

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
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2011 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Prelude on Bristol and* **Healey Willan**
Prelude on St. Philip **Organ**

INTROIT *“It is good to give thanks to the Lord”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 92: 1-4) **The Chorale**

CALL TO WORSHIP **5th and 6th Grade Sunday School Classes**
Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted the people and will have compassion on those who suffer.
Hope in the Lord, this day and forever
Let us worship God!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* **Dr. Louis Mitchell**
O God of tender mercies, we need your help. We spend our days consumed with worry and forget to sing your praise. Teach us once more that all of life is in your care. Forgive our failure to trust in you, and free us to love and serve you faithfully. 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 ✚ **Cathy Vogen**

COMMISSIONING OF CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD

Claudette Guy (Moderator); Lori Kleppe (Local School Advisor); Janice Parker (Director); Jessica Corriveau, Amy Dixon, Kristen Hackett, Danny Kinney, Jennifer Kong, Amy Sirhal, Patria Sullivan and Janet Wheeler (Board Members)

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.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

(Elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

(Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept **Alan Danser, *Rebecca Huselid, *Brenda Kirkenir, and Vicki Waciega** as Elders and Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

(*to be ordained)

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The prayer continues.]

PRONOUNCEMENT OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Kurt Heineman

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Elevation

Donovan Klotzbecher
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Mr. Heineman

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN # 298 (Hymnal)*

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Threefold Amen in F

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

Malle Sijmen

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

February 27, 2011 - March 6, 2011

Sunday 27	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/FH/McKnight Room) 10:30a Worship with CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:00p Confirmands and Mentor Dinner-FH and Kitchen 6:00p-8:00p Confirmands and Youth Group Bowling trip - VAN 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 28	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon- McKnight Room
Tuesday 1	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 1:00p Staff Meeting- Church Office 7:15p Christian Education Meeting- Church Office (downstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting- church office (upstairs) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 2	11:30a Women's Club set-up-FH 12:30p Women's Club Meeting-FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 3	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6:30p-7:30p Boy Scouts (KE) McKnight Room 7:00p Worship Meeting - Library 7:00p-10:00p CPR - CPNS Classroom 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 4	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 5	8:30a - 12:45p Hightstown Event for Leaders, Pastors and Educators at the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown
Sunday 6	(Transfiguration of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/FH/McKnight Room) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group- McKnight Room 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)- FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

Visitors! We hope 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 today 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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Fran Stewart.

After Church Greeter is Lola Madsen.

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 Bloom; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Russ Richardson; Don Jo Swanagan; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts and Edward Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Sue Britton's friend, Carol Reed; Linda Cody's father, Frank Morris; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Phyllis Dyke's friend, Pat Arbour; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; friend of the church, Malcolm Freeman; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Joanne Hughes' father, Cornelius Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Mary Lou Kerr's brother, Norman Delfino; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Carlene Reyes and Caren Anuszewski's mother, Ruth Grabbe; Betty Toto's mother, Marie Dickey; and Agnes Winchell's sister, Maria Cismas.

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 Bartlotto (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; Robert F. Davison (US Army), Earl and Bea Davison's grandson; 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), 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!

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

“Jonathan Edwards” with Dr. Louis Mitchell on March 6, 13, 20 and 27
Next Sunday, Dr. Mitchell will begin a follow up series to his intriguing and edifying class on Jonathan Edwards. The text he will use is the *Jonathan Edwards Reader*, published by Yale University Press. Join us in the Library.

BIG THANKS go to Doris Wiegartner for her series **“Portraits of Jesus in the Gospel According to John”** which concluded this morning.

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 1 - 5. This year's theme is **“SonSurf Beach Bash.”** Stay tuned to the bulletin and church website for more details. Please call Janet Wheeler (655-8313) or Daune Arsnow (448-6181) with any questions. Come along and get caught up in the excitement of VBS!

~~ CPNS ~~

Our CPNS Board will meet on Monday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the church library.

The Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School would love for you to join them as they celebrate their “Love of Books.” **On March 1 at the Barnes and Noble in Hamilton** on Route 130, members of the CPNS staff will be reading some of their favorite children's stories from 10:30-1:30. They invite you to come in with your child during this time to listen to a story and do a little shopping. If you use one of the book fair vouchers, that you can obtain from CPNS, the Cranbury Presbyterian Church office, or from any family in the preschool; a percentage of the sales during that day, March 1, will be donated to the school. Even you are not able to join us at the store, any books purchased on line from March 1 - March 5 using our book fair ID number will support the purchase of books for our CPNS library. It's easy and convenient, simply shop at www.bn.com/bookfair, and enter our Book fair ID # 10406114 in the designated field found on the payment page during checkout in order for that purchase to count. So be sure to join some of your favorite teachers from the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School for a special day of storytelling and help your child develop a “love of books.”

Registration for our summer at CPNS program has begun. It will be held in July for two weeks, July 18 - July 22, and on July 25 - July 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon every day. The program is based on our developmentally appropriate CPNS curriculum and taught by our own CPNS teachers and friends. Each day will be a new adventure filled with music, literacy, art, science and math. If you or you know of anyone that would be interested please call us for more information or check our website for details.

Please remember we are registering for the 2011-2012 school year. Please call Janice Parker at 609-655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information.

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: In the Olympia Presbytery in Washington, the Shelton Presbyterian Church decided to make an effort to attract more youth to its not well attended youth program. They began a Thursday night program called Shelton Community Youth Night (S.C.Y.N.), providing a place where the homeless teens and youth from broken homes in their community were welcome and could relax with a group of adults who offered them unconditional love. Feeling accepted, the youth opened up, were not pressured by guilt and were connected with “life coaches” who assist them in establishing what they want out of life while equipping them to be successful. Often through this process students realize they need Jesus. Twenty of these youth who previously had avoided church now attend the Discipleship Youth Program at the church on Tuesdays.

TASK, AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Our church serves the evening meal at TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen) the first Thursday of every month. We depart the church parking lot at 2:30 p.m. and return by 5:45 p.m. Please contact Anne Gordon, in the church office, if you would like to go Thursday, March 3 or any other month. We welcome new and experienced help. Please join us.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

The Women's Club of Cranbury will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post secondary education. The student should demonstrate a commitment to community involvement.

The application can be obtained through school Guidance offices, the Women's Club website at cranbury.org, and the Cranbury Public Library. The completed application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2011 to the following address:

The Women's Club of Cranbury
PO Box 414
Cranbury, NJ 08512

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

EXERCISE SCHEDULE: February 28, March 3, March 7, March 10

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

HELP WANTED: We are looking for additional members for the counting teams committee. We will train you. To qualify you must be willing to count the collection money immediately after church every fourth Sunday. If you are interested in helping with this important task, please contact George Smith or Ken Gordon.

Counting Teams: 2/27 (Team #3) -3/6 (Team #4)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

Feb. 27 5-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall and Kitchen: Confirmation class dinner with Mentors
6-8 p.m. Bowling excursion for youth and confirmands