

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 of Easter

May 22, 2011 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Heaven Bound”

arr. Lamb & Bohrs
Bell and Brass Choirs

INTROIT

“Grace be Unto You and Peace”
(I Cor. 1:3)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

God is our rock and fortress.

In God alone we take refuge.

We can trust ourselves to God’s care, for our faithful Lord has redeemed us.

HYMN #111 (Hymnal)*

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God our Savior: we humble ourselves before you, having refused many of your gifts. You invite us to taste and see that you are good, yet we cultivate tastes for lesser things. You show us yourself so that we might believe, yet we close our eyes and ears to you. You offer us refuge and salvation, yet we resort to violence as we seek our own security. You call us to be living stones, built into a spiritual house, yet we disobey your word and stumble upon the foundation you provide. Forgive us, merciful God. Let your face shine upon us again, so that we may grow in grace and serve you with faithfulness and hope. 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 Lou

MINUTE FOR MISSION	Pentecost Offering	Confirmands
SCRIPTURE	Exodus 3: 1-15	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 50
ANTHEM	<i>Celtic Laud</i>	Craig Courtney The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Acts 26: 9-18	Pew Bible pg. 147
SERMON	“Paul’s Conversion”	Mr. Kurt Heineman

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #115 (Hymnal)* *“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS Dr. Louis Mitchell

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Matt Ferguson, Candice Gluck, John Gluck, Rob Irving, Christine Ondocin, Jean Randazzo and Natalie Tkac. They have participated in our Inquirers’ Class, where they have learned something of the belief and practice of God’s people in this place. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

C: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

C: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Gianna Rose Gluck
daughter of John K. and Candice L. Gluck
born on October 28, 2010**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

Elder Dorothy Klotzbeacher

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Gianna the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

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

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. Linker & McFadden
Bell and Brass Choirs

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #113 (Hymnal)*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Fourfold Amen in G

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

Toccata in D

Johann Krieger
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 in memory of Erna Dirksen, Happy Birthday from Sonja Dirksen Bianchi and Mark Bianchi.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Coffee Hour is hosted today by John and Brenda Kirkenir.

After Church Greeter is Earl Davison.

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; Becky Huselid and family due to her mother's death; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Russ Richardson; Marion Sutton; Anna Wahler; Mildred Watts and Edward Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Phyllis Dyke's friend and co-worker, Oksana Oshakevich; Rose Eller's sister, Frieda Applegate; friend of the church, Michael Fenning; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Cyndi Girardet's brother-in-law, Edward Ammons; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; and our church treasurer, Art Pellichero.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

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 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: Len Swec on May 25 and Lil Conley on May 27. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

Bible Study with Gretchen Gaebelein Hull (May 22 through June 5)

Majoring in Minors: A six-week study of messages from the Minor Prophets for today's world. Parents and family of 5th and 6th grade Sunday school students (who will be studying the minor prophets) are invited to attend. We will meet in the Library.

OPEN HOUSE! OPEN HOUSE! OPEN HOUSE!

WHERE? First Presbyterian Church Sunday School

WHEN? Every Sunday Morning in May

WHAT TIME? 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

WHO'S INVITED? Everyone—especially parents of Sunday school students.

Come see what our students and teachers are accomplishing in their classrooms. We have a fabulous Sunday school program occurring each Sunday morning. Be a part of the excitement of our children - let them know we support them and their teachers. Mark your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you all there. **Remember**—visit any Sunday in May

VBS Registration is now open! Registration will conclude on May 27. Forms are available in several locations, including the church office, CPNS cubbies near Janice Parker's office, and on the church website. To ensure that we can deliver the children an

inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! Here are some ways:

Volunteer - We have several volunteer opportunities still open. Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader, oversee Decorations or Photography, or assist with Snacks or Decorations. If you're available to help in any way, please sign up on your registration form or contact one of the directors listed below.

Donate - Help defray our costs by purchasing snack and craft supplies through our Giving Tree. Here's how it works - take a tag off the tree, purchase the item listed on the card, and place it in the donation basket located next to the tree in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, June 12.

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Janet Wheeler (655-8313) or Daune Arsnow (448-6181).

~~ CPNS ~~

Our enrichment offerings for the 2011-2012 school year will be Power of Play on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Art & literacy on Monday mornings, Music & Movement on Wednesday morning and afternoon and Science & Math on Thursday morning and afternoon. Remember that children attending half day kindergarten programs are welcome to participate. You will be able to find the registration forms on the CPNS section of our church website.

We will continue to offer our Mommy's Morning Out program on Friday mornings for our youngest children. It is open to any child that will be eligible for our 3-year-old program the following year. Children will enhance their cognitive, language and social skills through play. The program will contribute to all areas of their development. There are only a few spots left for September, so if you are interested please register today.

As part of our school wide music program we will be having our Patriotic Days this week. This program will give our children the understanding of what it means to be Patriotic.

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 ~~

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the Strawberry Festival on June 4. Shifts are 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Deacons need help with any of the following: ice cream scoopers, ticket sales, work in the kitchen, and/or outdoors with the games.

If you can help, please contact Diane Yeager via e-mail xroadcoach@comcast.net or 732-329-4570. Let me know how you would like to help and which shift. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the Deacons' Benevolence Fund.

FUNDRAISER for the DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE FUND:

This charity supports families in need in our community. Doesn't get any better than that! Join celebrity scoopers, Pastor Lou and CPNS Director, Janice Parker on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gil and Bert's.

If you cannot make it on Wednesday there will be an opportunity to donate throughout the week!

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

SNIPPETS FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Two hundred women farmers from all over Africa met at the "Women, Guardians of Land, Love, and Life" conference. Attendees shared their feelings as they strove to build community. The general feeling was that the case for women farmers is painful; they are ignored by big businesses and question how they can be guardians of the land when they have no rights to their God-given land. The simple fact was that they needed help. And then a woman said, "Now that we have shared our problems, let's work at figuring out how God's going to help us!" Immediately the women broke into groups to strategize, pushing themselves to be creative and to find ways they could be part of the decision-making processes in their country. They integrated reality, hope, and faith into the midst of their discouraging situation.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS (JUNE 5) -

As Christians, we are admonished to feed the hungry. And our church does feed the hungry. But more is involved in feeding the hungry, and that more involves government and decisions made by our elected officials. And that is why you are being urged to participate in this year's BREAD FOR THE WORLD Offering of Letters on June 5. At the BFW table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour you will find letters to our Senators and Representatives, urging them to make important changes to our Foreign Assistance, updating the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. All we are asking of you is a moment's time to sign the letters to our Senators and the one to your Representative, add your address, and insert the letters in the addressed and stamped envelope. Please join us.

TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL OUTREACH -

May is Mental Illness Awareness Month. In recognition of the needs of those who are affected by mental illness and receiving treatment in Trenton Psychiatric Hospital (TPH), we are asking for donations to be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall for the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Auxiliary to distribute for birthday gifts and prizes for Bingo, etc. The items they could use are: **grooming and cosmetic supplies, playing cards, jewelry, stationery and greeting cards, as well as, books, current magazines, DVD movies or TV programs.** Please donate new or gently used items. (Note that there should be no glass items or anything containing alcohol.)

Those being discharged can always use good grooming supplies such as **deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and tissues, as well as large or small luggage.** Please be generous. Many of these folks have no one else who helps them but this small band of auxiliary workers.

GUATEMALA MISSION

Our mission trip to Guatemala is quickly approaching. We will be going June 25 through July 2. We are collecting shoes (slightly used or new) and socks (new), dental supplies and medicines.

Medicines: Prenatal vitamins; children's vitamins; Acetaminophen; ibuprofen

Needed Dental care supplies: Soft toothbrushes; Toothpaste (Screw top only); Dental floss

Shoes: New or slightly used, no open toes

Combs and Brushes: New only

Please put donated supplies in any of the various buckets labeled Guatemala or place on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

If you feel your cannot donate time, or supplies, but would like to donate funds to allow us to purchase the supplies we need, checks can be made out to the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, note "Guatemala mission trips". Again, this could be tax deductible.

Thank you for your much needed support for this mission!

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

Please join us on **Thursday, May 26** to hear Mr. Harry Bohrs tell us all about Buffalo Bill.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, New Jersey. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Stan Dickerson at (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright at (609)799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

EXERCISE SCHEDULE: May 23, May 26, NO Class on May 30

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 5/22 (Team #3) -5/29 (Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

If you would like to be a lay reader, please sign-up on the schedule in the Fellowship Hall for July through December 2011.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

May 22 **10:30 a.m. Worship:** Seminarian Kurt Heineman preaches
5:30-7:00 pm **Youth Group** meeting

June 5: Children and Youth Sunday - Students lead worship, followed by our **Car Wash fundraiser for Camp Johnsonburg** and the Jell-o Games!

~~ **PENTECOST OFFERING ON JUNE 12, 2011** ~~

Hello Friends,

The confirmation class and its teachers want to remind the congregation of a very special collection that will take place in June. It is the Pentecost Offering, an opportunity for children and adults alike to give to a wonderful cause. Forty percent of the funds collected are to be designated by our congregation to help to support children at risk in our own community. Our confirmation class will learn about some options and vote on which ministry to direct this portion toward this year. The remaining 60% goes to the General Assembly and is used to develop leadership experiences for Presbyterian youth and young adults as well as to support children-at-risk across the U.S. Please help the Confirmation class in their efforts to continue a valued Presbyterian tradition of donation in support of this important cause.

On Sunday, May 15 the confirmands visited the Sunday school classes to explain the importance of the Pentecost Offering, and provide donation boxes that should be returned to the Church on Sunday June 5. On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, there will be envelopes in the church pews for the adult members of the congregation to designate their own contribution for this special offering.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6 ESV) Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to invest in the spiritual growth of our children. They are the future, and the Lord wants us to show that cares for them and their development here and now!

Thank you,

Maggie Miller, on behalf of the confirmation class teaching team

~~ CALENDAR ~~

May 15, 2011 - May 22, 2011

Sunday 22	9:00a Inquirers' Class Breakfast- FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Recognition of New Members and Baptism followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 23	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 24	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a CPNS Patriotic Day-FH 1:00p Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p CPNS Patriotic Day-FH 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p Youth Band 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 25	9:30a CPNS Patriotic Day-FH 1:00p CPNS Patriotic Day-FH
Thursday 26	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:30p-7:30p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE)
Friday 27	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 28	
Sunday 29	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 No Youth Group No Cranbury Men's Bible Study