

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 of Easter

April 15, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Air: Overture in D

J. S. Bach

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

*“I to the hills will lift mine eyes”
(Ps.121)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

It is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained this blessing, life forevermore.

HYMN #113 (Hymnal)*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Most Holy God, you make yourself known to us in so many ways, yet we still find it hard to believe. Fear overwhelms us, doubt creeps in, and we forget your faithfulness. Forgive our unbelief and strengthen our trust in you, that we may live as faithful disciples and share your light with others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Claudette Guy & Daune Arsnow

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 Pat Scott, Rick, Linda, Lauren and Samantha Scott and Debbie, Ed and Ben Konrad in loving memory of Husband, Father and Grandfather, Dick Scott.

Head Ushers are Bill & Sheree Dunnett and Brian & Gina Moore

After Service Greeters are Andy and Flo Kremann

Coffee hour is hosted by Fran Stewart

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; Everett Campbell; Lil Conley; Bub Danser; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne; Mildred Watts and Doris Wiegartner.

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; Paul and Janet Furchak's friend, Diana Facher; 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 and her family, on the death of her sister, Tricia; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Martin Goldberg; Linda Protinick's mother, Jane Hand; 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: Donald Winchell on April 20. **Happy Birthday!!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

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

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

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 year's 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.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

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. If you are interested, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or frannymag58@aol.com.

~~ CPNS ~~

We return on Monday, April 16th from our Easter Vacation and look forward to seeing everyone again after our break.

Thank you all so much again for your support during our Barnes & Noble book fair. We received a gift card in the amount of \$559.00 to purchase new books for our CPNS library. We doubled what we did last year and look forward to sharing the new books with our children.

We recently purchased a new software system, called "Child Care Management" to help us track information regarding our CPNS families and payments. We look forward to begin using it as we prepare to send out our reminders regarding the first tuition payments for the school year 2012-2013.

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. Children that are entering our 3-year-old program up to children entering first grade are eligible to attend.

~~ INQUIRERS' CLASS ~~

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church?

Please call the church office at 609-395-0897 and let us know you want to participate. Classes will be on April 22, April 29 and May 6 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The Inquirers' Class breakfast will be on May 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the new member recognition during the worship service. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Great Samaritan Christian Services regularly provides food and clothing to those in need and offers occasional assistance with utility bills to people in Pampa, Texas. A number of churches formed Good Sam, as it is known and all work is done by volunteers. In more than 28 years no one has ever been paid. Good Sam unloads and distributes food from the area food bank and provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, in a recent Christmas, giving almost 200 children in need three presents each. Nineteen churches serve around 22,000 people a year.

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@bhassociates.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.

The **Trenton Psychiatric Hospital** collection box will be placed in the corner nearest the first door of Fellowship Hall. Please place any donations in this box. These items will be given to the Hospital Auxiliary during May which is Mental Illness Awareness Month. Thank you for your generosity. (Call Pat Demers for more information at 609-395-0314 or email patdemers@aol.com)

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury is being honored by Better Beginnings Child Development Center at the Mayor's "Shining Star" Gala on Saturday April 28th, from 5 to 10 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Monroe. Our Church, which is being honored for impacting the lives of others through their generousities, volunteerism, and acts of kindness, has been a great support for Better Beginnings in many ways over the years. The Gala is an evening of community celebration, including dinner, dancing, live music and a DJ, dancing, a silent auction, an awards ceremony, an emcee and more! Please join the folks from Cranbury, East Windsor, and Hightstown to celebrate with us on this happy occasion, and support Better Beginnings in their continuing endeavor to shape young minds when time matters most. Tickets for the evening are \$70. Contact: Loida Wilson at loidawilson@comcast.net.

~~ 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, dixonjj13@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.

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: 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.

Opportunity for Service - Please help:

Senior Fellowship is a great mission of our church that tries to create a sense of community for senior citizens. This program is run totally by volunteers. For this program to continue, we need your help. We could use people who are not senior citizens as well as senior citizens to be on the programs and trips planning committee. We meet about 5 times a year at 10:00 AM in the library on a day most of us agree upon to select trip destinations or program speakers. We make a yearly schedule and plan the details. Committee members help by setting tables, distributing beverages and assisting people as needed or acting as chaperones on trips. You do not need to help with all the trips, just what you can fit into your schedule. Our programs and trips are on weekdays and range from 10AM-4PM depending on the program. If you would like to join our committee, please contact Connie Bauder or the church office at 609-395-0897 and we will contact you.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 4/15(Team #2) and 4/22(Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Special Thanks to Lil Conley, Mary Jane Hagar, Heidi Knowlton, and Ann Riemann for their assistance was appreciated at the funeral reception for Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart on March 31. **Great Group.**

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

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 15, 2012 - April 22, 2012

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| Sunday 15 | 8:00a-8:45a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting- Room 1 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 walk to Gil & Bert's for ice cream 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |
| Monday 16 | 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm |
| Tuesday 17 | 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Room 10 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:30a Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch followed by Trip to Boehm Porcelain Studio-FH/VAN 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room |
| Wednesday 18 | 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scout District Mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Deacons - Library 7:30p Bell Choir |
| Thursday 19 | 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 20 | 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg - (VAN) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room |
| Saturday 21 | Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg - (VAN) |
| Sunday 22 | 9:15a Inquirers' Class - Library 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg - (VAN) 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom No Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH |

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