adventures in learning as well as making new friends. Our 2 ½ year children will have shortened sessions this week, but everyone else is on our regular CPNS schedule.

Stop by and visit if you are in the neighborhood and take a look at all the hopefully smiley faces. Separation can sometimes be difficult for young children. Starting preschool is a major childhood event. Some children embrace the new experience with confidence and enthusiasm. But others, especially children new to preschool, have a much more difficult time. We do have many resources to help our families if they need help with separation to ensure it occurs in the most developmentally appropriate way for each child.

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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Skeet's Pantry NEWS: Through your generosity, we are providing food for more families than ever. Here are the numbers to prove how much you are doing for the community:

In the first 8 months of 2011, we served 356 families, consisting of 1,037 people.

In the first 8 months of 2012, we served 529 families, consisting of 1,564 people.

Your contributions, both financial and food products, are truly demonstrating your faith in action. But the need continues, and the food we are most in need of for now is as follows:

TUNA FISH, RICE (any and all varieties), SOUP (all varieties), CANNED FRUIT (all varieties), and PEANUT BUTTER

Please just be sure the food you donate is not out-of-date. Then please leave your donations in bags in the wheel barrow in front of church on Sunday morning or in the entrance hall of the Parish House whenever you get a chance. We truly appreciate your help, and the many families who visit our Food Pantry each month are very grateful, too.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In the Presbytery of New Castle which includes Delaware and Maryland, a group of Ghanaian Presbyterians got together to share the word of God. They wished to establish a traditional Ghanaian Presbyterian worship service in which Ghanaian Presbyterians could feel comfortable and at home. Seven persons were the original group but now the group averages thirty-five and meets in a Presbyterian church. The group focuses its resources and programming on addressing the question "For what are we saved?" As a result there is a thriving youth group which is embracing children of this new immigrant community into a faith relationship. Music is used to help steer the youth away from the destructive influences that lead to dependency and crime. And in addition, a program to improve academic performance provides assistance in math and science and English language arts.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule

September 10, September 13, September 17, September 20, September 24 and September 27

Senior Fellowship will travel to visit the Roebing Museum on, Wednesday, September 12. Please bring your brown bag lunch to eat in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. We depart the church at 11:45 a.m. When we arrive at the museum we will observe an 18 minute film which presents the story of the engineering genius of John Roebing and his sons, the company town of Roebing and the technological innovations and products of the company that shaped the industrialized world. A guided tour will follow of the current exhibit on the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. Roebing invented a way to spin the cables for bridges and other industrial equipment to replace the hemp rope that had been used previously. Roebing designed the George Washington Bridge and provided its cables. John worked on dozens of suspension bridges, some he designed and built. This museum is not huge and there are places to sit if you get tired.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 9/9(Team #3) and 9/16(Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Lay Readers: The schedule for June through December has been posted in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you wish to be a lay reader. Thank you.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed: Coffee hour hosts are needed for October 14, October 28, November 18 and November 25. Please contact Debbie Mara at dmara@comcast.net or 732-890-2841 if you are interested.

Flowers: Flowers are needed for Sunday, September 30. Please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

September 9 (Sun.) Homecoming Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Picnic, meet and welcome our new Seminarian Brett Butler

Junior High Youth - Upcoming Events

September 23 Jr. High Youth Kick-off from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the South lawn

September 30 11:30 a.m. Jr. High Youth Parent meeting in the church library.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

September 9, 2012 - September 16, 2012

Sunday 9	(Homecoming Sunday) 10:00a Worship followed by the Homecoming Picnic
Monday 10	CPNS First Day of School 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 11	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 3:00p CPM meeting-Rm 1 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee- Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 12	9:00a Session Material Due 10:30a Sr. Fellowship - VAN 11:15a Brown bag lunch in FH and Sr. Fellowship Trip to Roebbling Museum - FH/KIT/ VAN 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 13	10:00a Golden Agers Trip - Parking Lot Only 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 14	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Sat. 15	
Sunday 16	8:15a-10:15a 2 nd Annual Teachers Retreat-FH 8:15a-10:15a Childcare for Teachers Retreat-Rm 18 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom