

**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**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 14, 2010 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

Arr. W. Hanson

Brass Choir

INTROIT

*"When Jesus Wept"*

William Billings, 1770

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**whose sin is put away!**

Blessed are they who are freed from their guilt,

**in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

HYMN #302 (Hymnal)\*

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSIO (In Unison)\*

**O Lord, you are compassionate beyond measure and merciful beyond belief. We have been like the prodigal child in the far country: lost in our sin, distant from you, seemingly beyond your reach. Yet something is calling us back. Somehow, we hope to return to you. We're just not sure about the details. Yet before we can work out what to say, you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe that it is so, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 ✠

Katherine Gerberich and Geneva Stiglic

SCRIPTURE	Luke 23: 32-39	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 166
ANTHEM	<i>“Salvation is created”</i>	<b>P. Tschesnokoff</b> The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	I Corinthians 1: 18-25	Pew Bible pg. 89
SERMON	“The Cross of Derision”	Dr. Louis Mitchell
<b><u>THE RESPONSE</u></b>		
HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Fairest Lord Jesus”</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	One Great Hour of Sharing	George Conley
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>“Panis Angelicus”</i>	<b>Frank-Neu</b> Brass Choir
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #84 (Hymnal)*	<i>“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>“Jerusalem, thou city fair and high”</i>	<b>Max Reger</b> 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](mailto: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 celebration of our 7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Andrew and Flo Kremann.

**Head Ushers** are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

**After Church Greeters** are confirmands, Cassi Waciega and Catherine Keve.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by Bill and Norma Keller.

#### 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; 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 Scirroto; 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 (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:** Marie Perrine on March 16. **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:** It's not too late to join in on Pastor Rosanna's Lenten series on prayer. We're discussing prayer in the Bible and experiencing a variety of prayer practices from the Christian tradition.

#### 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](mailto:cwcollector@aol.com) or Clifford Anderson at [clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu](mailto: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](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 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:** We've spoken before of the basic need for water that everyone has and the difficulty that some people have in obtaining it. The people of Mbuuni Village in Machakos, Kenya were among that underprivileged group since they had to carry water to their homes from a distance either on their back or in a wheelbarrow or donkey-pulled cart. But something good happened to them: the hundred families of the Village requested from the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People (SDOP) to give financial help to build a cement water tank that would catch, hold, and distribute rain water. And thanks to One Great Hour of Sharing they received this help and the lives of the villagers have been permanently changed by the safe clean water now readily available to them. Let's remember all the good ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING makes possible, when it comes time to make our contribution.

**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 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. This program will be held for those people who have pre-registered.

~~ 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: 3/14 (Team #1) - 3/21 (Team #2)

~~ 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! (See our flier for the list of yummy treats!)

**March Activities**

- TONIGHT 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 on "The Prodigal Son Parable"
- 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.)

**March 14, 2010 - March 21, 2010**

<b>Sunday 14</b>	<b>(Daylight Saving Time begins)</b> 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
<b>Monday 15</b>	9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material</b> 9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary 12(noon) Senior Fellowship Program- FH ( <b>VAN</b> ) 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00 Boy Scout District Meeting-McK Rm 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting - Church Office(upstairs) 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 18</b>	<b>Newsletter Info Due</b> 9:00a-11:00a CPNS Board Planning Committee Meeting - Lib. 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6p-7p Cub Scouts (KE) 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday 19</b>	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 4:00p Cranbury Historical Society set-up - FH/Kit 6:30p Cranbury Historical Society Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 20</b>	
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