

Welcome to Worship



First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

10:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday | Closed

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AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Homecoming Sunday

September 12, 2021 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Voluntary VI

Jacob Kirkman
Organ

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Hannah

INTROIT

*“They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion”
(Ps. 125:1)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Joanne

Leader: “Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked,

People: and Peter answered, “The Messiah.”

Leader: Let us worship the One who is our savior

People: and follow in Christ’s path of love.

OPENING PRAYER

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality, in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN #673*

“Jesus, Light of Joy”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, and words of poison come from our mouths. We sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & FORGIVENESS*

GLORIA*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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THE PEACE*

GOD'S WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Daune Arsnow

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

Caroline Blankson

ANTHEM

"Listen to the Music"

Ed Robertson
The Chorale

SERMON

"Jesus at the Center"

Pastor Hannah

HYMN #157*

"I Danced in the Morning"

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

The Session has received the following people into church membership: **Henry Holland, Sandy Holland, Bryan Thompson and Morgan Thompson**

They have participated in our New Members Classes, 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

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

New Member: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Do you trust in him?

New Member: I do.

Leader: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

New Member: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

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

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

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: 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.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

QUESTION (to the new members)

Leader: 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?

New Member: I will.

WELCOME

Leader: 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.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Leader: Let us pray:

People: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Joanne

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In 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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

Pastor Hannah

DOXOLOGY* Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *"God be with you till we meet again"* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *Capriccio* George Frideric Handel
Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

Words of Gratitude

Thank you to our entire church family for sticking with us through COVID and all of the changes that we've endured in these last 18 months. Thank you for your prayers, support, and love – and for coming home with us (hybrid style, in person and online) today!

Thank you to the Communications Committee for their hard work on our beautiful new logo, and for the vision of the congregation that informed its creation.

Thank you to Susan Mavoides for the bulletin board makeovers – be sure to check them out in Fellowship Hall! They're full of good news.