

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

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE “By Waterside in Babylon” **Johann Pachelbel**
Organ

INTROIT “Bless the Lord, O my soul” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 103:1) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Sunday School Grades 1 and 2
The Journey of Lent –
is a journey inward, to examine our hearts.
The journey of faith –
is a journey of trust, following God’s promises.
The journey of life –
is a journey outward, spending our lives for the sake of love.

HYMN #101 (Hymnal)* “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* The Rev. Rosanna Anderson
Faithful God, you call us to trust in your promises, as you invited Abraham and Sarah. In Jesus Christ, you call us to take up our cross and follow, as he invited his disciples. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious; embarrassed to share the good news. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us. 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 ✚ Janice Parker

COMMISSIONING OF CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD

Eileen Beam, Jessica Corriveau, Amy Dixon (Moderator), Jody Eberly, Claudette Guy, Danny Kinney, Lori Kleppe (Local School Advisor), Jennifer Kong, Janice Parker (Director), Craig Vandenberg and Janet Wheeler.

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind. **(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Brothers and sisters, God has called you to particular service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? **I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit? **I will, with God's help.**

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters to this role in the service of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry? **We will.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

(All) Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Scott by Marge and Pat Scott.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

After Church Greeters are confirmands, Julie Bond and Catherine Keve.

Coffee Hour is hosted by CPNS in honor of the CPNS Board.

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: the Allen family and friends due to Thomas Allen's death; Marge and John Bloom; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Dorothy Swec; Jim Walcott and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: 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; Dawn Michaud's father, Frank Thomas; 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 (75th Ranger Regiment), Janet & Paul Furchak's son; Colonel Martha Lenhart (US Army), Jim & Barbara Cox's daughter-in-law; Greg McAvooy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer's grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army Specialist), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Mentes (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!

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

"Lift Up Your Heart: Prayer" with Rev. Rosanna Anderson in the Library: Please join Pastor Rosanna for a five-week Lenten series on prayer. We will discuss prayer in the Bible and experience a variety of prayer practices from the riches of the history of the Christian tradition. This class will conclude on March 21.

VBS STANDS FOR ... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School is back again this year with another fun and exciting program! The week-long VBS morning program is scheduled for **August 2 - 6**. This year's theme is "SonQuest Rainforest." Stay tuned to the bulletin and church website for more details. Please call Claudette Guy (409-8553) or Janet Wheeler (655-8313) with any questions. Come along and get caught up in the excitement of VBS!

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 is facilitated by 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 or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

ADULT SPRING RETREAT: April 30 - May 1 at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ

Would you like to enjoy 28 hours of caring fellowship and spiritual growth? Then set aside April 30 and May 1 and join us for the Annual Adult Spring Retreat. Bob Gregory will lead us this year. Our theme will be 1 John 3: 11, "We should love one another". The retreat begins Friday evening with dinner followed by singing, fellowship and a vespers service. On Saturday, we will have bible study, discussion, and communion, returning home after dinner. Not only is this retreat a wonderful time of spiritual renewal, it is a great way to really get to know other people in our church family.

The Fellowship Deaconry welcomes us each year with delicious home-cooked meals, beautiful blooming spring scenery, and a quiet comfortable place to relax. Sign-ups will begin during coffee hour on March 21. Additional information on Fellowship Deaconry and costs will be available at that time. Transportation will be available in the church van. For more information, call Dorothy Klotzbecher at (732) 521-2026, Cathy Vogen at (609) 799-9317 or Barbara Santoro at 609-395-0697.

~~ 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.

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 classes 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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Women of the various churches in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria (PCN) have done a remarkable job in outreach to their communities. Some of their projects and accomplishments include: forming nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to help respond to human need by providing educational assistance and care for widows and orphans and empowering women, assisting women to access microfinance loans for their small businesses, providing HIV/AIDS education through activities for women, building stores that are rented out to PCN women, skill training in such crafts as hat and bead making to enable women to support their families, organizing a Muslim/Christian dialogue toward actualizing peace, running an active welfare department for care of widows and the elderly, and supporting each month a center with food items and toiletries for physically challenged persons.

HAITI - The need continues and gifts are still welcome. 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, PO Box 64370, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700.

Mark the check DR 00064. Or, if you like, you may call (800)872-3283 and make your gift over the phone.

~~ 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

March 1, March 4, March 8, March 11, March 15,
March 18, March 22, March 25, March 29

UPCOMING EVENT

On Tuesday, March 16 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall, Senior Fellowship members are invited to take a Safari Trip to Africa with Karen and Andy Moutenot. We will hear of their experiences and view their beautiful photographs of this colorful land and its exotic animals. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Members who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list should call Connie Bauder or the church office to preregister for this program by Friday, March 12.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Your per capita assessment is due! Please use your initial offering envelope or the per capita envelopes in the pews "to pay your 'share' of the per capita assessment. Per capita is \$35 per active member (including confirmed youth). Thank you for your generous support of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Reminder: If you intend to make a designated gift to one of our missions or ministries, please help us keep accurate records. While you are welcome to place your gift in the offering plate, please place your contribution in a separate envelope from your pledge offering and clearly mark the envelope and the check with how the contribution should be used or classified. While our counting teams strive for accuracy in recording all gifts received in the offering plate, it is very easy to overlook a notation on the memo line of a check and your contribution could be inadvertently misclassified. Thanks!

Counting Teams: 2/28 (Team #3) - 3/7 (Team #4)

~~ 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.

FLOWER OPENING: On Sunday, March 21 there is a flower opening available. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 890-0822.

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

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

February Activities

2/28 Exciting New Plans: Attend "**Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**" at WWPHS North from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 person.

March Activities

March 7 Game Night at Church from 5-6:30 p.m. Bring a main dish to share, and your favorite game!
March 14 Youth Group 6:30p-8:00p Prepare message and practice music for leading the Easter Sunrise worship service (at 7 a.m. on April 4)
March 21 Sunday during Coffee Hour - Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip
6:30p-8:00p Youth Group in Fellowship Hall
March 28 Field trip to "Palms to Passion" service of worship led by the Princeton Seminary Choir at Miller Chapel at 7 pm (meet at church at 6:15 p.m., return at 8:45 p.m.)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

February 28, 2010 - March 7, 2010

Sunday 28	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour in honor of the CPNS Board 2:30p-6:00p Youth Group 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 1	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 2	CPNS Closed 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:00a - 3:00p CPNS Teacher In Service Day-FH/Kit/Lib 10:35a Senior Fellowship Planning Meeting - Room 1 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Room 1 7:15p Christian Ed. Meeting-Church Office(upstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting- Lib. 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 3	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:00a-3:30p Women's Club meeting 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 4	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p - 6:15p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib. 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 5	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 6	8:30a-12:45p Hightstown Event for Leaders and Educators
Sunday 7	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/communion followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 5:00p-6:30p Game Night - FH (including youth group) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn