

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 in Lent

February 24, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C Minor

James Hook
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

“You Are Worthy of My Praise”

Chris Tomlin
Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

5th and 6th Grade Sunday School Classes

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

Whom then shall we fear?

The Lord is the strength of our lives.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

Wait for the Lord.

Be strong, take heart, and wait for the Lord.

HYMN #288 (Hymnal)*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Dr. Stephen Crocco

O Lord, our light and salvation, our shield and the stronghold of our lives, we confess that we have neglected your gracious covenant; for though you have granted us citizenship in heaven, we have concerned ourselves with worldly things; though your Son has borne the cross for our redemption, we have indulged the flesh, fearing to follow him as we should. Forgive us, merciful God, for our shameful ways, and transform us in accordance with your glory and the power by which Christ Jesus rules over all things. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD

Claudette Guy (Moderator); Lori Kleppe (Local School Advisor); Janice Parker (Director); Danny Kinney (Finance Consultant); Chris Cenci, Jessica Corriveau, Kelly Flannery, Kristen Hackett, Leigh Perry, Patria Sullivan, Jay Taylor and Leslie Vandenberg (Board Members)

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Brothers and sisters, God has called you to particular service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters to this role in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BLESSING

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these brothers and

sisters to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Friends, you are commissioned to service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being: spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Job 2: 1-8	Don Winchell Pew Bible pg. 454
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ANTHEM	<i>“What a Savior”</i>	Laura Story Young Worship Choir
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SCRIPTURE	Job 2: 9-13	Pew Bible pg. 454
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SERMON	<i>“Being a Friend”</i>	Dr. Louis Mitchell
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THE RESPONSE

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>
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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

(Elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

(Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept **Dennis Chonko***, **Nancy Chonko***, **James Dixon***, **Martha Donovan**, **Jean Dunham**, **Carol Edelson***, **Janet Furchak**, **Kay Gartner***, **Kenneth Gordon**, **Anne Gordon**, **John Kirkenir**, **Andrew Kremann**, **Lola Madsen**, **Jean Randazzo***, **Janet Wheeler***, **Larry White** and **Donald Winchell** as Elders and Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (*to be ordained)

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

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:

Coffee Hour is hosted by Janice Parker.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Pat Scott.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Harry Bohrs; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; David Geijer; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Pelto; Rev. Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson and Art Ryba.

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; Phyllis Dyke's cousin, Carol Horling; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Peg Hagerty's 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.)

Mark your Calendar! Beginning on March 3, Gaylord French will begin the second series "The Bible and Handel's Messiah" leading to Easter Sunday.

Martha Circle: All women of the Church - you are welcome to join the Martha Circle in the Library on March 4 at 1:30 p.m. This is a Study Group under the leadership of Rose Eller; the topic is "Dispatches to Christians: the Lesser Epistles."

~ CPNS ~

Our CPNS Board will be commissioned today during our Sunday church service. 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 coffee hour that is being held in their honor.

Our 4/5-year-old classes will be walking to Dr. Arthur's dentist office this week. February is dental health month and what a wonderful opportunity we have to see a dentist office with our CPNS class. Dr. Arthur was also kind enough to donate toothbrushes and toothpaste to all of our CPNS children. We are blessed to have our school in a community such as Cranbury. Thank you so much Dr. Arthur.

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: The Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) in Canada is a cheery spot providing a place where street people can drop in and feel at home, a place, according to the director, The Rev. Stewart Folster, where "we are like a family and take care of each other." Volunteers often make big pots of soup that bubble away on the stove. All afternoon the front door bell jangles and people seeking lunch and companionship arrive. They come to the counter and make their own sandwiches, warm up with soup and the strong hot coffee. Donuts, donated by a local donut shop provide dessert. One man remarked that this is his favorite place to come for lunch. "Nobody" he says "is looked down upon here; that's the beautiful part of it."

~~ 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.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST ~~

Please join us at the Cranbury Inn on February 28 at 8:30 a.m. to hear Marilynn Mullen. She will be sharing what's new at the Cranbury Library.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

February 25, February 28, March 4, March 7, March 11, March 14,
March 18, March 21, March 25, March 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.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 2/24 (Team #2) and 3/3 (Team #3)

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.

For those of us in the Presbyterian Church, **Special Offerings** play a very important role in what it means to be a connectional church. They help bring together the diversity of our church in the twenty-first century. To better share stories of lives changed, hope restored and hunger sated, PC(USA) is launching a program called **IMPACT 365**. It is available as a free download in the Apple Store. This one-of-a-kind iPhone/iPad application delivers a unique photo or short video story each day, highlighting the impact our gifts to Special Offerings have around the world. If you visit the Apple Store, you can download **IMPACT 365** today. We look forward to the first of our Special Offerings this year to be held on April 7 - One Great Hour of Sharing. More information will be forthcoming.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

February 24, 2013 - March 3, 2013

Sunday 24	(2nd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with Ordination/Installation 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
Monday 25	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 26	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:00a Sr. Fellowship set-up and Program (12:00p) FH/Kit/VAN 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 27	7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 28	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 1	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 2	
Sunday 3	(3rd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion and Ordination/Installation followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn