

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
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Devotional Pieces* **Dom Paul Benoit**
Organ

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 spirit of the Lord is upon me”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Brett Butler**

Keep silence in God’s presence; the day of the Lord is at hand!
Let us not fall asleep, but live as children of light.
The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast.
We watch and wait in faith, hope, and love.

HYMN #150 (Hymnal)* *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You call us into the light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may not hide, but rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦ Confirmation Class **Pastor Brett**
Andrea Baverov, Jessica Curran, Will Ellsworth, Maggie Hughes, John Miller, Elise Root, Katie Stewart, Devin Sullivan and Ryan Vandenberg

SCRIPTURE Genesis 11: 1-9 Confirmand
Pew Bible pg. 9

ANTHEM *“Thank You, Lord for All You’ve Done for Me”* Walter Hawkins
Lyrics by Jo D. Andrews
Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE Revelation 18: 21-24 & 21: 1-2 Pew Bible pgs. 257 and 259

SERMON “A Tale of Two Cities” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #289 (Hymnal)* *“O God of Every Nation”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Mr. Butler

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 *Offertory* John Ness Beck
The Chorale

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

HYMN #564 (Hymnal)* *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

RESPONSE* *Chorale Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Basse de Trompette* Guilain
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

PLEASE JOIN US!

Annual Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 7, 2014
at 11:30 a.m.

Following our Worship and Congregational Meeting head over to Fellowship Hall for chicken soup and Christmas cheer! Please bring a dessert to share which can be dropped off in the kitchen before Worship.



Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee

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. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator. 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 available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Sue Britton and George & Sally Giovanos.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Gail Geijer.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Will Ellsworth; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Karen Moser; Russ Richardson; Elsie Sutton; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Wayne & Cyndi Girardet's son and Karen & Andy Moutenot's son-in-law, Benjamin Girardet; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Ron & Ann Riemann's friend, Susan Seibert; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family.

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!

Birthday of Distinction: Nancy Ellis on November 21. **Happy Birthday!**

CHILDCARE NEWS

We are looking for non-church members to help with childcare. If you know of anyone age 18+, please contact Linda Protinick at Protinick.cpn@cranburypres.org.

CHOIR NEWS

Does your child love to sing? If so, we'd love to invite them to our Children's Choir rehearsals! The Children's Choir meets on Thursday afternoons beginning at 4:30 p.m. in our sanctuary for rehearsal. They usually sing once a month during our Worship Service. The Children's Choir Director is Jo D. (Jody) Sechler Andrews. If you have any questions, please contact Jo D. at joand23@earthlink.net.

A note from Donovan Klotzbeacher: I would like to mention that I have a newly-published music book. It can be obtained by going to www.lulu.com and searching for the title Donovan D. Klotzbeacher: Twenty-One Pieces for Organ. This book is available in various bindings. The coil-bound version will be most useful to other organists because it will conveniently lie flat on a music desk. Other bindings (such as hardcover) may be of interest to libraries, etc. Regardless, if you have a musician friend, perhaps this would make an interesting gift. It can also be purchased (in paperback) from Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Gaylord French for reviewing the manuscript prior to publication!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Malawi Children's Hospital Bake Sale TODAY! Join the Christian Education and the Mission, Service and Grants Committees today from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., as the Confirmation Class will sell baked goods during Coffee Hour to help support the Children's Ward of Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi!

Adult Ed: Join us Sunday mornings on November 23 and November 30 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1 with Gaylord French as he leads us on a journey through Hymnity! We will explore favorite hymns, how they were inspired, and how they have influenced worship through the ages!

Cranbury Men's Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.): All men are invited to join us in a relaxed setting at the Cranbury Inn. Please contact Brett Butler at bbutler532@gmail.com for more information.

CPNS

This week at CPNS, we will be getting ready for Thanksgiving. It gives us another opportunity to reflect on everything we are thankful for. God has given us so many wonderful blessings here at CPNS. We are thankful to have a safe, warm building that we can go to school in. We are thankful for our parents, board members, church staff, and the many volunteers that help us in so many ways. We are thankful for our teachers who love and care for our children every day, and we are thankful for our children,

those very special blessings, who make us smile and warm our hearts.

We are currently accepting registrations for the school year 2014-2015, including a variety of enrichment programs. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school and encourage them to contact us. We would be happy to show them our school and tell them about all the wonderful learning opportunities that we have each and every day. You could find the registration forms on our website, www.cranburypres.org or call Janice at 609 655-8663 for the details.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The New Mercy Community Church in Hackensack, NJ, which is part of the Eastern Korean Presbytery is a family that journeys through life's difficulties and joys together striving to grow and to serve God's kingdom and his people with all that they have and in all that they do. The congregation is organized around four pillars of ministry: education and formation, compassion and service, restoration and renewal, and spiritual formation. Since they have experienced God's radical mercy, they long to be vessels through which God pours out his mercy into this world at the dawn of each new day.

Skeet's Pantry News and Needs: We ask all who are able to keep our Pantry in your thoughts whenever you go food shopping. If you can pick up just one or two items for us each time you shop, it's amazing just how much that kind of help adds up. Between now and our Christmas Food Pantry distribution on December 12, we are asking especially for donations of:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta and/or Rice, Tuna Fish, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Detergent (32 loads or larger), other protein foods such as Canned Beef Stew and hearty soups

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, November 20** at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The Senior Breakfast group will host their monthly meeting and we will hear from Clifford W. Zink. He will tell us about John Augustus Roebeling, a classic American tale of immigration, hard work and entrepreneurship. He built the cables for the Brooklyn Bridge, George Washington Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: November 17, November 20, **No Classes on November 24 and November 27**

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/16 (Team #4) – 11/23 (Team #1)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 11/9/14)		
	Week Ended 11/9	YTD to 11/9
Offerings	\$7,557	\$390,680
Expenses	\$3,843	\$366,849
Net Income/(Loss)	\$3,714	\$23,831

YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Wreaths: This year the Christmas Wreaths are not coming from Mission at the Eastward (they are no longer making wreaths) but from our Youth Group! Please support our youth group this year as we sell beautiful Christmas Wreaths to support our Mission Trip this summer!

OTHER NEWS

Our current bulletin cover illustration was adapted from a drawing done by Clara Amend who died on October 29. Clara created the illustration of our church along with a series of other Cranbury sites to raise money for the preservation of the Old School, now Town Hall, for Cranbury Landmarks. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to her family for her generosity in sharing her talent with this congregation.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! An Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium, will be held at our church on Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. Ministers, Rabbis and Choirs from the Ministerium will be participating, with The Rev. Bruce Wood, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hightstown preaching. There will be a "pick-up" community choir, and anyone who wishes to sing is invited to come at 6:30 p.m. to rehearse "Let All Things Now Living". All are Welcome!

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 16, 2014

- 9:00a New Member Class - Lib
- 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
- 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
- 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
- 11:30a Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser - FH
- 11:45 Library Committee – Lib.
- 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice
- 5:30p-8:30p Youth Group & Jr. High Youth sorting of food for Thanksgiving baskets-FH/Kit
- 6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)
- 8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

November 17, 2014

- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 7:30p Brass Choir
- 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Lib.
- 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

November 18, 2014

- 9:00a Bulletin Material Due**
- 9:30a CPNS Thanksgiving Day Rehearsals - FH
- 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
- 1:00p CPNS Thanksgiving Day Rehearsals - FH
- 7:30p Session Meeting - FH
- 7:30p AA – McK Rm

November 19, 2014

- 9:30a CPNS Thanksgiving Day Rehearsals – FH
- 11:00a Turkey pick-up-(VAN)
- 1:00p CPNS Thanksgiving Day Rehearsals - FH
- 4:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/preparation – FH
- 7:30p Bell Choir

November 20, 2014

- 8:30a Senior Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn
- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 3:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/preparation – FH
- 4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
- 6p-7p Cub Scouts–McK Rm
- 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

November 21, 2014

- 9:00a Bulletin Material Due for November 30**
- 12(noon)-5:00p Thanksgiving Basket set-up/preparation–FH
- 5:00p Sr. High Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg - VAN
- 8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room

November 22, 2014

- 8:00a – 12(noon) Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets
- Sr. High Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg – VAN
- 9:00a Presbytery Meeting – Tower Hill Church in Red Bank

November 23, 2014 (Christ the King)

9:00a New Member Breakfast- FH

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages(CRs/Lib./McK Rm/Rm 1)

10:30a Worship w/New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

1:00p Sr. High Retreat Returns - **VAN**

4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice

6p - 7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-FH

7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service-Sanct/FH

8:30p CPNS set-up for Thanksgiving Day Program-FH