

***>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.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**January 13, 2013 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Semplice & Air*

**Dom Andrew Moore**  
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 the glory due His Name”*

**Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Butler

The God who created us says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

**The God of our baptism says, “I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.”**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders.**

A voice from heaven speaks,

**you are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.**

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,

**and the promise of the Father to call us by name.**

HYMN #210 (Hymnal)\*

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**Lord Jesus Christ, yours is the baptism of Spirit and fire, but we confess we are not worthy of you. We have failed to bear the fruit of repentance. Forgive our sins, Lord Jesus, and call us anew. See us through every trial, whether of water or flame, that we might give you glory and tell the coming generations of the greatness of your redemption. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✚

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Steve

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Mary Catherine Barnes and Jacob Robert Barnes**  
**children of Robert S. and Annabelle L. Barnes**  
**born on June 25, 2012**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:\*

Elder Dorothy Klotzbeacher

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Mary and Jacob the good news of the gospel, to help them to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, "We do."

**Congregation: We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH\*

The Apostles' Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3: 1-14

Gretchen Stults  
Pew Bible pg. 60

ANTHEM

*"He watching over Israel"*

**Felix Mendelssohn**  
The Chorale, Gaylord French, organist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3: 15-22

Pew Bible pg. 60

SERMON

"On With the Show"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

## **THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #394 (Hymnal)\*

*“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Stephen Crocco

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

*Idyll*

**Paul Bryant**  
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

*“Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication\*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #368 (Hymnal)\*

*“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”*

BENEDICTION\*

RESPONSE\*

*Threefold Amen in D*

**Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

POSTLUDE\*

*Processional*

**Colin Hand**  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

### **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

will take place immediately following the morning worship service  
on Sunday, January 27, 2013 in the Sanctuary.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

**January 13, 2013 - January 20, 2013**

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| <b>Sunday<br/>13</b>    | <b>(Baptism of the Lord)</b><br>9:15a Christian Education for all ages<br>(Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm)<br>10:30a Worship with Baptism followed by coffee hour<br>4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom<br>4:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts-FH (GC)<br>5:00p-6:30p Youth Group Epiphany Party (Yankee Swap) - McK Rm<br>7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn |
| <b>Monday<br/>14</b>    | 9:30a-11:30a Women's Bible Study @ D. Ellsworth's house<br>10:00a Senior Exercise<br>7:30p Brass Choir<br>7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library<br>8:00p Al-Anon - McK Rm   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>15</b>   | <b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b><br>9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Room 10<br>11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office<br>7:30p Session Meeting - FH<br>7:30p AA - McKnight Room   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>16</b> | 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing<br>7:00p-9:30p Boy Scouts - Mercer Area District Mtg. - McK Room<br>7:30p Deacons - FH<br>7:30p Bell Choir  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>17</b>  | 10:00a Senior Exercise<br>4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary<br>4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary<br>7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary   |
| <b>Friday<br/>18</b>    | 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution<br>9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office<br>8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps) McK Room  |
| <b>Saturday<br/>19</b>  |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>20</b>    | 9:15a Christian Education for all ages<br>(Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm)<br>10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour<br>4:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts-FH (GC)<br>4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom<br>7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn   |

**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](mailto: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:**

**Flowers** in the chancel today have been donated by Bub and Barbara Danser.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by the Riemann family.

**Greeter** is Earl Davison and Marie Perrine.

**Head Ushers** are Stan & Helen Dickerson.

**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; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Pelto; Rev. Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec and Walter Wright.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Pat Demers' son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Arlene Duran's daughters, Catherine Lepp and Jennifer Tuffy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes' friend, Will; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; and Loida Wilson's friend, Colleen Cahill Brunskill.

**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:** Franklin Sutton and Russell Sutton on January 20. **Happy Birthday!**

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~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

**Adult Education (9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)**

**Mark your calendars!** We will meet in the Library on January 20 and January 27. Brett Butler will lead the class--it will be a combined class of Confirmation and Adult Ed.

**Family FunDay!** Parents and children through 6th grade are invited to gather with us for fellowship and fun. Please join us for Family FunDay on Monday, January 21, in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with love and community service. We will be making lunch to be delivered to TASK, playing games and singing songs.

*Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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~ CPNS ~

Our 2013-2014 registration will begin with existing students on January 14 and continue on January 22 for our siblings and church members and will continue with the general public on February 1. As you 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](mailto: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.

New for 2013-2014 we will be offering a Kindergarten program which can be combined with our enrichment classes for either a half day or full day program. We are so excited to be able to offer a developmentally appropriate academic Kindergarten program. One that will include small class sizes, and individualized instruction; in addition to the many other successful attributes of CPNS.

Please call or stop by for details on any of our programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

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~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Similar to a program that was serving in this area some years ago is a national organization Family Promise which has developed skills and know how to "end homelessness one family at a time." Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley began to house families in 210. Congregations joined with other faith groups to provide housing and counseling for homeless families. In its first 18 months, this group supported and graduated 23 families back into normal housing, enabling them to pass through the roughest times and turn a corner toward stability. This number includes 60 children who continued to go to school and were given tutoring. The organization also offered food and clothing when needed and is happy to report its rehousing rate is 95 percent. Congregation members involved in this program have seen how it makes Christ's love real for these families.

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~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

The Monday morning Women's Bible Study will not be meeting on the Martin Luther King Holiday on January 21.

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~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

**Senior Exercise**

January 14, January 17, **January 21 (No class)**,  
January 24, January 28 and January 31

**Senior Fellowship Upcoming Event**

Senior Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall on January 22 at 12 noon to watch the movie, "Hugo". Bring a brown bag lunch to eat before the movie starts. We will stop the movie halfway through to take a break and have fresh popcorn. Bring a cushion to put on your chair if you wish. If you are not on our call list and would like to participate, please pre-register with the church office (609-395-0897) by Friday, January 18. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

"Hugo", was nominated for best picture last year. It was directed by Martin Scorsese. Hugo is an orphan, age 12, living in the walls of a train station in 1930's Paris. He learned to fix clocks and gadgets from his father and uncle. The only thing that he has left connecting him to his father is a mechanical man which requires a special key which he does not have to unlock the secret he believes it contains. The film is about his adventures and relationships that he forms with others as he searches for the key.

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~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 1/13 (Team #4) and 1/20 (Team #1)

**2013 Pledge Envelopes:** The 2013 pledge envelopes are available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall. Please pick-up your pledge envelopes; otherwise the cost of mailing them is \$2.50 each. Thanks!

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~~ WORSHIP ~~

The **Lay Reader Schedule** for January to June 2013 is now on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up if you would like to be a Lay Reader.

**Flower Openings available!** There are flower openings for the following Sundays: January 20 and January 27. Please contact Diane Smith ASAP at [d1stargazer@verizon.net](mailto:d1stargazer@verizon.net) or 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

**Ushers** - The 2013 ushering packets are available for pick-up in the Narthex.