

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Psalm 116

Anthoni van Noordt
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

“Father, we praise Thee”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord our God brought us out of the land of Egypt.

The Lord our God brings us here to worship.

We come this day to focus our hearts and minds on the Holy One of Israel.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer.

HYMN #142 (Hymnal)*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

We confess to you, gracious God, that it is hard to be foolish in the eyes of our friends and family. We want to be seen as wise and smart. We want to be seen as people who have life figured out. We are afraid of being called foolish! But the call you put before us to follow the cross of Christ is foolish to the world. Draw us once again to your Word that we might have confidence in the truth of the gospel and proclaim your good news to all we meet. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Rosanna

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 26: 36-46	Cathy Vogen Pew Bible pg. 30
ANTHEM	<i>“Lord, My God, Show Mercy Unto Me”</i>	Pietro Guglielmi The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 27: 45-51	Pew Bible pg. 33
SERMON	“Lift High the Cross: Suffering”	Dr. Louis Mitchell
<u>THE RESPONSE</u>		
HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Fairest Lord Jesus”</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	One Great Hour of Sharing	John Sprout
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. 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>“Offertory Medley”</i>	arr. Pat Bohrs Youth Ensemble
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Mr. Heineman
HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Lift High the Cross”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Onefold Amen in D</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Psalms 100</i>	Hendrick Speuy 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 Vicki Waciega in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Toy.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

After Service Greeters are Carolyn Barlow and Heidi Knowlton.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Claudette Guy.

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; Kathy Mitchell and family due to the death of her mother, Marjorie Stewart; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelt; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne 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; 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 III's mother, Carol Scarpone; Dorothy Klotzbecher's daughter, Nancy Varga; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Joan Smith's friend, Mary Lou Valente; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Wilma Shimer on March 12, Marie Perrine on March 16, and Pat Scott on March 17. **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 Arnow (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 ~~

Thank you to everyone for coming to Barnes & Noble and listening to the stories our teachers read and the wonderful children's activities they shared. Thank you also for your contribution to our CPNS library with the purchase of books that day and on line. The on-line purchases can still be designated to CPNS until March 11 by using our book fair ID number 10676641. It's easy and convenient, simply shop at www.bn.com/bookfair and enter our Book fair ID # 10676641 in the designated file found on the payment page during checkout in order for that purchase.

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: Community Presbyterian Church of Yarnell, Arizona, is small with only 76 faithful members. But the church has grown in unexpected ways in understanding that in transforming peoples' lives the size of the church isn't as important as the size of its members' hearts. One example is their involvement with the fractured family of four: two toddlers; the wife and mother in prison for crimes committed before the children were born; and a disabled husband and father. Church members serve as surrogate grandparents for the children, help the husband, and write to and visit the mother in prison. The mother writes frequently to thank the congregation for their relationship with her children and help to her husband, as well as offering her hope and faith in God's forgiveness and grace. And the church is involved in ecumenical activities as well as growing church programs. The church is a story of changed lives and "a new understanding of who we are and what God wants us to become."

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.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

The Women's Club of Cranbury will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post-secondary education. The student should demonstrate a commitment to community involvement.

The application can be obtained through school Guidance Offices, the Women's Club website at cranburywomensclub.org, and the Cranbury Public Library. The completed application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2012 to the following address: The Women's Club of Cranbury, PO Box 94, Cranbury, NJ 08512

~~ OUTREACH ~~

Publicist Needed! The Outreach Committee is looking for people to help with publicity by writing press releases for local newspapers and websites. Releases would need to be written approximately 8 times a year. If this is an area you have expertise in or would just like to give it a whirl contact Deanna Anderson at demanderson123@aol.com.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Celebrate the joy of eating chocolate with Senior Fellowship on Monday, March 19 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch. We will have 2 chocolate fountains and various goodies for you to drench in the chocolate for our dessert. Beverages will be provided.

Following our chocolate feast, we will have a guest, Selina Man, who will speak to us about the history of chocolate and how it is produced. Selina is the manager of Cafe' Chocolate. After she is finished, you will be convinced that consumption of real chocolate is good for one's health, is of benefit to the farmers who produce the cacao beans and helps the rainforest. Selina is a true chocolate lover and we are sure you will be also after her program.

If you are not on the SF calling list and you would like to attend this program, please preregister by March 16 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897.

Senior Exercise Schedule: March 12, March 15, March 19, March 22, March 26 and March 29.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/11(Team #1) and 3/18(Team #2)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

OGHS are the initials for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. On Palm Sunday our church will be participating in this offering. Our money is distributed between disaster relief; hunger programs; and self-development programs. In the coming weeks we'll try to give examples of these efforts.

Stephanie is a young girl who lives in Cameroon with her father and her three younger siblings. She dreams of becoming a journalist one day. Those dreams seemed all but crushed though when she was sent home from school for unpaid school fees.

Over the last ten years, Stephanie's father, Pierre, was evicted from his home and papaya farm three times in order to make more room for plantations of a transnational fruit business. Impoverished and anxious to stay out of the company's grip, Pierre decided to

establish a new farm well beyond the boundaries of the huge agricultural estate.

Your gifts to OGHS are now helping Stephanie and her family. The Presbyterian Hunger Program reached Pierre through the Joining Hands Network in Cameroon, known locally as RELUFA. Relufa's Credit against Poverty initiative not only supports the startup of small income -generating projects like Pierre's new farm, it also takes care of health and educational needs for communities in any of its other programs. The program has ensured the schooling of about 600 students in the last three years.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

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 11, 2012 - March 18, 2012

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-3:30p 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
Monday 12	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Eagle Board of Review-Rm 1 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 13	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 Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 14	9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Skee's Food Pantry Packing 9:15a-11:15a Parent Discussion Group 11:30a-1:30p CPNS Board Personnel Committee Meeting - Library 7:30p Guatemala Informational Meeting-Room 1 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 15	10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Boy Scout Leader Meeting-McK Room(GC) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 16	8:30-11:00a Skee's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 17	
Sunday 18	(4th Sunday of Lent) 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 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
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