

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

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John Hingston (1610-1683)

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

"Create in me a clean heart, O God"

Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Kurt Heineman

To you, O Lord, we lift up our hearts.

God, in you we trust; do not let us be put to shame.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us,

for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

Good and upright is the Lord, instructing sinners in the way, leading the humble in what is right.

HYMN #281 (Hymnal)*

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, temptations are all around us, so many lures that separate us from your grace. Forgive us when we wander from your path, or turn away willfully from you. Protect us, and preserve us, and keep us close, that we may rest sure in the knowledge that we belong to you. Help us to follow faithfully in the way of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Loida Wilson

COMMISSIONING OF CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD

Claudette Guy (Moderator); Lori Kleppe (Local School Advisor); Janice Parker (Director); Danny Kinney (Finance Consultant); Chris Cenci, Jessica Corriveau, Kelly Flannery, Kristen Hackett, Jennifer Kong, Patria Sullivan, Jay Taylor and Janet Wheeler (Board Members)

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Brothers and sisters, God has called you to particular service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters to this role in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your

POSTLUDE*

Toccata

The Chorale
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 or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red "friendship pad".

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.

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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today are given by Sonja and Mark Bianchi in loving memory of Sonja's mother, Erna Dirksen. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Elizabeth M. Barclay given by her children and grandchildren.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

After Service Greeters are Bea and Earl Davison.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School.

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; Lil Conley; 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: 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 and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter, Nancy Varga; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart; Lou Mitchell's mother, Elizabeth; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart and Cathy Vogen's aunt, Dani Ratkelis.

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!

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

VBS STANDS FOR... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School is back again this year with another fun and exciting program! The week-long VBS morning program (9-11:30am) is scheduled for July 30th - August 3rd. This year's theme is "SonRise National Park". Stay tuned to the bulletin and church website for more details. Please call Daune Arsnow (448-6181) or Cassandra Khazem (448-7425) with any questions. Come along and get caught up in the excitement of VBS!

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE ~~

A coffee hour host is needed for March 11. Fran Stewart will be out of town and is not able to cover this date. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Fran Stewart and the congregational life committee are looking for someone who is willing to be in charge of coffee hour in the summer. Fran will be away for most of the summer and will not be able to co-ordinate coffee hour during this time. Summer coffee hour is somewhat casual and really should be called lemonade hour. Fran is willing to help recruit volunteers but will not be here to be in charge after Memorial Day

~~ CPNS ~~

Our CPNS Board members are being commissioned this Sunday in church. We are blessed this year to have sharing their special gifts with us, Chris Cenci, Jessica Corriveau, Kelly Flannery, Claudette Guy; our Moderator, Kristen Hackett, Danny Kinney; our financial consultant, Jennifer Kong, Patria Sullivan, Jay Taylor and Janet Wheeler. Lori Kleppe continues to be our local school advisor. We are all so thankful for all they do for our church and our school.

Reading to our children is a special gift and every opportunity to read is one to treasure. Reading to children promotes important literacy skills. Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 6**. Our CPNS teachers will be reading at the Barnes & Noble store in Hamilton from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that day. Barnes & Noble has a beautiful children's section, you should stop by and visit and listen to a story or two, we would love to see you there. If you are in the market to purchase books, any books purchased at the store that day, using the voucher, found on the website or obtained from CPNS, the church office or any family in our preschool, Barnes & Noble will give a percentage of that sale to CPNS to purchase books for our CPNS library. Even if you are not able to join us at the store any books purchased on line from March 6 to March 10 using our book fair ID number 10676641 will support the purchase of books for our CPNS library. It's easy and convenient, simply shop at www.bn.com/bookfair and enter our Book fair ID #10676641 in the designated filed found on the payment page during checkout in order for that purchase to count. Please see the flyer and voucher on our website or call Janice for details at (609)655-8663. We look forward to sharing this special day with you.

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.

~~ PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION ~~

Pastor Evaluation Forms - Please find the pastor evaluation forms attached to download. You should download one for each pastor. This process is voluntary. We would really appreciate your input, it will help our pastors as well as the congregation. Try to complete it before the end of February. If you are unable to download the documents there will be copies in the narthex and the church office.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Our Monmouth Presbytery has for many years had a partnership with a presbytery in Cuba, a partnership initiated in large part by Cranbury Church member, Dorothy Orey. A Protestant Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, is in the business of "cultivation"--cultivating spirits and hearts in the love of God in Jesus Christ, minds in the knowledge of God, friendships, mutual regard and concern among people of diverse backgrounds and nationalities, and gardens of fresh vegetables to nourish the bodies of the seminary community and to share with neighbors. The seminary for 65 years has had programs for traditional residential students and for nonresidential students. This seminary is responding to a major need for leadership development in the church.

GUATEMALA TRIP 2012 - This year's trip is from June 23 - June 30, Saturday to Saturday. As a church member your only cost of the trip will be your airfare which typically is around \$600.00 - \$750.00. There are no skills required, just a set of hands and the willingness to serve the Lord. Some of the projects we will work on could include children's ministry, dental and medical clinics and building construction.

An informational meeting has been set for Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 PM in Room 1 at the church. If you cannot make this meeting and are interested in traveling with us this year, please e-mail me at geolive60@aol.com or call me at 609 577-7201.

Looking Ahead - Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Outreach: May is Mental Illness Awareness Month. In late April, in recognition of the needs of those who are affected by mental illness and receiving treatment in Trenton Psychiatric Hospital (TPH), we will be 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, 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. If you would like more information, please contact Pat Demers at patdemers@aol.com or 609-395-0314.

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.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule: February 27, March 1, March 5, March 8, March 12, March 15, March 19, March 22, March 26 and March 29.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 2/26(Team #3) and 3/4(Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

FLOWER OPENING - We have an opening for flowers on Sunday, March 11. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at

Friends help out in so many ways. Special thanks to Lil and George Conley, Heidi Knowlton, Ann and Ron Riemann for helping to celebrate the life of Richard West, a long-time member of Cranbury Presbyterian Church.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

Feb. 26 2:00p - 5:00p Youth Group Bowling

March 4 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group discussion **"Is That in the Bible?"** Part 3 of 3. Check out some strange stories about death, led by Kurt Heineman. Musicians, bring your guitars!

March 11 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. Youth Group will **visit our friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill** for pizza, games and discussion.

Save These Dates for Spring Retreats at Camp Johnsonburg!

April 20-22 High School and **May 18-20** Middle School

~~ CALENDAR ~~

February 26, 2012 - March 4, 2012

Sunday 26	1st Sunday of Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm.) 10:30a Worship with CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour 2:00p-5:00p Youth Group Bowling 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7p Jr. High Youth Group (Grades 5 - 7)- McKnight Room 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 27	10:00a Senior Exercise 10:00a-12 noon CPM Subcommittee Mtg - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm.
Tuesday 28	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm. 1:00p Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 29	7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 1	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 2	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA Anniversary Celebration - FH
Saturday 3	6:30a-8:30a Early Bird AA Mtg.- McK Rm.
Sunday 4	(2nd Sunday of Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm.) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 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