

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
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2010 10:00 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Voluntary in D Major* **John Stanley**
Organ

INTROIT *“Wade in the Water”* **Spiritual**
Jean Dvorak, vocalist

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Joanne Petto
The Lord, the Mighty One, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
“Hear, O my people, and I will speak: I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.”
Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend us apart and there be none to deliver you.
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; and to those who keep my way will I show my salvation.

HYMN #229 (Hymnal)* *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of the ages, God of the story that includes even us, we hear of Abraham and Sarah, and we are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, while we waver. They believed your promise, while we ignore your words. In their example, we see our own failings. We confess our sins, aware that we confess with your people through the generations. We confess our sins, as they did, looking to your endless mercy to cleanse us and restore us. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (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 ✨

VBS Leaders

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

Janet Furchak
Pew Bible pg. 492

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Steal Away to Jesus"

Spiritual
Jean Dvorak, vocalist

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1: 26-31

Pew Bible pg. 1-2

SERMON

"The Image of God"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #268 (Hymnal)* *"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"*

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR: Zachary Conley

PRESENTATION AND OPENING STATEMENT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

C: I do.

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

C: I will, with God's help.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed*

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 confirmand)

L: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

C: I will, with God's help.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

L: By publicly professing his faith, Zach has confirmed the covenant God made with him in his baptism. Let us welcome him as he joins 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: The peace of God be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Petto

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Poor Wayfarin' Stranger"

Spiritual

Jean Dvorak, vocalist

Hymn #593 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Petto

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)*

"This Is My Father's World"

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary in C Major

William Croft
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Visitors! We hope that 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.

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. Childcare providers for the infant nursery are Linda Protinick and Taylor Panconi. The toddler nursery is staffed by Bob and David Mills. 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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Joe and Maryminta Konrad by Walter, Austin, Ed, Debbie and Ben Konrad.

Head Usher is Loida Wilson.

Coffee Hour is hosted today by Margo Wegner.

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 and John Bloom; Jim Cox; Bill and Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; Edgar and Margaret Lawson; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Jen Probasco; Dawn Simpson-Klotzbeacher; Russ Richardson; Mildred Watts; and Anna Wahler.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Carolyn and Brent Barlow's daughter and Ina and Richard Zimmer's daughter-in-law, Joelle Zimmer; Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Rev. Lou Mitchell's mother, Elizabeth Mitchell; Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden; and Alex Vogen's friend, Bennett Sherr.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community.

***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 remember family & friends in our nation's service: Colonel John Bartolotto (US Army), Elsie & Russell Sutton's son-in-law; Lt. Nick Brunetti (USMC), Tracey Yeager Brunetti's husband and Jeff & Diane Yeager's son-in-law; Robert F. Davison (US Army), Earl and Bea Davison's grandson; Adam Frick (US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen's cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75th Ranger Regiment), Janet & Paul Furchak's son; Colonel Martha Lenhart (US Army), Jim & Barbara Cox's daughter-in-law; Greg McAvoy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer's grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Mentis (9th Cavalry Troop), Pat & Bill Leonard's son-in-law; Major Douglas Miller (US Air Force), George & Audrey Smith's nephew and Anna Wahler's grandson; Tony Paschall, Ann and Ted Zimmerman's step- grandson, and Colonel Daniel Shanahan (US Army), Leslie Vandenberg's cousin.

- 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: William Schlegel on August 8. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn: This group will take a break in August and resume in September. Enjoy the summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

We had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the week so fantastic. We look forward to next summer's VBS!

Claudette Guy and Janet Wheeler

~~ CPNS ~~



We are currently registering for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net to find out more information. As a Christian Nursery School our goal is to guide your children in the appropriate ways to get along with others, to be self-confident and respectful individuals, to make decisions, to be creative, to solve math problems, to love reading and writing, and most of all to love to learn.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

SKEET'S PANTRY SHOPPING LIST - PLUS "HELP WANTED"

In addition to spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, which are always needed, our "wish list" this month includes:

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES from the garden... If you are one of those very special and talented people who grow vegetables and/ or fruit, and you happen to have enough to spare for people who could use some help, then please consider bringing your spare fruit and vegetables to our food pantry on the **3rd Friday of this month between 8 & 9am in Fellowship Hall.** Our volunteers will happily take your donated food and make it part of this month's food pantry distribution.

We also need a volunteer who can work along with Flo Kremann, one of our food pantry coordinators, to take care of ordering and receiving food deliveries from Mercer Street Friends. It doesn't involve heavy work, but you will need access to a computer and you'll need to have an email address. If you can be available a few hours each month to help Flo monitor what we need to order, as well as the paperwork necessary to place and keep track of the order, then we need you. Flo would love to work with you to keep this essential part of our Food Pantry operating smoothly. You can call Flo directly (or email her) at 609/ 490-1140 or kremannf@yahoo.com. She'll be glad to talk with you about this important volunteer job.

Thanks again for everyone's generous help and support!!!

USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE

YourResource is holding a Used Medical Equipment Drive on **Saturday, August 21 from 9:30 to 2:00 p.m.** at the Jamesburg Farmers Market on West Railroad Avenue in Jamesburg. The following items are wanted: wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, portable ramps, canes and crutches and unopened boxes of adult diapers, bandages, etc. Appointments for pickup of larger items can be arranged. Contact Anne Gordon (609) 409-7885.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown. We are keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on it, please call the church office.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Summer has arrived, vacations beckon and the beaches get crowded, but our operating expenses remain and cash flow becomes more of a concern. If past patterns repeat themselves, when everyone hits the beach, our weekly offerings plummet. Please remember to keep current on your pledge. If you cannot make it to Church on Sunday, you can

always mail in your check or arrange for an automatic transfer from your checking account to ours! Enjoy the summer.

Second quarter pledge statements have been mailed only to the people who are behind in their pledges. At the end of the year, a complete statement for 2010 will be mailed to everyone.

Counting Teams: 8/8 (Team #2) - 8/15 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE - FLOWER OPENING: Sunday, August 29 is available for flowers. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to take advantage of our nursery if you have children age 5 and under. If you prefer to keep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Thank you very much to all our youth who shared their time, talents, faith and energy with our congregation and our neighbors in the wider community this summer by assisting with VBS, TASK, and on the Youth Mission Trip "Missions 101." May God bless you!

Upcoming Events

- September 12 **Homecoming Picnic after 10:00 worship!**
- September 19 9:15-10:15 a.m. **First Day of Sunday School** and from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Youth Group Kick-Off!** This is also our Parents' Meeting and everyone will meet Seminarian Kurt Heineman.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

August 8, 2010- August 15, 2010

Sunday 8	10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship
Monday 9	All Week – Floors waxed and stripped in classrooms and carpet cleaning 7:00p Boy Scout Leaders Mtg.-Rm.1 7:00p Scout Order of Review-Lib. 7:30p Stewardship & Finance- Church Office 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 10	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wednesday 11	11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Coffee House Meeting-Lib.
Thursday 12	9:00a Session Material Due 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale – Choir Room
Friday 13	7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Saturday 14	
Sunday 15	10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship