

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

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 10, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue

Flor Peeters
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 was glad when they said unto me”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stephen Crocco

We have seen the light of God:

on the lofty mountain in joy; in the valleys that have been made fertile.

We have witnessed the light of Christ:

in the resurrection of the body; in the hope of reconciliation.

We have known the light of the Spirit:

with eyes that have been opened; with ears that have been unstopped; with tongues that have been loosened.

We have seen the light of the Lord!

HYMN #144 (Hymnal)*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O Lord our God, you are a forgiving God, and we are a people in need of forgiveness, for we often fail to see your glory in our midst. We see the dreadful consequences of wrongdoing in this world, yet we often fail to renounce shameful things until we ourselves have done them. Yet, we would rather confess our sin than falsify your word, and since we cannot cunningly justify ourselves, we are bold to hope in your mercy, and we long to see you in your radiance. Forgive us, O God of glory. Grant us a clean conscience, the clear vision of faith, and the great gift of freedom in your Spirit; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

SCRIPTURE Exodus 34: 29-35 Stephen Kim
Pew Bible pg. 81

ANTHEM "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" Hal Hopson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Luke 9: 28-36 Pew Bible pgs. 69-70

SERMON "Meeting God" Brett Butler

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #457 (Hymnal)* "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 "Be thou my vision" Donovan Klotzbeacher
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #142 (Songbook) "Shine, Jesus Shine"

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* Fourfold Amen in G Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* March Flor Peeters
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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:

Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hagerty by Mr. Judson Hagerty.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Welch family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Janet Furchak.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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 call the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Pat Bohrs; Helen Davies and family due to her son, Carl's death; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Pelto; Rev. Joanne Petto; and Russ Richardson.

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; Peg Hagerty's nephew, Parker Kuhn and friend, Bob Lamont; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carol Kane's friend, Joy Barclay; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Pastor Lou Mitchell's mother, Elizabeth; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; and Mary Szczepanik's mother, Dorothy.

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!

Adult Education

Please join Pastor Steve with the adult education series on Romans, which is considered by many to be the most important book in the Bible. This is an ongoing series—don't hesitate to join in—Pastor Steve will summarize (we actually haven't gotten too far into the book as there is so much to discuss from each verse!) so you can catch up quickly—even if you haven't attended any of the sessions. We will meet on Sundays for the month of February in the Library at 9:15 a.m.

~ CPNS ~

This week at CPNS, the children will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Our children will be learning about love and friendship. We will relate how God's love for everyone through Jesus can be modeled by us, and expressed at Valentine's Day, and all the rest of the days of the year.

Our next Parent Discussion Group will be on Wednesday, February 13. We will continue our discussion on perspective taking and communicating and will add two additional skills, making connections and critical thinking. Don't forget we will meet in the Power of Play/Music room from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Children are welcome, there are plenty of things for them to play with; and there will be special Valentine's snacks to enjoy during our discussion. We hope to see you then.

Our 2013-2014 registration continues 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 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.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Pastor Lou spoke very recently about the need for the church to be inclusive; pointing out that the church is for everyone. A small Presbyterian congregation in Maracay a city located in north central Venezuela had this same belief. They became aware of people who lived with HIV/AIDS as well as those who were gay or lesbian. Some members left over this issue of inclusion so many that there were very few left. Nevertheless, women and men rose up to respond with Christian inclusion and solidarity and to draw from their faith a response to human pain. The work was not easy but God multiplied their efforts just as with the five loaves and two fish and these vulnerable ones were loved and comforted with the word of life and hope. Today the church is constructing a beautiful network of solidarity. And to quote the words of an African proverb, "Simple people, doing small things in places of little importance, achieve extraordinary changes." To God be the glory!

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Women's Retreat - get away, relax and grow! Please join us on the Annual Women's Retreat, **Friday, April 12 through Sunday, April 14, 2013** at Camp Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center.

The theme this year is **Feeding the Soul**. We will be using the book Spaghetti for the Soul by Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro in our group discussion. The goals for the retreat are for women of faith to connect with a larger community of women, gather together, have fun, relax and enjoy the beauty of Camp Johnsonburg. There will be opportunities to boat, hike, go horseback riding, enjoy yoga, participate in an art project and take the Leap of Faith.

We will share our meals together in our cabin and in the dining hall. The cost is \$100.00 and check should be made out to Monmouth Presbytery. Retreat registration forms may be obtained in the church office. Contact Anne Gordon or Rosellyn Cassidy for more information.

~~ OUTREACH ~~

Dinners for Eight: The Outreach Committee is extending an invitation to join eight others for dinner to be held in late February or early March. You can sign-up in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour today, February 10 and February 17 or call Marlene French at 609 301-5828.

The host or hostess will invite six other people (previously signed up) and they will decide on a date for their dinner. The host or hostess will provide the home, entrée and beverages. The guests will provide hors d'oeuvres, salad and dessert.

Last year between forty and fifty people participated, and enjoyed the unrushed conversation in a relaxed setting; ate good food and discovered things about old friends and new. Young and old, singles and couples may sign-up because the intent is to get to know people across age and interests. Hope to see you on Sunday.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

February 11, February 14, February 18,
February 21, February 25 and February 28

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 2/10 (Team #4) and 2/17 (Team #1)

Denominational Support: Part of being Presbyterian is understanding the connectional nature of our denomination, and celebrating the strength that is achieved in the interrelationships among congregation, presbytery, synod and General Assembly. These interrelationships in our denomination provide a sound structure that allows us to go places we could not otherwise get to alone.

Session is asking for your help in supporting our ministry by covering the cost of our "per capita" assessment as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The amount of this assessment is \$35 per active member. The per capita is paid for all active members, including youth who have been confirmed.

We hope you will see the importance of contributing your portion of the per capita apportionment. Remember, it is based on the number of members, not the number of families. We encourage you to make your contribution toward this important operating expense of the Presbyterian Church, USA. You can drop your contribution

in the offering plate or forward it to the Church office. Please note on your check it is for your per capita assessment (per capita envelopes are available in your pledge envelope box) so we may properly acknowledge your support.

~~ WORSHIP ~~

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

Flower Opening available! There is a flower opening for Sunday, February 24. Please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

February 10, 2013 - February 17, 2013

Sunday 10	(Transfiguration of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 11	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p-10:00p CPR: CPNS Classroom 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 12	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 13	(Ash Wednesday) 9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 9:15a-11:15a CPNS Parent Discussion Group-Music/Power of Play Room 7:30p Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 14	10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 15	CPNS Closed 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 16	
Sunday 17	(1st Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn