

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 after Epiphany
February 5, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“A Joyful Ring”

Barbara Kinyon
Bell Choir

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 is everyone who fears the Lord”
(Ps. 28: 1-2)

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Come, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, for the Lord will give you rest.

The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

God consoles us in all of our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.

For our healing is abundant through Christ.

HYMN #138 (Hymnal)*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we come to you not because we have it all together, but because we are not perfect. We want to be more like your Son, who lived his whole life in love. Our love is most often reserved for those who are close to us and those who love us in return. Our forgiveness is most often conditional. Fairness is more important to us than grace. We cannot live up to the way Jesus leads us. Forgive us, and make us more like Christ in all that we say and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pastor Rosanna
SCRIPTURE	II Timothy 3: 10-17	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 213
ANTHEM	<i>"Communion Meditation"</i>	Douglas Wagner Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	II Peter 1: 12-21	Pew Bible pgs. 236-237
SERMON	"Who Speaks for God?"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>Song of Remembrance</i>	Tom Fettke The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #361 (Hymnal)*	<i>"How Firm a Foundation"</i>	

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #368 (Hymnal)* *"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *"Praise His Name"* **Anonymous
Bell Choir**

POSTLUDE* *"Lord God, we all do praise Thee"* **Johann Pachelbel
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. 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.

Gluten free bread is now available at all communion services. It will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Communion Servers are Deanna Anderson, Vicki Bain, Amy Dixon, Charles III, Peter Miller, Elvin Rodriguez, Ginny Swanagan and Kirstie Venanzi

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of George E. Conley III by his wife and their children and grandchildren.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

After Service Greeters Bub and Barbara Danser.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Loida Wilson.

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; Liz Callaway; Martha Davis; John Henzler; 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; 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; 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!

~~ CPNS ~~

Some of our 4/5-year-old classes ended last week, and some will begin this week with a trip to a local dentist office. Dr. Alexander welcomes our children and opens his dental office up to let our classes visit with him. He also donates toothpaste and toothbrushes to all the children of CPNS. We really appreciate the generosity of our local community. A big thanks to Dr. Alexander and his dental practice.

On Wednesday, February 8 from 9:15 - 11:15 we will be holding our monthly parent discussion group. This month the discussion will be on reading and writing skills for preschoolers and our teachers Rosellyn Cassidy and Kelly O'Keefe will be the facilitators. There will also be a special treat for those that attend. Please remember that we meet in our Power of Play room and children are always welcome. If you can't join us for the whole time, please come when you are able. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 6. Our CPNS teachers will be reading at the Barnes & Noble store in Hamilton. More details to follow.

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: Criminal justice is not something we think about a great deal. But in 2008, member communions of the National Council of Churches including the PC(USA) adopted the following Social Creed: "In faith responding to our Creator, we celebrate the full humanity of each woman, man, and child all created in the divine image as individuals of infinite worth, by working for: A system of criminal rehabilitation based on restorative justice and an end to the death penalty". This Creed reflects our understanding of the enduring possibility of repentance that is part of our Christian faith. It considers the humanity of victim and perpetrator and calls for restoration through "coming clean about the full cost of a crime." It offers hope for transformation through things like community service, fines, and arenas for public repentance, restitution and forgiveness.

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

As the day for our Offering of Letters draws closer, we want to emphasize the thrust of the letters we shall be sending to our Senators and Representatives. A Circle of Protection is the theme, and we are urging that budget cuts that the Congress is and will be making should not focus on vital programs that serve people in need. An estimated 46 million people live in poverty in the United States, many of whom depend on programs such as SNAP (formerly food stamps) and Medicaid to survive. Another program that has been infinitely helpful to low salary workers is the EITC, the Earned Income Tax Credit. And still another is the Child Tax Credit. The EITC is beneficial not only to the recipients but to the economy in general because for the most part this extra badly needed money goes at once for necessary items in the family.

February 12, you will find at the BREAD FOR THE WORLD table in the Fellowship Hall letters to our Senators and Representatives, Rush Holt and Chris Smith, urging them to keep this Circle of Protection not only around the hungry in the U.S., but the hungry in other countries, as well as recommendations on farming issues that need updating and changing. Please join us after church so that you, too, can participate in obeying Jesus' mandate to "feed the hungry".

~~ 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 smell 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.

Senior Exercise Schedule: February 6, February 9, February 13, February 16, February 20, February 23 and February 27.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 2/05 (Team #4) 2/12 (Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Attention Ushers:

There will be an American Red Cross CPR/AED class held on February 8th and 15th in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM for all of our ushers. You only need to attend one of these nights. Please let George Conley know if you are able to attend either of these classes. If you are interested in taking these classes and are not an usher please email me at GEOlive60@aol.com and I will try to accommodate you. The class size is limited to 10 people.

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.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- 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 ~~

February 5, 2012 - February 12, 2012

Sunday 5	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with 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
Monday 6	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 7	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 3p-5p CPM Meeting-Room 1 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-FH 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 8	7:00p CPR Training - FH (GC) 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 9	10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by a trip to the Orchid Show (Holmdel, NJ) - VAN 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 10	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 11:00a (SNOWDATE) Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by a trip to the Orchid Show (Holmdel, NJ) - VAN 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 7p-9:30p Coffee House - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 11	8:30a - 11:00a Deacons Retreat 9:00a-12(noon)Session Retreat- FH/Lib/Kit 11:00a- 12(noon) New Officer training-FH 3:00p Richard West Memorial Service - Sanctuary/FH
Sunday 12	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Installation/Ordination followed by coffee hour 1:00p-5:00p Flute Concert - Sanctuary (Lisa Johnson) 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