

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
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello
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

“Blessed be the Lord”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95)

Second Grade Class

Come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before God’s presence with singing.

Let us raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms!

For the Lord is a great God.

He is a great King above all gods.

HYMN #356 (Hymnal)*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Infinite God, your love extends beyond every boundary, your mercy breaches every barrier. We do not love as you do; we are stingy with our affection and cautious in giving care. We guard the lines that separate us from others instead of seeking to overcome them. Forgive us. Teach us your boundless love and infuse us with your mercy, that we might live more faithfully and love more freely. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚		Kurt Heineman
SCRIPTURE	Judges 15: 1-20	Lil Conley Pew Bible pgs. 233-234
ANTHEM	<i>“There is a Balm in Gilead”</i>	arr. by William Dawson The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 26: 45-58	Pew Bible pgs. 30-31
SERMON	“Is Jesus Christ a Superhero?”	Rev. Rosanna Anderson

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #298 (Hymnal)*	<i>“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Louis Mitchell
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>Prière</i>	César Franck Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Mr. Heineman
HYMN #332 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Live Into Hope”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Sixfold Amen in E</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>“Now woods and fields are sleeping”</i>	J. S. Bach Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place today, January 29, 2012 immediately following the morning worship service 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.”

Richard F. West

August 27, 1917 – January 23, 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 Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

After Service Greeters are Don Winchell and Walter Wright.

There will be **no coffee hour** this morning due to the Annual Meeting.

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 and friend, Kelly; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford; Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart; and the West family and friends due to the death of Richard West.

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: Hannelore Kritikos on January 30. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

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

Come and join Bob Kane 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.

~~ CPNS ~~

This week our CPNS teachers will participate in CPR courses that are taught by George Conley. We really appreciate his time and expertise providing this instruction to our teachers.

As part of our music program the children will watch the movie called "The Snowman". This is a musical animated film that provides an opportunity to appreciate how music can express meaning in film without dialog.

We are in the process of registering children for the second 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 website.

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: The Presbytery of Winnebago in Wisconsin and Uraba Presbytery in Colombia have shared a partnership for the past 10 years. Through a retreat in the countryside of Medellin, leaders from both presbyteries have been able to study, worship, play and envision a better future together. Their partnership is not one of "us and them" but rather of "we and our". They have visited one another, prayed for one another, and shared the ways that they find God moving in their lives.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters -- FEBRUARY 12, 2012:

Are you aware that foreign aid, which includes emergency food aid, accounts for less than 1 percent of the US national budget? This fact, a surprise too many of us, is certainly proof that cutting foreign aid does little or nothing to balance at the budget. In fact, said Derrick Boykin, associate for African American Leadership Outreach at Bread for the World, "It will cost us more in the long run undermining the progress already made in reducing maternal and child deaths and severe malnutrition--especially in the Horn of Africa."

Consequently, included in the Circle of Protection being urged in the Offering of Letters we shall be advocating for stronger US government focus on reducing poverty, clearer accountability of how aid dollars are spent, a transformed US development agency and (to me, this qualification if perhaps the most urgent)

providing aid that meets the needs and wants of local people. The transformation will mean more help to millions of hungry and poor people for years to come. We need to advocate for this kind of assistance and protest cuts in what our government gives to foreign aid.

~~ OUTREACH ~~

As you know the **COFFEE HOUSE** is a venue to showcase local musical talent with musical genres such as Jazz, Folk, Acoustic Rock, String Quartet, Barbershop Quartet, Open Mike, Oldies & Brass Band. The coffee house is being held this year every other month on the second Friday through June 2012. Our upcoming event will be on **Friday, February 10** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Bill and Anne Marie Gibson will be performing, a local soft acoustic rock duo. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity.

Tickets for the February show are \$8.00 per person, children 12 and under are \$5.00. Refreshments will be available at an additional cost.

Just a reminder proceeds less expenses benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Not only do you have the opportunity to relax and listen to wonderful music with friends, but you help those in need in our community.

For information about the Cranbury Coffee House or how you can help please go to www.cranburycoffeehouse.com. We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship will be going to the **Orchid Show** on **Thursday, February 9**. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. to eat a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall before we depart. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The show will be held at the 10,000 square foot Dearborn Market in Holmdel Twp, 2170 Route 35. This is the largest show and sale of orchids in NJ. It is a sanctioned show and hosts many displays from orchid societies and professional growers. It is nice to brighten up a dreary February day with the sights and smells of beautiful and colorful orchids. Displays will range in size from ornate cases filled with miniature orchids to 150 square foot tropical displays arranged to show the orchid in settings with other plants with which they would be growing. The market has beautiful fruits, vegetables, deli, meat, and prepared foods so you might see some goodies that you would like to purchase.

If we have to cancel due to weather, we will go the following day. Friday, February 10. If you are not on our calling list and would like to go on this trip please RSVP to the church office by February 3 at 609-395-0897.

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 30, February 2, February 6, February 9

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 1/29 (Team #3) 2/05 (Team #4)

~~ 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.

Special Thanks to Lil Conley, Barbara and Bub Danser, Craig Gilbert, Peggy and Monty Hagerty, Helen and Stan Dickerson and Ann and Ron Riemann for stepping in when needed at the services of Bette West and Ed Lawson respectively. Great Group!!

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- Jan. 29** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group **Service Project: Making Origami Snowflakes** to give to people at The Elms (Thanks, Hannah!)
- Feb. 5** 10:30 a.m. "SOUPer Bowl of Caring" Offering for TASK after worship; 11:30 a.m. Hoagie Sale for Youth Mission Trip during coffee hour; No evening meeting
- Feb. 12** Youth Group from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Bring guitars! Gingerbread Cookie Baking in the Kitchen

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 29, 2012 - February 5, 2012

Sunday 29	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 9:15a "Kids & Communion" Workshop 10:30a Worship followed by the Annual Meeting 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 30	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 31	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 1	6:00p-9:00p Woman's Club General Mtg - FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 2	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 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 3	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 4	8:00a - 2:00p CPNS Special Persons Day- Classrooms/Kit(SNOWDATE) ???9:00a Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby - FH 5:00p Set-up for Date Night - McK Room 7:00p-9:00p Date Night - FH/McK Rm/Kit
Sunday 5	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by coffee hour 11:30a Youth Group Fundraiser: Hoagie Sale 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom NO Cranbury Men's Bible Study