

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

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Joy and Celebration”

Lee Afdah
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

“Except the Lord build the house”
(Ps. 127 and 130)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kindergarten Sunday School Class

HYMN #84 (Hymnal)*

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

God of amazing grace, you offer us love and mercy beyond our imagination. We do not love the way you do. Our grace is momentary, when yours is constant. We seek fairness, when you offer boundless love. Our ways are not your ways, O God. We confess our limitations, our imperfect love, our constrained mercy. Forgive us, and help us to reflect, the love and mercy and grace you so generously shower upon us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Abby Gordon

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23: 32 -39

Peter Miller
Pew Bible pg. 89

ANTHEM	<i>Brother James' Air</i> (Ps. 23)	arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984) The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	I Corinthians 1: 18-25	Pew Bible pg. 166
SERMON	“Lift High the Cross’: Foolishness”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”</i>	Arnold Sherman Bell and Brass Choirs
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Anderson
HYMN #80 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”</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

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #78 (Hymnal)* *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *"Peace I leave with you"* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *Duo sur la Trompette* **Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)**
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.

Gluten free bread is now available at all communion services. During our Intinction service, it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

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:

Communion Servers are Rosellyn Cassidy, Helen Dickerson, Jean Dunham and Gail Geijer.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Jean F. and Charles A. Kientz and Douglas S. Kientz by Carol Kientz.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

After Service Greeters are Barbara Hannon and Vicki Waciega.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Gordon family.

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; Mildred Watts and Lindsey Warne.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darvin's daughter, Cindy; Phyllis Dyke's co-worker Jovina Mintz's son; 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, mother, Marjorie Stewart; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Austin Lentz on March 9. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ 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 ~~

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. Please contact Fran Stewart at (609) 395-7159.

~~ CPNS ~~

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, and 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 field 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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The church in Jamaica, attempting to meet the needs of adolescents and youth who are the major perpetrators and victims of crimes, has been operating the Mount Olivet Boys home since 1967. It is home to 26 boys aged 7 to 17. Some came from abusive homes where family life was dysfunctional, while others lost parents and loved ones, sometimes violently or through illness. Many do not function at the appropriate academic level and often require additional educational

support. Some of the boys require counseling and specialized mental health care. The church is grateful to God that it can provide this ministry of love and care for these children. The church continues by faith to work with them so they can reach their full potential and make worthwhile contributions to society.

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: March 5, March 8, March 12, March 15, March 19, March 22, March 26 and March 29.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/4(Team #4) and 3/11(Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

FLOWER OPENING - We have an opening for flowers on **Sunday, March 11.** If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822 or email her at D1Stargazer@verizon.net.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

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 ~~

March 4, 2012 - March 11, 2012

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 11:15a 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
Monday 5	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 6	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12(noon) Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 10:30a-1:30p CPNS Barnes & Noble Literacy Event 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 7	11:00a - 2:00p Women's Club General Meeting-FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 8	10:00a Senior Exercise 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 9	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 10	
Sunday 11	(3rd Sunday of Lent/Daylight Saving Time begins) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 12:00p - 4:00p Youth Group field trip 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn