

**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.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 24, 2010 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *Sonata No. 1* **Johann Gottlieb Naumann**  
Organ

INTROIT *“Spirit of the Living God”* **Daniel Iverson**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP 3 and 4 Grade Sunday School Class

The time has arrived! The reign of God is here and now!  
**We are watching and waiting for the kingdom of God.**  
The time is now. The kingdom of God is here!  
**We are seeking the good news.**  
Believe the good news! The dreams of God are alive, right here!  
**We are searching for work to do in God’s world.**  
The moment has come. Let us fish for people!  
**God’s kingdom is alive in this world! The long-awaited day is here!**

HYMN #139 (Hymnal)\* *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\* **Rev. Rosanna Anderson**  
**God who calls, in Jesus you come to the lakeshores of our lives. We are busy fishing away, casting our nets and hoping for big hauls, great catches of money, respect, and possessions. We resist answering the One who, smiling, calls our names. Have mercy on us. Open our ears and turn us toward our Lord. Bring us away from our nets full of unfulfilling things. Help us to follow Jesus, and with him, share the good news of abundant life in you. 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 ✨		Lori Kleppe
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 1: 1-3	Emma Corr Pew Bible pg. 1
ANTHEM	<i>"O Breath of Life"</i>	<b>Howard Helvey</b> The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 25: 31-46 and James 2: 1-26	Pew Bible pgs. 29 and 229-230
SERMON	"The Test of Faith"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

## THE RESPONSE

HYMN #65 (Songbook)*	<i>"We Bow Down"</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory	<i>"Erbarm' Dich Mein, O Herr"</i> ( <i>O God, be merciful</i> )	<b>J. Gottfried Walther</b> Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Sevenfold Amen</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>"In peace and joy I now depart"</i>	<b>Dietrich Buxtehude</b> Organ

## \*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 31, 2010 in the Sanctuary.

**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](mailto:MusicMomNJ@comcast.net)).

**Please Note: We no longer provide nursery care during the Sunday School hour. Childcare during worship remains unchanged.**

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:**

**Head Ushers** are Bob and Carol Kane.

**After Church Greeters** are Art and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by the Kindergarten Sunday School class.

#### 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; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Jim Walcott and Mildred Watts.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** family and friends of Ruth Davison due to her death; Phyllis Dyke's sister, Joyce Lepore and brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Bev and Craig Gilbert's daughter-in-law, Beth; Jane Hovland's son-in-law, Michael Dolci; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Karen Moser's friend, Nancy Tancredi; Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden; and Cathy Vogen's father-in-law, Don Vogen.

**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; Adam Frick (US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen's cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75<sup>th</sup> 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 Specialist), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Menten (9<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Birthdays of Distinction:** Mark Sasso on January 27 and Hannelore Kritikos on January 30. **Happy Birthday!**

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#### ~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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#### Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

**On Sunday, January 31 at 9:15 a.m.,** Pastor Rosanna and Carlene Reyes will lead "**Kids and Communion**". This workshop will be in the Sanctuary for students in Grade 2 and their parents. Then families will discern if they feel their son or daughter is ready to receive the Lord's Supper beginning on the following Sunday, February 7.

#### Bible Study series led by Bob Kane: "Who Are You?"

**January 24, 31 and February 7 in the Library:** In this new series, explore the nature of God's covenants in the Old and New Testaments and how they relate to your life today. Please join us!

#### ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

**Transitions Networking Group: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Room 1.** This is an opportunity to connect with others going through job change and sharing information about jobs, opportunities and resources. It will feature expert speakers and guests, and provide Scripturally-based resources focused on career and life changes. Everyone is welcome to attend. The group will be facilitated by church member, Charlie Ernst and sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Coffee and donuts/fruit will be provided.

**Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn:** All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our study on *The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at [cwcollector@aol.com](mailto:cwcollector@aol.com) or Clifford Anderson at [clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu](mailto:clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu).

**Special Retreat Opportunity For Women:** The Fourth Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on April 9-11 still has a few openings! There is a good group of women from our church attending and we would love to have more. The weekend promises to be a time of building relationships, growing in our faith and having fun. The cost is \$90.00. Registration forms may be obtained in the church office or by contacting Joanne Petto or Anne Gordon for further details.

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#### ~~ CPNS ~~

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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](mailto: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.

We are also registering for our winter/spring enrichment programs. We offer Art & Literacy, Science & Math, Music & Movement and the Power of Play along with Mommy's Morning Out for children not yet in our school. You don't need to be enrolled in CPNS to attend these programs. Register today, several spots are already filled. We look forward to hearing from you!

**P.S.** Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about us as well.

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#### ~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

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#### A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:

Sometimes, it seems a church can set out to attract people and, when they come, the church is not certain how to deal with them! Such a situation existed in Grace Presbyterian, Texas, in the First Presbyterian Church of Temple. After determining to stay in its changing downtown area and develop spaces surrounding the building, including a single basketball goal, neighborhood youth came at all hours to shoot hoops. Finally one young man accepted an invitation to come inside, eventually bringing his brothers and sisters to the church Vacation Bible School. Soon other children followed for after-school programs and Sunday School. But these children did not grow up in the church, and the church has had to change to meet their needs. "Build it and they will come" is not enough; for after they come is the complicated process of learning names and building relationships, of learning how to respond to the little girl who, seeing a picture of Jesus, asked "Does he work here?" (Well, yes he does, but not as you might easily explain.)

**CONTRIBUTING TO HAITI** - The PC(USA) including the Cranbury Church is deeply concerned about Haiti and the disaster that is making life so difficult for its people. Immediately after the earthquake, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) sent \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing. Prayers have, I'm sure, been constant on the part of both clergy and lay people. Our church is doing what it can. Last Sunday, our "retiring offering" garnered \$1,933.00 Session

voted at its January 19 meeting to send \$2,000 to PDA and \$3,000 to Good Shepherd Hospital, a Haitian hospital, which we have been helping to support for many years. These grants will come from our Endowment Fund Interest.

Today we shall be holding another "retiring offering" to which you may contribute cash or checks made out to our church which will then be sent on to PDA. If you prefer to send your money directly, you can make it out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and send to that name, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Mark the check DR 00064. Or, if you like, you may call 1-800-872-3283 and make your gift over the phone. In the meantime, remember to pray!

**FIFTH ANNUAL GUATEMALA  
GOURMET DINNER FUNDRAISER**

Our Fifth Annual Gourmet Dinner to support our Guatemala mission is this weekend! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for church fellowship, entertainment and a delicious meal. There are a limited number of tickets being sold, so buy yours today.

We will be serving dinner on Friday, January 29 and on Saturday, January 30 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be serenaded by a String Quartet, and on Saturday you will be entertained by our very own Don Klotzbeacher and company along with a Barbershop Quartet.

The cost of the meal will be \$50.00 per person (remember this is a fundraiser). You may want to attend both evenings to experience the variety of entertainment being offered. We will be selling only a limited number of tickets, so plan on buying your ticket early. They are on sale now and will be available during coffee hour (see Lil or George Conley) or call the church office.

We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon or stuffed chicken as your main entrees along with all the trimmings and a delicious desert to top it off!

Checks can be made payable to the First Presbyterian Church (tax deductible) memo: Guatemala dinner. Any amount above the \$50.00 fee will be greatly appreciated. Please save this date, we are counting on you for our success in this project.

George Conley, Guatemalan Team (395-0513)

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

**Program on Haiti on February 3 at The Cranbury Woman's Club Meeting** - In keeping with the current interest in and concern about Haiti and its citizens, the Woman's Club of Cranbury announces that Virginia Wolf will speak at its 12:30 p.m. February 3 meeting in the church Fellowship Hall. Virginia has traveled in Haiti and has a daughter, Dr. Katie Wolf, who is establishing a hospital on the island. Virginia's talk will include a film and an opportunity for questions. She will not deal so much with the current crisis as with Haiti's geography, history, and medical situation. Dessert will be served and guests are welcome.

~~ 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.

**EXERCISE SCHEDULE**

January 25, January 28, February 1, February 4

**UPCOMING EVENT**

Senior Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 12 noon for another interesting program sponsored by the Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Commission. Soup, dessert and a beverage will be served. At 1:00 p.m., we will welcome back Mr. Douglas Aumack who will present a slide show on the history of Raritan Landing, and will explain archaeological methods used in the excavation of this historic area. Doug will then teach us the steps involved in such an archaeological dig, exhibiting tools used and artifacts uncovered. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list need to preregister by February 16 by calling Connie Bauder or the church office.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

This year's Stewardship Campaign resulted in pledge support of about \$370,000. This, plus other offerings and endowment support, has enabled Session to finalize a budget for 2010. The 2010 Budget and other financial information will be made available in the Annual Report and at the Congregational Meeting. Thank you for your generous response to our messages.

Counting Teams: 1/24 (Team #2) - 1/31 (Team #3)

**Please Note: Remember to pick-up your 2010 Pledge Envelopes in the Narthex.**

~~ WORSHIP ~~

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.

**Opening for Flowers:** Please contact Diane Smith at 890-0822 if you are interested in having flowers in the chancel, there is an opening for **January 31**.

**Ushers Guild:** If you are interested in joining the Ushering Guild, please contact Caren Anuszewski at 587-8883 or at [ccrab91@optonline.net](mailto:ccrab91@optonline.net). **Ushers, please remember to pick up your ushering packets in the Narthex.**

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

**Youth Group January Activities**

- 1/24 6:30p-8:00 p.m. Youth Group "Unplugged" in FH
- 1/31 2:00p-4:00 p.m. Youth Group meet for Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center (Thanks to parent chaperones!)

**February Activities**

- 2/7 10:30 a.m. worship with the SOUPer Bowl of Caring Offering and 11:30 am Hoagie Sale Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip - No evening activity
- 2/14 6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group "Bring a Friend on the Fourteenth"
- 2/21 6:30-8:00 p.m. Service Project: Make Soup for Senior Fellowship
- 2/28 2:45-6:00 p.m. Polity & Pizza at the Hightstown First Presbyterian Church

~~ CALENDAR ~~

**January 27, 2010 - January 31, 2010**

<b>Sunday 24</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 5:30p-6:30p Mentor dinner with confirmands - FH 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group "Unplugged" in FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
<b>Monday 25</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material</b> <b>4:00p</b> Presbytery Meeting-East Brunswick 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 27</b>	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Lib 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 28</b>	8:30a Senior Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday 29</b>	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 9:00a-9:00p Guatemala Dinner-FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 30</b>	8:00a - 2:00p CPNS Special Persons Day - (Snowdate) Classrooms/Kit 9:00a-9:00p Guatemala Dinner-FH/Kit
<b>Sunday 31</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:15a Kids in Communion-Sanctuary 10:30a Worship 11:30a Annual meeting of the Congregation 2:00p-4:00p Youth Group meet at Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn