

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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE “Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam” **Dietrich Buxtehude**
(Christ, our Lord, to Jordan came) Organ

INTROIT “Mighty is our God”
Children’s Choir with Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Rosanna Anderson
Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping will return home with shouts of joy.

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)* “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Gracious God, your giving is without end; but we struggle to receive all that you offer. We misuse your gifts, ignoring your intents, and refusing your abundance. We hoard what you would have us share, and we throw away what you would have us keep. Forgive us and help us discern your priorities. Govern our hearts with your Spirit, so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 ✚ Kyle Demarest

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 4:1-6 Julie Bond
Pew Bible pg. 180

ANTHEM	<i>“Above All”</i>	Children’s Choir
SCRIPTURE	Luke 23: 32-43	Pew Bible pg. 89
SERMON	“The Cross of Faith”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #98 (Hymnal)*	<i>“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory	<i>“Listen to the Music”</i>	Ed Robertson The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #92 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Voluntary in C</i>	Samuel Jackson 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.”**

Willie Mae Martell

January 22, 1921 – March 14, 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 Flowers in the chancel are given by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Gilbert in honor of their son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Beth.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

After Church Greeters are confirmands, Kyle Demarest and Taylor Pugliese.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the 4 year old 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; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; family and friends of Willie Mae Martell due to her death; 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; 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!

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

"Lift Up Your Heart: Prayer" with Rev. Rosanna Anderson in the Library: In Pastor Rosanna's Lenten series, 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 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: As we have stated in the past, our church has taken a special interest in two missionaries who serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dr. Michael and Nancy Haninger, RN. Word from there indicates that in nearby Kinshasa in 2007-2008 peace reigned, and school was not canceled due to riots, demonstrations or gunfire exchange in the city. As the writer of the piece remarked, "So much is possible in times of peace." But apparently the same condition did not exist in Eastern Congo. Over two million Presbyterians live in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and every Sunday churches of believers pray for peace for their community and their country. Perhaps we could join them in this prayer!

~~ 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 22, March 25, March 29
April 1, April 8

SENIOR CENTER EVENT

On Friday, March 26 please join us for lunch at 12 noon to be followed by "Information on Wills and Estates" by the Middlesex County Surrogate's Office at the Cranbury Senior Center located at the Town Hall. All seniors from Cranbury and the surrounding area are welcome.

YOU MUST CALL, 395-0900 ext. 244 no later than Monday, March 22. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people and the program is open to all.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/21 (Team #2) - 3/28 (Team #3)

~~ 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 TODAY!

The Youth Group is holding a **Bake Sale today during coffee hour**. 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

- TODAY During Coffee Hour - Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip
- TONIGHT 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Youth Group 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 p.m. (meet at church at 6:15 p.m., return at 8:45 p.m.)

Save These Dates!

- April 3 (Saturday) 10-11 a.m. move Chairs to Village Park for the Easter Sunrise Service
- April 4 Meet at Village Park at 6:30 a.m. to set up chairs, Co-Lead Easter Sunrise Service from 7-8 a.m.
- April 10 (Saturday 9-10:30 a.m.) Spring Work Day at Church
- April 16-18 (Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 3 p.m.) High School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Connected 24/7"
- April 24 (Saturday) Service Project: Spruce Up J'burg Day
- May 14-16 (Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 3 p.m.) Middle School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Connected 24/7"

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 21, 2010 - March 28, 2010

Sunday 21	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Bake sale for the Youth Mission Trip 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 22	10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program-Sanctuary 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 7:30p DAC Meeting (Boy Scouts/JK)-FH 7:30p Brass Choir-Sanctuary 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 23	9:00a Bulletin Material 11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program-Sanctuary 2:00p Pastor Lou at Monroe Village 2:30p CPNS Palm Day Program-Sanctuary 7:00p Presbytery Meeting - Yardville 7:30p Deacons Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 24	9:30a CPNS Easter Stories-Sanctuary 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 25	8:30a Senior Breakfast Fellowship at the Cranbury Inn 9:30a CPNS Easter Stories-Sanctuary 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:00p CPNS Easter Stories-Sanctuary 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 26	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 27	
Sunday 28	(Passion/Palm Sunday/OGHS) 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 6:15p-8:45p Youth Group field trip to "Palms to Passion" @ Miller Chapel 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn