

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
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Lenten Bells”* Arr. Barbara Kinyon
Bell Choir

INTROIT *“Ye that stand in the house of the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 135) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Rosanna Anderson
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is pure and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

HYMN #142 (Hymnal)* *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Holy God, you graciously gave commandments to your chosen people so that they might live as your covenant people. But we would rather argue about your commands than live by them. Some of us have made idols of them; some of us consider them quaint and irrelevant. O Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Remind us that even your foolishness is far wiser than we can imagine. Remind us that living your way is more desirable than fine gold, and far sweeter than honey. As you have written your law on our hearts, help us to live for you. 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 ✨		Pastor Lou
SCRIPTURE	Colossians 1: 15-20	Katherine Gerberich Pew Bible pg. 200
ANTHEM	<i>"Lenten Prayer"</i> (Flutist: Ellie Suttmeier)	Susan Nelson Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Pew Bible pg. 192
SERMON	"The End of Before the Beginning"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>"Jesus, So Lowly"</i>	Harold Friedell The Chorale
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #280 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)* *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Twofold Amen* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *Voluntary in A* **Samuel Priestly Taylor**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

**Elwood (Ted) Swenson
November 14, 1931 – February 28, 2010**

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 Communion Servers are Nic Baverov, Charlie Ernst, Doreen Grand-Jean and Diane Yeager

The Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Jean F. and Charles A. Kientz by the Kientz family.

Head Ushers are George Arsnow and Rick and Nancy Norland.

After Church Greeters are confirmands, Julie Bond and Geneva Stiglic.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Ann and Ron Riemann.

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; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; family and friends of Ted Swenson due to his death; 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; David Geijer's, friend, Mark Zakalux; 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 McAvoy (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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Austin Lentz on March 9, Margery Gross on March 11 and Wilma Shimer on March 12. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 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.

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 on Friday evening with dinner followed by singing, fellowship and a vespers service. On Saturday, we will have Bible study, discussion, and the Lord's Supper, 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 799-9317 or Barbara Santoro at 395-0697.

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!

~~ 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: Sudan is often in the news, and rarely is the news the happy kind. But this story about a brand new Bible school in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan gives one hope for that beleaguered country. In this school, more than twenty young evangelists are being educated in both Arabic and English to reach out into the African bush with the good news of Jesus Christ. These students walk for hours every week to get to places where they have established preaching centers. And the way they live is amazing: each student builds a one-room dwelling made of mud brick with a thatched roof for his dormitory space. Not quite like Princeton Theological Seminary, is it!

~~ OUTREACH ~~

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE: Please mark your calendars for a night of Classical music on Friday, March 12.

As you know, the Cranbury Coffee House is a venue to showcase local musical talent with musical genres such as Jazz, Folk, Acoustic Rock, String Quartet, Barbershop Quartet, Open Mike, Oldies & Brass Band. The Coffee House has been a once a month event held on the second Friday of each month through June 10, 2010. **Our upcoming event will be on Friday, March 12th from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.** Performing will be the *Cranbury String Serenade*, a classical group. This local group has entertained Cranbury during various events and we are so pleased that they will be sharing their beautiful music at our next Coffee House. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity.

Tickets for the March show are \$8.00 per adult, and \$5.00 for children under 12. Refreshments will be available at an additional cost.

Just a reminder proceeds less expenses benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacons' Benevolence Fund. Not only do you have the opportunity to relax and listen to wonderful music with friends, but you help those in need in our community.

For information about the Cranbury Coffee House or how you can help please go to www.cranburycoffeehouse.com. We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

An Invitation from Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

You are invited to attend the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society's Spring Potluck Supper and program on Friday, March 19 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a place setting and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. A silent auction of 1950's Stangl pottery in the Thistle pattern will also be held.

The program for the evening will be presented by Marc Mappen who will share stories from his book, *There's More to New Jersey Than the Sopranos*. Dr Mappen, is the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission, co-editor of the award-winning *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*, and author of *Jerseyana: The Underside of New Jersey History*. He has written articles for the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, Rutgers Magazine, New Jersey Heritage, and other publications, and has appeared on the History Channel and National Public Radio.

~~ 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 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.

SENIOR CENTER EVENT

On Friday, March 12, please join us for luncheon at 12 noon to be followed by our St. Patrick's Day Program with a step dancing demonstration by Sheila and Brenna Kennedy-Moore. Part 2: Ireland trip photos presented by Marilynn Mullen, Director of the Cranbury Public Library at the Cranbury Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome. **YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244** no later than Monday, March 8. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

~~ 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: 3/7 (Team #4) - 3/14 (Team #1)

~~ 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.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale on March 21

The Youth Group will hold a **Bake Sale during coffee hour on Sunday, March 21**. There will be something for everybody! BIG thanks in advance to each of our bakers. All proceeds go to the 2010 Youth Mission Trip. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

March Activities

- TONIGHT 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 the 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 ~~

March 7, 2010 - March 14, 2010

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 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 8	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 9	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Mtg-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Lib. 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 10	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 11	9:00a Session Material Due 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 12	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 7p-9:30p The Cranbury Coffee House-FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 13	
Sunday 14	(SPRING AHEAD - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn