

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

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2011 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Arioso

Alexander Schreiner
Organ

INTROIT

“Seek Ye First”

Cherub Choir; flute solo – Lilly Santoro

CALL TO WORSHIP

Youth Sunday School Class

Praise the Lord; praise God, O my soul!

Let us praise the Lord as long as we live.

God has heard our cries; he has seen our tears and has prepared for us a table: a rich banquet.

God satisfies us in the morning with steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let us worship God with joy and praise, knowing our salvation is in Christ!

HYMN #220 (Hymnal)*

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Don Winchell

Almighty and gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you. Still, we are burdened by questions: where are you calling us to go? From whence will our help come? How can your promises be fulfilled? Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith in you. We admit our confusion and resistance to your teachings. Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts, that we may know you are faithful and trust your gracious care for 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 ✚ Pastor Rosanna

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 18:1-8 Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 351

ANTHEM "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"
Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible pg. 171

SERMON "Of Apes and Asherah Poles" The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)* "Be Thou My Vision"

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER Rev. Anderson

MINUTE FOR MISSION Japan Mrs. Pat Demers

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Mr. Winchell

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 "Boundless Mercy" So. Folk Tune, arr. D. Klotzbeacher
(*Drooping souls no longer grieve, heaven is now propitious;
if in Christ you do believe, you will find him precious.*) The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #361 (Hymnal)* "How Firm a Foundation"

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* Twofold Amen in Bb D. Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* Fantasy Johann Pachelbel
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 20, 2011 – March 27, 2011

Sunday 20	(2nd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group- McK Room 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 21	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p CPNS Personnel Committee Meeting-Library 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Project Meeting-FH 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 22	8a-3p CPNS Closed/Staff Development-FH/Library/Kitchen 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 1:00p Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p Presbytery Meeting-Allentown 7:30p Youth Band 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wednesday 23	11:00p-4:00p Senior Fellowship Program-FH/Kit/ VAN 7:00-10:00p Boy Scout Leader First Aid Training (GC)-McKnight Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 24	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00-10:00p Boy Scout Leader First Aid Training (GC)-McKnight Room 7:30p The Chorale – Choir Room
Friday 25	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA – McKnight Room 7:30p Queenship Of Mary Stations of the Cross-Sanctuary
Saturday 26	
Sunday 27	(3rd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:00p Confirmands and Mentor Dinner-FH 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 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.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today 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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by 3 and 4 year old Sunday School Classes.

After Church Greeters are confirmands Chris Jost, Chuck Miller and Ian Stewart.

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; Linda Cody and family on the death of her father, Frank Morris; Martha Davis; Paul and Janet Furchak on the death of their daughter, Christine Massaro; Kim Hafner; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Russ Richardson; Marion Sutton; Don Jo Swanagan; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts and Edward Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's parents, Ralph & Joan Stiles; Sue Britton's friend, Carol Reed; friend of a CPNS Board Member, Amy Evans; Jean Dunham's friend's grandson, Matthew Collura; Phyllis Dyke's friend, Pat Arbour; Rose Eller's sister, Frieda Applegate; Joan Fraser's friend, Peggy McBride; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, Art Pellichero, our church treasurer; John; Carlene Reyes and Caren Anuszewski's mother, Ruth Grabbe; Barrie Sutton's aunt, Nancy Phillips; and Janet Wheeler's mother, Christine Howard.

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; Michael McSurdy (US Army), Dr. Mitchell'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!

~~ CHOIR ~~

COME BLOW YOUR HORN! We’re looking for Brass players to join the Church Brass Choir. If you need a reason to continue or to restart playing again, come join us on Monday nights.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

“Jonathan Edwards” with Dr. Louis Mitchell on March 27

Dr. Mitchell will continue with 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.

~~ CPNS ~~

We are **closed on Tuesday, March 22** for a Staff Development Day. All of our CPNS teachers will begin at 8:30 a.m. and work through the day learning and keeping current in the topic of early childhood development.

You may or may not be aware, but CPNS has their own financial responsibilities, separate from the church. We are working together to evaluate our current church contribution. We want to ensure that the contribution provides the appropriate amount to cover the additional expenses that the church incurs because of CPNS. We do this every five years and it's that time again. Thank you to our CPNS/Church Task Force Members: Vicki Bain, George Conley, Alan Danser, Claudette Guy, Danny Kinney, John Kirkenir, Pastor Lou Mitchell, Janice Parker and Craig Vandenberg.

If you are a parent of one of our CPNS children, please remember to sign up for a Parent Teacher conference that will be held the week of March 28. We look forward to the opportunity to share this time with you. Please remember we are registering for our summer program and the 2011-2012 school year. Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information.

~~ DEACONS ~~

EASTER FLOWERS

The Board of Deacons will be decorating the church with beautiful spring flowers for Easter Sunday. You can assist the Deacons by purchasing your Easter Flowers through them. Plants can be taken after Easter worship, left for the Deacons to deliver to our homebound members, or just make a donation to the Deacons’ Benevolence Fund. Order forms can be found in the church bulletins through April 10. A copy of the order form is also available in the church newsletter or website. Completed forms with monies can be placed in the offering plate marked for the Deacons or mailed to the church office. We appreciate all the support from our church members for this important project.

~~ LIBRARY ~~

We welcome donations to purchase books on our recommended list. Designate church library on your check. Contact Sue Britton (799-2893) for overdue book returns/ pickup.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

In response to the tragic earthquake and tsunami in Japan, we would like to show God's love in helping those left homeless and hungry and who have experienced such loss in that devastated country. There will be people with collection baskets as you leave church today, as well as, next Sunday, and any donations will go to the Presbyterian Church Disaster Relief. Checks may be made out to The Presbyterian Church with the subject line on the bottom noted (PC)USA - Japan. Cash donations are, of course, welcomed. Bless you for your generosity in whatever help you might be able to give.

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Presbyterian youth in Kenya and the Young Adult Volunteers spending a year there met in a two-day event. One goal was for the local youth and YAVs learn from each other about their respective cultures. The local youth decided the event would include worship, recreation, food, and conversation. The conversation area – “Heart-to-Heart” – was a highlight, where each group asked questions and shared experiences. The regional coordinator for the Presbyterian youth was so impressed he wants this event to be opened to the youth of the region next year.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST ~~

Please join us for breakfast at the Cranbury Inn, 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24. There was a last minute change and the featured program speaker is the Reverend Joanne Petto. Please join us for good food and fellowship!

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

EXERCISE SCHEDULE: March 21, March 24, March 28 & March 31

UPCOMING EVENT

Senior Fellowship will host a program at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 23, in the Fellowship Hall presented by Sharon Sakson who will speak about her new book, *Paws & Effect: The Healing Power of Dogs*. She will discuss the many ways canines come to the rescue of their human friends including the progressing science on how dogs can alert people to the onset of migraines, hypoglycemic incidents, heart attacks, seizures and detection of skin, prostate bladder, lung and breast cancer. Copies of her book will be available. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. **Preregistration** by those that we do not call each month is required by today. Please call the church office at 395-0897 or contact Connie Bauder.

Please note: Any participants who sign up for any program who are unable to attend for some reason, please contact us as soon as possible. Please know the phone number of the person who calls you and call that person, Connie Bauder or the church office so that we can have an accurate count for planning the program.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/20 (Team #2) -3/27 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Prayers of the Church which I was privileged to pray last Sunday was written by Rosanna. Her beautiful words expressed so perfectly the concerns many of us hold in

our hearts that it was not difficult for me to pray earnestly and sincerely. Thanks to Rosanna for this gift to God and this church. - Gretchen Stults

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities in March

Tonight 5:30-7:00p Youth Group Meeting in the McKnight Room