## 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

Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday November 20, 2011 10:30 A.M.

## **THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE Toccata and Fugue Josef Ferdinand Norbert Seger

Organ

INTROIT "The Butterfly Song"

Cherub Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Fifth & Sixth Grade Sunday School

Who is the king that we worship?

We worship Christ, who makes a home among the least and the lost.

Who is the king that we worship?

We worship Christ, who is hungry, is thirsty, is in prison, is a stranger.

In caring for the least among us we serve and worship Christ.

HYMN #142 (Hymnal)\*

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

The Rev. Joanne Petto

Lord Jesus, we bow before you humbly and joyfully for you are a gracious king—both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all. We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to hope and to work for justice. We have ignored your face in the stranger. Forgive us, we pray. Gather and direct us, that we may live as your faithful people, seeing as you see, and loving as you love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (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 ❖

Peter Miller

#### RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Patti Davis, Albert Fliss, Maikiko Fliss, Kay Gartner, Judy Katsoff, Cassandra Khazem, Robert Lawson, Lindsey MacDowell, MariCris MacDowell, Rae Ellen Smith and Sam Smith. They have participated in our Inquirers' Class, where they have learned something of the belief and practice of God's people in this place. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

- L: Who is your Lord and Savior?
- C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
- L: Do you trust in him?
- C: I do.
- L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?
- C: I do.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed\*

L:Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L:Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L:Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

Patti G. Davis

#### OUESTION (to the new members)

- L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?
- C: I will.

#### WELCOME

- L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. 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: Let us pray:
- P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 17: 11-19 Luke Kenny

Pew Bible pg. 80

ANTHEM "Blessings" Laura Story

Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5: 15-20 Pew Bible pgs. 194-195

SERMON "With a LOUD Voice" Dr. Louis Mitchell

# THE RESPONSE

HYMN #555 (Hymnal)\* "Now Thank We All Our God"

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Petto

### 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 "Gloria" Franz Joseph Haydn

(Heiligmesse) The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\* "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication\* Rev. Petto

HYMN #551 (Hymnal)\* "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

BENEDICTION\*

RESPONSE\* Fourfold Amen in C Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

POSTLUDE\* "Praise the Lord of Heaven!" Robert J. Powell

(Nous allons) Organ

## \*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

# A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on December 4, 2011, for the purpose of electing church officers.

<u>Visitors</u>! 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.

<u>Childcare is provided during worship</u>. 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 (<u>MusicMomNJ@comcast.net</u>).

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.

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

## We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Ethel and Jake Klotzbeacher and Ellen and George Vandercher by Dorothy Klotzbeacher.

**Head Usher** is Alan Danser.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by the Third and Fourth Grade Sunday School classes.

After Church Greeters are Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

## **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; Joan Brown; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Kathy Mitchell; Helen Myer; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darvin's daughter, Cindy; Gail Geijers' son, Dan; 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; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart and friends, Logan and Leslie Wyers; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's sister-in-law, Michelle and niece, Kaitlyn; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford; and Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart.

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.

<u>Prayer Requests in the Bulletin</u>: 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!

# $\sim\sim$ ADULT EDUCATION $\sim\sim$

Do you know what a parable is? Do you know why Jesus spoke in parables? This is your opportunity to explore this vital part of Jesus' ministry and learn the answers. We will then review four parables. Come to the Adult Education Class which continues through November 27 in Room 1 in the Parish Hall. This class will be led by Dr. Gretchen Hull. Don't worry if you miss one class—each class will be an independent study. We especially encourage those of you dropping off your youngsters for their Sunday School classes to stay.

# ~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

<u>Pictorial Directory</u>: We added December 7 and December 8 to the pictorial directory schedule. Sign-up sheets are available at coffee hour immediately following our worship service or visit our website to schedule your own appointment.

# ~~ CPNS ~~

Thanksgiving 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 and 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.

Please join us as we say thank you during our Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends. We have several celebrations; please join us on Monday, November 21 or Tuesday, November 22 at 10:45 a.m. or 2:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609/655-8663 or email her at <a href="mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net">CPNSchool@comcast.net</a> 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 ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Our church has made our sanctuary accessible to all who wish to enter. In The Presbytery of the Cascades the Opening Doors Task Force has been working to make it possible for all its churches physically to welcome each person. This task Force encourages, assists, and informs congregations about disabilities issues. They provide expertise and support through inclusion strategies, training workshops, expert consultation and financial assistance. They have provided funding to fifty churches for more than one hundred projects. Churches have installed elevators, widened doorways, made bathrooms accessible, built ramps, and purchased hearing-assist equipment. PC(USA) has honored Opening Doors for being a disabilities advocacy model for all other presbyteries.

# CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE! TODAY IS THE LAST

DAY to place your order for a beautiful fresh balsam wreath made in Maine. Proceeds from these sales provide a welcome source of income to the wreath makers in an area of Maine that has struggled in a slow economy. Nancy Stewart and Heidi Knowlton will be taking orders for wreaths during coffee hour. The price of each wreath is \$12.00. Checks may be made payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Wreaths may be picked up, as in the past, at the Gordons' home (127 North Main Street, Cranbury) after December 2. Please consider using this opportunity to assist our friends in Maine where the Presbyterian Church is active in the Mission of the Eastward and enjoy a beautiful, handmade wreath for Christmas.

Plea For The Programs For Hungry And Poor People - We are being urged to write to our Senators, Lautenberg and Menendez and our Representatives, Rush Holt and Chris Smith (and possibly others) to form a circle of protection around programs for hungry and poor people. We are all aware of the budget problem and current process of determining cuts, but the Super Committee must take a holistic approach to cutting the deficit. Protecting anti-poverty programs bolsters our nation's economy and expands our future trade capacity by helping to build markets for US goods and services. In other words, we undermine efforts to provide jobs by destroying purchasing power that ultimately creates jobs! And, of course saving programs that assist hungry and poor people to have sufficient food and a permanent roof over them is a Christian thing to do. We need to remember that truth.

# 2011 Mission Fair a Huge Success Thank You from the Mission, Service & Grants Committee!

So many people made our 2011 Mission Fair a success that it is really difficult to give credit where it is due to each and every one who was involved – but here's a list, with deep apologies to anyone inadvertently missed:

THANKS – to the Saturday "Prep Crew", including the Youth of our church, Boy Scouts, Andy Kremann, Pat Demers, Nancy Stewart, Doris Wiegartner, Bea Mabutho and Claire Hinman.

THANKS - to the Sunday "Sales Crew", including Beatrice Mabutho, Nancy Stewart, Heidi Knowlton, Barry Sutton, Lola Madsen, Doreen Grand-Jean, and Carol Sprout

THANKS - to the "Refreshment Crew", Pat Bohrs and our Bell Choir

THANKS – to the "Cleanup Crew", including Barry Sutton, Carol Sprout, Bea Mabutho and Dorothy Klotzbeacher

Well-deserved applause also goes to our guest preacher, Sally Osmer, Executive Director of NAMI-Mercer County. We are also very grateful for the enthusiastic participation of all our church groups involved in Mission activities, as well as the community organizations who shared their stories with our congregation during the Fair.

Of course, the Fair wouldn't have been quite as much fun without our Jewelry Jumble and Bake Sale – and those events just would not have happened without the generous contributions of so many of our congregation members. A huge Thank You to everyone who donated to those efforts.

Finally, to everyone who came to the Fair and donated through your purchases and contributions, we cannot thank you enough. The IMCK-Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo will be singing your praises too, because you have made it possible for our church to send \$1,565 to the hospital as a result of our Mission Fair. That contribution can cover the cost of hospital care for over 645 patients, or quinine tablets to prevent malaria for almost 1000 children, or it might go toward infusion therapy for over 450 patients in the hospital. Suffice to say that our contribution will mean the world to a struggling hospital caring for many of our brothers and sisters in the Congo. THANK YOU!

#### Carol Kientz

Mission Fair Coordinator for the MSG Committee

### ~~ OUTREACH~~

Beginning in January the Outreach Committee will offer a new opportunity to bring people together for fellowship and fun. Members of the church are invited to deepen and strengthen their ties with one another through conversation and through a meal. Young and old, singles and couples may sign up because the intent is to get to know people across age and interests. The host and/or hostess will invite six other people and provide the home, entrée and beverage. The other three couples will provide hors d'oeuvres, salad and dessert. Sign up will be in Fellowship Hall beginning November 21 when you come to have your photo taken, and on Sunday mornings at Coffee Hour. If you would like to host a dinner please note on the sign-up sheet. Your hostess will contact you after New Years for a dinner date in January.

### ~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6 at 12(noon) in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a full luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS.

Starting November 22, we will be calling our calling list of regular participants. If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to attend you must call the church office to preregister for this program before November 23. If you do not drive let us know and we will arrange to pick you up and take you home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to have this program and especially to have this Christmas program.

<u>Senior Exercise Schedule</u> - No classes until November 28. Happy Thanksgiving!

# ~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

If you have not returned your 2012 Pledge Card, please return your card as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Counting Teams**: 11/20 (Team #1) - 11/27 (Team #2)

## ~~ WORSHIP ~~

<u>Lay Readers Wanted!</u> - The schedule for Lay Readers for January 2012 through June 2012 is now available in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up during coffee hour.

## ~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

# November Activities for Youth Group

11/18-20 (Friday 5 p.m.-Sunday 3 p.m.) **High School Fall Retreat** at Camp Johnsonburg

11/20 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group meeting

11/27 (Thanksgiving weekend/First Sunday in Advent) No Youth Group

### ~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 20, 2011 - November 27, 2011	
Sunday	(Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King)
20	9:15a Inquirers' Class Breakfast-FH
	9:15a Christian Education for all ages
	(Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm)
	10:30a Worship with New Member Recognition &
	Baptism followed by coffee hour
	3:00p High School Fall Retreat returns from Camp
	Johnsonburg
	4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs
	classroom
	5:30p-7:00p Youth Group meeting
	7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service at
	Hightstown Presbyterian Church
	7:00p CPNS Thanksgiving set-up-FH
	7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) – McK Room
	7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday	9:00a Bulletin Material Due
21	10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program-FH
	2:15a CPNS Thanksgiving Program-FH
	2:30p-9:00p Church Pictorial Directory-Lib/Room 1
	7:30p Brass Choir
	8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday	9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm
22	10:45a CPNS Thanksgiving Program-FH
	11:00a Staff MtgChurch Office
	2:15a CPNS Thanksgiving Program-FH
	2:30p-9:00p Church Pictorial Directory-Lib/Room 1
	7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble
	7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday	CPNS Closed/Church Office (9:00a-12 noon)
23	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
	7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday	(Thanksgiving)
24	CPNS/Church Office Closed
Friday	CPNS/Church Office Closed
25	11:30a-6:00p Church Pictorial Directory-FH
	7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday	10:00a-5:00p Church Pictorial Directory-FH
26	
Sunday	(1st Sunday of Advent)
27	9:15a Celebration Sunday
	9:15a Christian Education for all ages
	(Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm)
	10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
	4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs
	classroom
	No Youth Group
	No Cranbury Men's Bible Study