

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

Passion/Palm Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
April 1, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"Palm Sunday Glory"

Sharon Rogers
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

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates"

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Give thanks to God, for he is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN #89 (Hymnal)*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praise. While our voices give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Lou

Palm Parade

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#88

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 21: 1-11	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 23
ANTHEM	“The Palms”	Faure-Kinyon Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 27: 45-51	Pew Bible pg. 33
SERMON	“Forsaken”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING OFFERINGS

Offertory *“Behold the Lamb of god that taketh away the sins of the world”* **Geo. F. Handel**
(Messiah) **(1685-1759)**
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Anderson

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)* *“Lift High the Cross”*

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

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #91 (Hymnal)* *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *"Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* Sicilian Melody
Bell Choir

POSTLUDE* *Fugue in D Minor* J. S. Bach
Organ

***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."

Barbara B. Bain
January 2, 1934 – March 19, 2012

Nancy A. Wilson
November 14, 1931 – March 26, 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.

Gluten free bread will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

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 Deanna Anderson, Pat Demers, Anne Gordon, Ken Gordon, Doreen Grand-Jean, Brenda Kirkenir, John Kirkenir, and Jim Taylor.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Lawson by two dear friends.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

After Service Greeters are Gail Geijer and Don Winchell.

Coffee hour is hosted by Gaylord & Marlene French and Jean Randazzo.

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; 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 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: Richard Pape on April 3. **Happy Birthday!!**

~~ SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ~~

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.)

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

April 22 - May 27 Join Spencer Bruno in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. on "The Meaning in Miracles."

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 true Fruit 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 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.

~~ CPNS ~~

CPNS will begin the Easter Vacation on Good Friday, April 6 and will return on Monday, April 16. We look forward to celebrating Easter with our families and having some time to rest and relax. Before our Easter break the children will be learning all about Easter. They will learn what a wonderful person Jesus was and that he came to give new life to each and every one of us.

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.

Our CPNS Summer Program registration has begun and classes are filling up. If you are interested, please register today.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Palm Sunday! And as we celebrate Palm Sunday and think ahead to Good Friday, we realize that Christ suffers with us because Jesus suffered for us, and we accompany others in their suffering. When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing we can rest assured that we, too, are on the spot assisting the suffering. For instance, thanks in part to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) provided funds to repair Leogane's Hospital Ste. Croix, Leogane being at the epicenter of Haiti's earthquake. PDA helped repair the water tower and security water tower and security wall at the nursing school, enabling immediate assistance to many injured people. The Presbyterian Hunger Program is on the field providing seeds, tools, and programming. We usually are unable to go in person to these stricken people but isn't it a comfort to know that we can assist them through the gifts we contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing and PDA.

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 ~~

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 ~~

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: April 2, April 5, April 9 (no class), April 12, April 16, April 19, April 23, April 26, April 30

UPCOMING EVENT: Senior Fellowship is going for a tour on Tuesday, April 17 of the Boehm Porcelain Studio in Trenton. We will have a brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with dessert and cold beverages provided. Boehm Porcelain, one of the world's premier true porcelain manufacturers, designs and produces limited editions of sculptures of birds, flowers and religious sculptures in the same Trenton studios in which they started in 1950. Go to www.boehmporcelain.com to see photos of their creations. Bring a check or credit card as we are offered a 20% discount on purchases we make on April 17 only. Boehm creations are seen globally in museums & galleries including the Met, Hermitage, Smithsonian and 2 rooms in the Vatican. They are also

known for their restorations of porcelain products made by any manufacturer.

If you are not on our call list and you would like to go on this trip please preregister by Thursday, April 12 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897. If you get tired during the walking tour seating is available in the showroom.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 4/1(Team #4) and 4/8(Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

April is fast approaching and that means it is time for our **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. There are special envelopes in the pew racks, but we'd still like you to indicate that your gift is for OGHs. Our gifts are going to our Presbyterian Hunger Program; for Disaster Assistance; and for helping people to learn to help themselves....all worthwhile objectives. We hope that you will be able to participate.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- April 1 5:30-7:00 p.m. Mixer and pizza with youth from the Methodist Church group.
- April 7 (Sat.) 10:00-11:00 a.m. Take chairs to Village Park - use the Scouts' trailer
- April 8 6:30 a.m. Set up chairs at Village Park, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Co-lead the Easter Sunrise Service with Cranbury Methodist Church youth, bring chairs back to church. **No evening meeting.**
- April 15 5:30-7:00 p.m. Walk to Gil & Bert's for ice-cream.
- April 20-22 (Friday 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 2:00 p.m.) High School Spring Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Peer Pressure." No evening meeting.
- April 29 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group discussion and music in the McKnight Room.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

April 1, 2012 - April 8, 2012

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 4:00p-5:00p 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
Monday 2	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 3	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Room 10 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 3p-5p CPM Meeting-Room 1 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-FH 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 4	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p Bell Choir
Thurs. 5	(Maundy Thursday) 10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Combined Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary 8:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 6	(Good Friday) CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9:00a-12(noon) 12:15p Community Worship Service at the Cranbury Methodist Church 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 7	10:00a-11:00a Youth Group and Confirmands moving chairs to Village Park for Sunrise Service Set-up Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary

Sunday 8	(Easter) 6:30a Confirmands & Youth Group meet at Village Park 7:00a Sunrise Service at Village Park 9:15a No Christian Education 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
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