

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"O how cheating, O how fleeting is our earthly being"

Georg Boehm
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

"God is Everywhere"

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Let those God redeemed from trouble say so.

Let those God gathered in from every direction say so.

God saved, God healed, God delivered.

Give thanks for God's steadfast love and wonderful works to humanity.

Come to offer thanksgiving and sing songs of joy.

HYMN #101 (Hymnal)*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Ever-loving God, we are quick to rail against you. We ask "Why?" and "Why us?" We complain that you are not paying attention. Loving God, save us from our distress. Steadfast God, save us from ourselves. Healing God, deliver us, and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Daune Arsnow

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15: 16-20

Alicia Kasper
Pew Bible pgs. 53-54

ANTHEM

“My Life is in You Lord”

Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12

Pew Bible pgs. 683-684

SERMON

“Man of Sorrows”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #98 (Hymnal)*

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS (see insert)

Dr. Mitchell

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

“Surely, he hath borne our griefs”

Geo. F. Handel (1685-1759)

(Messiah)

The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*

“Lift High the Cross”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Twofold Amen in F

Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

“Auf meinen lieben Gott”

Georg Boehm

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 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Gilbert in memory of their parents.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

After Service Greeters are Doug and Jean Rea.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the 2nd Grade Sunday School Class.

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; Jack Britton and family due to the death of his aunt, Marge Britton; Liz Callaway; Lil Conley; Bub Danser; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; 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; Monty and Peg Hagerty's friend, Carole Reed; 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; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Martin Goldberg; 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!

~~ SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ~~

Palm Sunday, April 1 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion featuring, children's palm parade. **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

Maundy Thursday, April 5 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae and Communion Service. Combined service in our sanctuary with Cranbury United Methodist Church

Good Friday, April 6 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Community Worship Service at the Cranbury United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, April 8 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Village Park
9:15 a.m. No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by coffee hour

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 ~~

This week, we have our Parent Teacher conferences. We will be sharing valuable information with parents regarding their child's developmental progress. We look forward to having the opportunity to work with parents to provide a valuable preschool experience to every child at CPNS.

Mrs. "K" will be sharing the story of Palm Sunday with our children this week in the Sanctuary. She will be telling the children about the very kind man, Jesus; and that he was God's son, who many people loved. We will learn that Palm Sunday is a day to celebrate his life.

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 First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, Texas, for the last six years has skipped church one Sunday in September. Members come dressed not for church, but to be the church. On Faith in Action Sunday, the 127-member church disperses throughout the town to work on four ministry projects. Opportunities are there for all ages and skill levels. Throughout these years, they have built a wheelchair ramp for a small flood-damaged church, served brunch at the community college dorms, offered a drive-through brunch in front of the church, landscaped the animal shelter, and served coffee to folks passing through Gainesville on the Amtrak train. And if you came to church, not knowing the plan, there was always one project at the church to be done!

~~ 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

Annual Women's Retreat: Women of our Church, you are invited to the 2012 Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg, May 4 - 6. Presbyterian women from all over New Jersey gather annually for this special time of fellowship, reflection and renewal. This year's theme is "Accepting that we are Beloved". Many women from our church are already signed up, but there is still space for a few more. The cost is \$100.00 for the entire weekend. Please contact Rosellyn Cassidy or Anne Gordon if you would like to attend. Registration forms are available in the church narthex and office.

Donate Your Used Books: The Annual Princeton Theological Seminary Used Book Sale is March 29-31 and we need your old books! All money raised supports seminary libraries abroad in building library collections in their own languages. Donations of books will be accepted through Wednesday, March 21.

To arrange for drop off or assistance with unloading book donations at Whiteley Gymnasium, contact booksale@ptsem.edu. The gymnasium is located at 36 Hibben Road, which is at the corner of Hibben Road and Route 206 (Stockton Street) in Princeton. Financial and book donations may also be mailed to the Stewardship and Missions Committee Book Sale, Princeton Theological Seminary, Box 5204, Princeton, New Jersey 08543.

~~ 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 ~~

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

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/18(Team #2) and 3/25(Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Another objective of **One Great Hour of Sharing** is to aid the self-development of people. Plaquemines Parish is at Louisiana's southernmost tip. It's where the Mississippi River meets the Gulf of Mexico and it is home to the United Fisheries Cooperative. It is estimated that the fishermen in Plaquemines Parish lost 90% of their fleet after the devastating winds and floods that followed hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Already faced with high poverty and illiteracy, this group of lifelong shrimpers, crabbers, and fishermen may have been down, but they are not out. They are determined to rebuild their lives, their livelihood and their community.

In partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Self-Development of People program, which seeks to assist in the empowerment of economically oppressed and poor people, the South Plaquemines United Fisheries Cooperative created a business that provides economic development opportunities to address poverty in their industry, to rebuild the local fishing industry and to restore their communities and way of life.

Funding from One Great Hour of Sharing provided a grant that helped these fishermen. You should be aware that in some ways this is somewhat similar to what our own MS&G committee and Session have been doing in the Congo. If you've had a chance to visit the website www.IMCK.org, you can see where our church has been trying to help the people of the Kasai to help themselves through medical care and self-help projects

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- 3/18** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Project: Make cards for homebound church members and friends who could use a cheerful card
- 3/25** 5:30- 7:00 p.m. Learn to play Quoits (a historic game like horseshoes) with Jack and Sue Britton on the South Lawn. If we're good at it, we may want to challenge other youth groups in town to a tournament on the day of the Strawberry Festival!

Save These Dates for Spring Retreats at Camp Johnsonburg!
April 20-22 High School and **May 18-20** Middle School

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 18, 2012 - March 25, 2012

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-McK Room 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 19	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences-Room 1/Library 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a - 3:00p Senior Fellowship Program-FH/Kit (VAN) 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 20	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences-Room 1/Library 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:00a - 3:00p (Snowdate) Senior Fellowship Program-FH/Kit (VAN) 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Story-Sanctuary 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 21	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences-Room 1/Library 9:30a CPNS Palm Day Story-Sanctuary 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Story-Sanctuary 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scout District Mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 22	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences-Room 1/Library 9:30a CPNS Palm Day Story-Sanctuary 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Story-Sanctuary 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 23	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent/Teacher Conferences-Room 1/Library 4:00p-10:00p Historical Society - FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 24	
Sunday 25	(5th Sunday of Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:00a All Church Breakfast - FH 10:30a Worship 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McK Room 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn