

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

1st Sunday in Lent

February 17, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Ricercare & Toccata

Bernardo Pasquini
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 will lift up mine eyes unto the hills”
(Ps. 121: 1)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
and abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
we shall say to the Lord,

“Our refuge and our stronghold, our God in whom we put our trust.”

When we call, the Lord will answer.

God will be with us in trouble and show us salvation.

Mr. Brett Butler

HYMN #260 (Hymnal)*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Almighty God, you are our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust; yet we confess we are often tempted to seek bread that does not satisfy, to worship other gods, and to put you to the test. Forgive us, we pray, and answer us. Be with us in trouble, and rescue us from every snare. Show us your salvation in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, whom we confess as Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Mr. Butler

SCRIPTURE

Job 1: 1-5

Taylor Miller
Pew Bible pg. 453

ANTHEM

“Shout Glory, Hallelujah”

Hal Hopson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Job 1: 13-22

Pew Bible pg. 453

SERMON

“BIG Questions”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #404 (Hymnal)*

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

“In God, my faithful God”
(Auf meinen lieben Gott)

Johann Nicolaus Hanff
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Basse de Trompette

Jean Adam Guilain
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 George E. Conley III by his wife, Lil and their children and grandchildren.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Don Winchell.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

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; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; David Geijer; 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!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Adult Education (9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

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--you can catch up quickly--even if you haven't attended any of the sessions. Our last class will be on Sunday, February 24 in the Library at 9:15 a.m.

~ CPNS ~

Our CPNS Board will be commissioned on Sunday, February 24. We have been blessed with these individuals that give of their time and share their talents with CPNS. We are so grateful for all they do and can't thank them enough. Our board members for 2013 are Chris Cenci, Jessica Corriveau, Kelly Flannery, Kristen Hackett, Leigh Perry, Patria Sullivan, Jay Taylor, Leslie Vandenberg and Claudette Guy, our Moderator. Danny Kinney is our financial consultant and Lori Kleppe is our local school advisor. Please come to church and celebrate their service at the commissioning during church; and come to coffee hour that will be in their honor.

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.

Registration for our pre-summer and summer program has begun. Children entering our 3-year-old program through children entering first grade are eligible to attend. Registration forms can be found on our web site.

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: Just as we respond to Jesus's command to his disciples "Give them something to eat" with Skeet's pantry, our Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets and our work in and contributions to TASK, so we see the same imperative being met in the far away community of Colombia in the Choco region of Colombia. The people there have organized themselves -- resisting the ravages of violence from Colombia's many armed groups--to work for their daily food. Their small project called "Hopes and Fishes" has allowed the church to help families generate their own food. After digging a pond, they sowed it with fish and continue today to harvest from that initial seeding. The project is neither to give a fish nor to teach a person to fish; rather, it is to cultivate fish day after day so that there is always food.

~~ 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. **THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 1.** 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 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 18, February 21, February 25 and February 28

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will have a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 26. Beverages and dessert will be served.

Following lunch, we will church van and car pool over to the Cranbury Museum. At the museum, we will have a demonstration of the Regina music box along with an informative talk about these early musical instruments that played using large metal discs with holes punched through them.

We will also see the current display of the Bunting handmade furnished doll house which is a replica of an 1890's, 2 story colonial house and vet office in Burlington, NJ made over a period of 9 years by Lavada Bunting in the 1950's. Also on display are the doll and teddy bear collection of Audrey Smith, Jane Huff and large domed doll also on loan from Bill Bunting.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to spend a winters day with us please preregister with the church office, 609-395-0897 by February 22.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 2/17 (Team #1) and 2/24 (Team #2)

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 17, 2013 - February 24, 2013

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
Monday 18	(President's Day) CPNS/Church Office Closed 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 19	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting with Examination of Elders and Deacons Elect - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 20	7:00p-9:30p Boy Scouts - Mercer Area District Mtg - McK Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 21	10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 22	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 23	9:00a Deacon Retreat-FH
Sunday 24	(2nd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with Installation/Ordination and CPNS Commissioning followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn