

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 27, 2011 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* Henry Purcell
Organ

INTROIT *“The Lord is in His holy temple”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Kurt Heineman

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!
The Holy One is a great God, and a ruler above all gods.
In God’s hand are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.
The sea belongs to the Lord who made it and also the dry land which God formed.
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord!
For the One who formed us and all the world is our God.
We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)* *“How Great Thou Art”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God, the fount of every blessing, your streams of mercy never cease to flow. Why do we, at the first sign of trouble, begin to doubt you? We harden our hearts, insisting you solve the problems we bring to you. We quarrel among ourselves, and hoard what we fear we might lose. We abandon hope, though you shower us with your love and power. Do not be angry with us, O Lord. Forgive our faithless hearts and make them more like yours— steadfast and full of love. 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	1 John 3: 11-17	Alicia Kasper Pew Bible pg. 240
ANTHEM	“ <i>Wade in the Water</i> ”	Spiritual, arr. D. Klotzbeacher The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 4: 1-16	Pew Bible pgs. 3-4
SERMON	“The Beginning of Violence”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #140 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Holy, Holy</i> ”	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Anderson
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	“ <i>Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein reines hertze</i> ” (<i>Create in me a clean heart, O God</i>)	Johann Gottfried Walther Keyboard
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Doxology</i> ”	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Anderson
HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Lift High the Cross</i> ”	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Threefold Amen in D</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Voluntary in A</i>	Samuel Priestley Taylor Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

March 27, 2011 - April 3, 2011

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-McKnight Room 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 28	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Room 1/Library 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 29	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Room 1/Library 1:00p Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - Library 7:30p Youth Band 7:30p AA - FH
Wednesday 30	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Room 1/Library 9:15a-10:15a St. David's Morning Prayer-Sanctuary 7:00-10:00p Boy Scout Leader First Aid Training (GC)-McKnight Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 31	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Room 1/Library 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00-10:00p Boy Scout Leader First Aid Training (GC)-McKnight Room 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 1	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences - Room 1/Library 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 4:00p-10:30p Cranbury Historical Society-FH/Kit 5:00p High School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg - (VAN) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room 7:30p Queenship of Mary Stations of the Cross-Sanctuary
Saturday 2	High School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg - (VAN) 8:30a- 12(noon) B&G Workday 6:00-10:00p Cranbury Jazz Concert - FH
Sunday 3	(4th Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:00a Annual All Church Breakfast-FH 10:30a Worship with Communion 11:45 Library Committee - Library 2:00p Youth Group Retreat returns from Camp Johnsonburg-(VAN) 3:00p Flute Concert (Disaster relief for Japan)-Sanctuary 4p-5p 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

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 the Toplin family in loving memory of their aunt, Gail R. Nielsen and mother, Thelma C. Hill. Flowers are also given by Jim and Debbie Taylor in loving memory of Debbie's father, Wilson Schnell and her aunt, Lillian Gustafson.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Stan and Helen Dickerson.

After Church Greeters are confirmands, Emma Huang and Jenny Rhodes.

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; Barrie Sutton and family due to the death of her aunt, Nancy Phillips; 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, John; our church treasurer, Art Pellichero; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Dorothy Musson on April 1. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 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.)

ADULT RETREAT: Ahhh...sun shining, birds chirping, flowers blooming...are you feeling the peace yet? Well, if you join us at our Annual Adult Retreat (April 29 - April 30) at the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ you're bound to get a taste of it! Our theme this year is "Life Stages and Way Stations: Boomers, Busters and Millennials"- where do you fit in? Pastor Rosanna will lead the discussions on changes in life from a Christian perspective. Sign-ups will begin today in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. You may contact Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Cathy Vogen or Barbara Santoro with questions.

~~ CPNS ~~

We had a wonderful staff development last week. We talked about the seven essential life skills every child needs and used the book *Mind in the Making* by Ellen Galinsky. If you haven't had a chance to read it, I would recommend you do. The skills are important for children to learn and adults as well. Why shouldn't we all learn how we could achieve our full potential and remain committed to learning?

Our teachers will be meeting all week with our CPNS families for our Parent Teacher conferences. We will have other CPNS staff members substituting so the children will still be able to enjoy their time at CPNS. 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 buy 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. All 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.

There will be a **benefit for the Presbyterian Disaster Relief efforts in Japan at 3:00 p.m. on April 3**. At this point, we can only begin to assess the damages to life and property after the double blow of the earthquake and tsunami, but it is certain that the need will be ongoing and great. Flautist Lisa Johnson and her students will perform again this year in our sanctuary. Johnson has performed on the QE2 as well as assisting Sir James Galway with master classes. Last year, the group raised over \$350 for earthquake relief in Haiti.

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Let's take a moment to celebrate the gifts of women. A fascinating story is found in a book by Velma Wallis, *Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival*. These women were left to die by their nomadic family, but they summoned the courage and skills to survive an extremely cold winter. Although abandoned because of their fragility and age, these women said, "Let us die trying." And miraculously, they survived the winter, stored up enough for a second winter, and eventually shared with those who had abandoned them. The family vowed never to abandon an elder again. The graciousness of these courageous and magnanimous women eventually permeated the entire community. Jesus spoke for all women whose voices have been muted by the culture, the church, and other places where their participation has been limited when he said "Leave her alone," when Judas complained because Mary poured expensive perfume on the feet of Jesus.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

EXERCISE SCHEDULE: March 28, March 31, April 4, April 7

Upcoming Event

Senior Fellowship will meet on Thursday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a brown bag lunch; cold drinks and cookies will be served. We will then drive to the Princeton Chapel in order to hear the finalist of The Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. Following the concert, we will visit the Princeton University Library to see an exhibit, The Cracked Lookingglass, a celebration of Irish Prose writers. In the lobby is an exhibit titled Long Live Nassau Hall, a brief view of Princeton's history. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list need to preregister by April 8 by calling Connie Bauder or the church office.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

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

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

March 27 Tonight, we will **welcome the Youth Group of a neighboring church; St. David's** Episcopal here in Cranbury! Join us for music, food and conversations from 5:30-7:00 p.m.