

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Pièces du Premier Livre d’Orgue

Jean-François Dandrieu
(1682-1738)
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

“Sing a new Song”

Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Kurt Heineman

The time has come to worship our God.

The time has come to lift our voices in praise and our hearts in thanksgiving.

We give thanks for the life-giving and nurturing love of God.

We give thanks for God who loves us beyond our imagining.

Let us come and worship, giving thanks to the God who calls us to be disciples.

Together, let us worship God!

HYMN #104 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Wondrous God, you broke the power of sin and death. By your great mercy you give us new life and living hope. We want to believe in your power and mercy, but doubt grows quickly in our hearts. We turn away from you and trust our own strength instead. O God, in your great mercy, forgive our unbelief and lack of faith. Reveal yourself to us once again and draw us close to you, that we may put our trust in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚		Rosellyn Cassidy
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 4: 17-32	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 194
ANTHEM	<i>“You are Holy Prince of Peace”</i>	Michael W. Smith Children’s Choir
SCRIPTURE	Colossians 3: 1-17	Pew Bible pg. 201
SERMON	<i>“The Practice of Character”</i>	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #115 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”</i>	
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>“Lo, a voice to heaven sounding”</i>	Dmitri Bortniansky (1751-1825) The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Mr. Heineman
HYMN #302 (Hymnal)*	<i>“I Danced in the Morning”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Threefold Amen in D</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale

***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.”**

Austin N. Lentz

March 9, 1914 – April 13, 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 in loving memory of my husband, Jack Huff, by Jane Huff.

Head Ushers are Ginny Swanagan and Ken Ellsworth.

After Service Greeters are Marie Perrine and Jane Hovland.

Coffee hour is hosted by the 3 and 4 year old Sunday School Classes.

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; Carol Sprout; Dorothy Swec; Cathy Vogen; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne; Mildred Watts; Joy Will and family due to the death of her husband, Michael 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 family due to the death of her sister, Patricia Maliff; 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; Leslie Vandenberg's brother, James Danek; 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: Anne Taylor on April 28. **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.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

VBS stands for ... Vacation Bible School!

SonRise National Park is this year's Vacation Bible School theme; expect an exciting week of fun and wilderness adventure! Join us on the woodland trail beside the wildflower meadow, for lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts and yummy snacks while children learn how Jesus can make a difference in their lives every day.

What: "SonRise National Park" Vacation Bible School
Where: First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury
When: Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3
Time: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Who: Kids entering 4 year old preschool through 6th grade; all are welcome!
Cost: \$20/child*

Why: Young explorers will develop long-lasting friendships with each other and VBS guides during five days of discovery. SonRise National Park VBS will take your kids beyond what they can explore with their senses to discover a living spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This summer, point your kids toward Jesus at SonRise National Park VBS, where kids will learn the most important survival skill of all; they can always depend on Jesus! "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Registration: Registration has begun! Forms are available on-line at www.cranburypres.org. Forms can also be found in the church office and on the table near Janice Parker's office. Registration forms may be brought or mailed to the church: First Presbyterian Church, 22 South Main St., Cranbury, NJ 08512. Get your registration in now! **Registration will conclude on May 29.**

VBS needs your help! To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! If you're available to help in any way, please contact one of the directors listed below.

Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader (lesson plans and crafts are provided); Oversee or assist with Recreation Activities; Oversee or assist with Snacks; Oversee or assist with Decorations

Also, coming in May, please help us defray our VBS costs by purchasing snack and/or craft supplies through our Giving Tree. Here's how it works; take an "ornament" off the tree, purchase the item listed on the card, and place it in the donation basket located next to the tree. Please look for the tree in Fellowship Hall beginning in early May.

We hope you and your children can join us at SonRise National Park VBS, for an unforgettable experience of discovery that will bring everyone closer to Jesus.

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Daune Arsnow (448-6181) or Cassandra Khazem (448-7425).

* Scholarships available; please contact the church office to discuss.

~~ CPNS ~~

This week, we will be celebrating "Children around the World" with a special school wide music program presented by Mrs. "K".

The children will go on a musical journey through countries such as Africa, China and India. The children will learn no matter what we look like, Jesus loves us all.

Please remember to bring in your McCaffrey's receipts. CPNS gets 1% of the sales and it really adds up. You could deliver your receipts to any of the McCaffrey's envelopes you find near Fellowship Hall or our CPNS lunch cubbies. Thank you so much Lil Conley for your continued help and support with this project and to everyone for shopping at McCaffrey's and bringing in your receipts. Happy Food Shopping!

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 ~~

It's not too late to join! Please call the church office at 609-395-0897 and let us know you want to participate. Classes began today and will continue on 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: First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, PA helped people experience a diverse way of conversing with God by transforming the church's gym into a prayer space called "Prayer is..." For over a week, people came from the congregation and the community to pray in new ways. They experienced such forms of prayer as a prayer wall, a labyrinth art and Scripture. The interest shown in prayer led the church to establish a sacred space each month that focused on one of the 12 forms of prayer explored at this event.

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 28, from 5 to 10 p.m. 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.

Special thank you to all the members of the congregation, who offered prayers, made phone calls, sent cards and food during my recuperation from surgery. They all helped my speedy recovery.

Bub Danser

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 23, April 26, April 30, May 3, May 7, May 10, May 14, May 17, May 21, May 24, May 28 (no class), May 31

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 a.m. 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 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 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: 4/22(Team #3) and 4/29(Team #4)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

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 22, 2012 - April 29, 2012

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) 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom No Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - McK Room 7:00p Boy Scout Committee Meeting (JK) -FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 23	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 24	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Room 10 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 25	7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 26	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 27	Adult Retreat at Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ - (VAN) 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 28	Adult Retreat at Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ - (VAN)
Sunday 29	9:15a Inquirers' Class - Library 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/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 Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

