

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

May 25, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Partita on “Jesus, priceless treasure” Johann Gottfried Walther (1713)*
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 *“Give unto the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 29: 2) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon him while he is near.

Treasure God’s word and walk in his ways.

We delight in God’s decrees more than riches. We will meditate on his word.

HYMN #288 (Hymnal)* *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* Youth Sunday School Class
[This prayer is a composite of prayers that the Youth Class students wrote.]

Holy and eternal God of compassion, you give us continuous love. You have forgiven us countless times. We are not always truthful with you, our neighbors, or those who care for us. We do not always do what is right. We are subdued by pitiful actions, the sins we commit. We have disrespected others and you. O Lord, in your grace have mercy on us and cleanse us of our sin. Guide us, so that we may live our lives according to your word. Give us a new beginning and make us your loyal people so that we may continue to live under your kindness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ Peter Miller

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 146	Mary Speer Pew Bible pgs. 581-582
ANTHEM	<i>“And with his stripes we are healed” (Messiah)</i>	Geo F. Handel (1685-1759) The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Mark 8: 27-38	Pew Bible pgs. 43-44
SERMON	“Count the Cost”	Dr. Gretchen Hull

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #388 (Hymnal)*	<i>“O Jesus, I Have Promised”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Louis 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>Kedron</i>	Evelyn Morrison Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Anderson

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Lift High the Cross”</i>
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BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*	<i>Twofold Amen in F</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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POSTLUDE*	<i>“Ever faithful, ever near”</i>	Franklin Ritter Organ
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

**Nicholas D. Duke
November 17, 1935 – March 19, 2012**

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 the Toplin family in loving memory of their aunt, Gail R. Nielsen and mother, Thelma C. Hill. Flowers are also given by Jim and Debbie Taylor in loving memory of Debbie's parents, Dorothy and Wilson Schnell and her aunt, Lillian Gustafson.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

After Service Greeters are Marie Perrine and Walter Wright.

There is no coffee hour due to the All Church Breakfast.

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; Judy Duke and family due to the death of her husband, Nick Duke; 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 Volgen'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 Thurs., 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

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Classes during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 25 We will join everyone at the All Church Breakfast. After enjoying pancakes and quiche, we will be privileged to hear Dr. Gretchen Hull, who is the guest speaker.

April 1 (Palm Sunday) Dr. Hull will be teaching the Adult Education class at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. Her topic will be "*The Last 7 Words of Christ on the Cross.*"

April 15 (the week following Easter Sunday) Dr. Hull will have as her topic Luke 24 - "*After the Resurrection*" at 9:15 a.m. in the Library.

Come out and join the Adult Education class to participate and to understand fully these events which are the basis of our beliefs as Christians. We can provide Bibles—you don't have to bring anything, you do not have to say anything—just listen, we promise no one will ask you any questions. We just encourage everyone, especially parents dropping off their youngsters for Sunday School, to come for this important presentation.

Annual Adult Retreat - It's that time of year again - no, I'm not talking about springtime, although spring has sprung with all of its beauty and splendor! The time of year I'm excitedly referring to is our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat which will take place this year on April 27 and 28. What a wonderful time of year to spend in the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey.

Our theme for this years' retreat is "*Jesus the trueFruit of the Spirit*" and will be led by Elyse Casimir. Elyse will lead us on this spiritual journey into the life of Jesus and how He is the perfect example of the Fruit of the Spirit. Elyse will give us a fresh glimpse into the life and walk of Jesus and help us to examine how abiding in Him we can better keep in step with the Spirit and in our walk with Jesus in our daily lives.

This year marks the 25 year anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like, now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again. This event promises to be uplifting with a great message and a wonderful, insightful leader. Elyse Casimir is a Cranbury resident, mother of five and grandmother of four, and the leader of two local bible studies one of which is held in our church.

Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, March 25, and will continue over the next few weeks. Look for the sign-up table during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbeacher (Mrs. K) or call her at 732-521-2026.

~~ 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 ~~

We will be celebrating Palm Day in the sanctuary this week. The children will be parading with palms and singing songs to celebrate the wonderful life of Jesus. Please join us for any of our programs. They will be on Wednesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on both days. We would love for you to join us for one or all the programs.

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: Washington Presbytery in Pennsylvania is following the example of Jesus and putting the gospel in the hands of young adults. An Ignite ministry gathers together 18-35 year olds, a network of young adults who meet for weekly fellowship in small group gatherings in many places including coffee shops, a bar, and homes. Social events and missional outreach along with weekly gatherings form the other pillars of the ministry. Ignite relies on person-to-person contact and the gospel is presented through an offer of genuine friendship. Since the population is transient, the ministry never becomes stagnant and is a constant reminder to make disciples while the possible converts are at hand.

Looking Ahead to Mother's Day - This year our church is giving you the opportunity to help protect and restore the health of women and children in Africa by supporting Healthy Women Healthy Families, a year-round PC(USA) ministry.

In exchange for donations to the Healthy Women Healthy Families, we can honor the women in our families with Mother's Day cards. For example, \$10.00 will pay for both prenatal care and delivery in the Congo. A clinic visit for a child costs about \$2.00. A \$10.00 donation will provide a mosquito net and malaria prevention education. These beautiful, specially designed Mother's Day cards are on sale now, by contacting Becky Huselid at rhuselid@bhbassociates.com or Anne Gordon at kgordon22@comcast.net. Cards will also be available April 29 and May 6 during Coffee Hour. Please plan ahead and think of honoring all special women in your life with the gift of life.

~~ 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.

Attention softball players! Cranbury United Methodist Church is looking for players to join their co-ed adult softball team that will be playing in a local Church League this Spring. The season runs from April 15 - June 24, and all games are on Sundays at 2pm. For more information, please contact Jim Dixon (609-662-4041, dixonj13@hotmail.com) from our congregation, or Bill Kesting (609-443-1919, bill.kesting@comcast.net) the team manager.

~~ 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.

After Church Greeters Wanted! We need the help to increase the numbers of After Church Greeters. This only requires a few minutes of your time after our church services. This will provide you with the opportunity to visit with other members of our congregation and is a lot of fun. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE - Please mark your calendars for a night of Classical Jazz on Friday, April 13. 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 has been a once every other month event held on the second Friday

through June 8, 2012. Our upcoming event will be on Friday, April 13 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., doors open at 7:00 PM. Performing will be the *Cranbury Jazz*, a classical jazz group. This local group has entertained Cranbury during various events and we are so pleased that they will be sharing their beautiful music at our next Coffee House. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity.

Tickets for the March show are \$8.00 per adult, and \$5.00 for children under 12. 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 Exercise Schedule: March 29, April 2 and April 5

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/25(Team #3) and 4/1(Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

A third objective for OGHs is to help with Disaster Assistance. As we are so aware, disasters come in all shapes and sizes—from devastating earthquakes, tornadoes, fires and floods to heartbreaking incidents like mass shootings, explosions and wars. Large or small, natural or of human making, whenever and wherever disasters occur, Presbyterians are ready to respond.

Within hours of the January 2011 shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and 18 others in Tucson, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was at work.

One Great Hour of Sharing Funds make it possible for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to provide the ongoing training for National Response Team members to respond to those who are hurting and in need of support. Hopefully they are helping those affected by the rash of tornadoes this past month. We know that our contributions helped with Haiti and with Japan's tsunami.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

3/25 5:30- 7:00 p.m. Learn to play Quaits (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!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 25, 2012 - April 1, 2012

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 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 26	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 27	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p Presbytery Mtg-Bordentown 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 28	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 7:30p Bell Choir
Thurs. 29	10:00a Senior Exercise 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 6:00p-8:00p Calling Hours for Marjorie Stewart at Barlow and Zimmer Funeral Home (Kathy Mitchell's mother) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 30	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Sat. 31	10:00a Memorial Service (Marjorie Stewart)-Sanctuary/FH 7:00p-10:00p Boy Scouts Game Night - FH

Sunday 1	(Passion/Palm Sunday/OGHS Offering) 9:15a Celebration Sunday 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 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
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