

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 after Epiphany

January 22, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Ricercare

Palestrina
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (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.)

INTROIT

"God Created People"

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

For God alone my soul waits in silence, from him comes salvation.

God alone is our rock, our salvation, and our fortress.

We shall never be shaken.

God is our refuge and strength. We will worship him!

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

"How Great Thou Art"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Holy God, in the midst of our busy lives, you call us to join you on the journey. Too often we prefer the lures of this world to the abundant life you offer. Forgive us. Lead us from the nets of our earthly concerns that we may follow your way and discover your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 3: 10-17 & 4: 6-13

Gretchen Stults
Pew Bible pg. 213

ANTHEM

"Here I am Lord"

SCRIPTURE II Peter 1: 12-21 Pew Bible pgs. 236-237

SERMON "Pickup and Read" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #327 (Hymnal)* "O Word of God Incarnate"

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 "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart
(Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary) The Chorale
Gaylord French, Organ

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

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* Fivefold Amen in Ab Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* Petite Bergere Anon.
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2012 in the Sanctuary.

"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."
Edgar H. Lawson
April 28, 1931 – January 19, 2012

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. 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:

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Kindergarten Sunday School class.

After Church Greeters are Barbara Hannon and Hunter Miller.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

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 (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Margaret Lawson and family due to the death of Ed Lawson; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: cemetery superintendent, Chris Christiansen; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin's daughter, Cindy; Joan Fraser's friend, Joyce Stempel; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius & Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford; and Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart.

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: Mark Sasso on January 27. **Happy Birthday**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Education on Sunday Mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

Did you know that they have found evidence on a papyrus that outlines events that parallel the plagues which beset Egypt before the Exodus? Come and join Bob Kane this Sunday in the Library as we continue the video/discussion class on "The Truths in the Bible". It is fascinating to see how events in the Bible have been proved to have actually happened. Drop your kids off in their Sunday School classes and then join us for this informative program.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

An exciting and fun new event for couples is going to happen on **February 4** from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A **Couples Night Out** will feature delicious desserts, a fun event and a brief talk and conversation about intimacy and marriage. The event is free and we encourage all couples in the church to come enjoy a night of fellowship together. Childcare will be provided. If you

are curious and have questions about the event please get in touch with Kurt or email him at eric.heineman@ptsem.edu.

Sunday School News

January 29 "Kids and Communion" - All students in Second Grade and their parents are invited to join Pastor Rosanna at 9:15 a.m. in the "Music/Bible Bites" classroom for this special workshop. Then during the week, families will decide if their child is ready to participate in the Lord's Supper on the following Sunday, February 5.

Family Fun Day News - On Martin Luther King's birthday, a large group of children and parents gathered together to prepare lunch bags for TASK. After an opening devotion with Pastor Rosanna, we made 100 ham and cheese sandwiches, washed 100 apples and added juice, cookies and a treat to the bags. The bags were decorated by a group kids, under the direction of Barbara Santoro, with beautiful hearts and other designs and words of Peace and Love. After all that work it was time for fun. Earl Davison had games for all attending – even a castle in Fellowship Hall! He finished with some brain teasers which caught all of us with wrong and silly answers. After that, we gathered about the piano with Gaylord French, who read about Moses and Noah from two of our library books. After a story about Harriet Tubman, we sang spirituals. We closed the day with a circle and left with thoughts of the message of Dr. King and the people who would receive our gifts.

This was a wonderful day with kids and parents pitching in to decorate the bags; put together the sandwiches, cut them, got them into sandwich bags; washing apples; and then putting on their large plastic gloves and lining up to put together the bags. It was a wonderful sight.

Sincere thanks to all who helped make this our first annual Martin Luther King Fun Day – Barbara, Earl, Gaylord for leading the activities; Brenda Kirkenir, who did all the shopping and made and distributed our flyers; Vicki Bain, Peter Mille, and Anne Gordon who helped set up and clean up; and KY Huang, who helped set up and deliver all the bags (they filled the back seat and trunk of a Camry!) to Trenton.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Pictorial Directory: If you did not purchase extra pictures when you took your directory photo, you can pick up your photograph in the church office.

~~ CPNS ~~

On Saturday, February 28, CPNS will open its doors for our annual "Special Person's Day". This is a time for all our students to bring a special person to school. They will be able to share with them all the things they do while they are at school during the week. A snack and story will also be enjoyed by everyone. We look forward to this day and seeing all the special people in our CPNS student's lives.

We are in the process of registering children for the 2nd session of our enrichment classes. This session begins on February 1. The classes include Art & Literacy, Power of Play, Music and Movement, Math & Science and Mommy's Morning Out. Let me know if you are interested in participating in these programs. Don't forget children who are attending half day kindergarten programs are welcome to join us. The forms and details can be found on our web site.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In El Salvador, a cool oasis of green plants and trees has been created through permaculture which is a practice of using observation and innovation to co-create processes that support the natural ecosystem of a particular place. Low-input, local technology practices are being used to restore the soil and replenish the underground water table. Ditches are dug which channel water from heavy rains, allowing the soil to retain moisture longer into the dry season, permitting trees and plants to thrive throughout the year. The vegetation not only cools the

area but also "breathes" fresh, clean air into the atmosphere, helping to counteract the effects of heavy air pollution in the capital city nearby.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters -- FEBRUARY 12, 2012 - The thrust of this year's Offering of Letters is to create a Circle of Protection around programs for hungry and poor people, exempting those programs from budget cuts. As people of faith, we know that society should protect its most vulnerable members--not cut programs that help ensure that everyone has basic necessities. And it makes economic sense to guarantee that people have enough to eat. Reliable data show that hunger and poverty increase the healthcare costs of adults and children, both now and in the years to come. A conservative estimate of the cost of US hunger and poverty is \$500 billion per year, due largely to lower productivity and higher healthcare costs. And this amount has undoubtedly increased during the recession. So, we are not only helping others, but protecting ourselves and our economy if we urge our Congressmen to create this Circle of Protection. Join us Sunday, February 12 in fellowship hall and sign prepared letters to our Senators and Congressman or write your own. We'll be looking for you!

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP ~~

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, January 26**. Paul Watkins has published 10 novels and two books of non-fiction, including the bestselling STAND BEFORE YOUR GOD, about his days as a student at the Dragon School and Eton which will be the subject of his presentation. For the past 20 years, he has taught fiction and history at the Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey and has been featured on the cover of Teacher Magazine.

Call Walter Wright or Stan Dickerson for your reservations.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule - January 23, January 26, January 30

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 1/22 (Team #2) - 1/29 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Volunteers Wanted: We are in need of help with the Special Offerings during the coming year. This is a great opportunity for persons to participate in a church activity without its being a full time, all year commitment.

We have four of these offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing on April 1; Pentecost on May 27; Peacemaking on October 7; and Christmas Joy on December 9. There are printed guidelines available for these special offerings, and PCUSA always sends us a wealth of materials (banks for Sunday School participants, special donation envelopes, special bulletin inserts, and an information packet which explains all about the special offering.)

We are asking you to consider just one of these four. If you think that you might be interested, please contact the Church Office or speak to John Sprout. He is always available to aid and assist the person or group heading the special offering.

Ushers: Please pick up the new 2012 ushering schedule in the Narthex.

Flowers Needed: There are flower openings for January. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- Jan. 22 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group Discussion on "Holy Superheroes!"
- Jan. 29 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Project: Making Origami Snowflakes to give to people at The Elms (Thanks, Hannah!)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 22, 2012 - January 29, 2012

Sunday 22	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-FH/Kit 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 23	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 24	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 25	7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 26	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 5:30p Presbytery Mtg. @ Princeton Theological Seminary 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 27	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 28	8:00a - 2:00p CPNS Special Persons Day- Classrooms/Kit
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