

# First Presbyterian Church of **Cranbury**

10:30 a.m.

Pastor, The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Parish Associate, The Rev. Joanne Petto
Organist and The Chorale Director, Mr. Donovan Klotzbeacher
CPNS Director, Mrs. Jessica Corriveau

Church Office Hours

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

# Welcome to Worship!

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## AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 2021 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE "Es is das Heil uns Kommen Her"

Anon. Organ

(Salvation Now Has Come to Us)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Hannah

**INTROIT** "I was glad when they said unto me"

Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale

(Ps. 122:1)

Mary Speer

Leader: When the world around us seems to be shaking,

People: God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.

Leader: When the life within us is dry and parched,

People: God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.

Leader: Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

People: and teaches us how to serve.

#### OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of unsearchable mystery and light, your weakness is greater than our strength, your foolishness brings all our cleverness to naught, your gentleness confounds the power we would claim. You call first to be last and last to be first, servant to be leader and ruler to be underling of all. Pour into our hearts the wisdom of your Word and Spirit, that we may know your purpose and live to your glory. Amen.

HYMN #839\*

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

Pastor Joanne

You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all. Oh, how we long to be first, O God: to climb every ladder, frame every achievement, get every promotion, and obtain every glory. Oh, how we long to be first, O God, and oh, how we dread being last. Forgive us, O humble Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us. Teach us to reframe our priorities. Teach us to be servants first, and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & FORGIVENESS\*

GLORIA PATRI\*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

THE PEACE\*

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:30-37 Mary Speer

Lord, we ask and pray that You will lead us ev'ry day.

Lord, we hear Your call; we know You died to save us all.

Show us the way. Teach us to pray.

Lead with Your light through darkest night.

Lord, make hatred cease, that we may know Your tender peace.

Grant to us Your love and send Your guidance from above.

**SERMON** "Welcome the child, and you welcome God." Pastor Hannah

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

HYMN #188\* "Jesus Loves Me!"

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

Pastor Joanne

**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\* Pastor Hannah

RESPONSE Fourfold Amen in G Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

POSTLUDE\* Allegro Moderato Franz Joseph Haydn

Organ

#### \*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

#### A Word of Gratitude

Much gratitude goes to the Congregational Life Committee and Vision Team for last week's Homecoming Picnic. Christians have gathered around the table for centuries, to break bread, enjoy fellowship, and grow in relationship with one another and the Christ they follow. It was good, and holy, to be together once again around the table. Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes and to everyone who came and enjoyed the meal!