

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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Ruth Schram
Brass Choir

“If Thou Be Near”

J. S. Bach
Brass Choir

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

“Have mercy on me, O Lord”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Branden Kenny

From now on, brothers and sisters, we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation: The old has passed away. The new has come!

All of this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,

As ambassadors for Christ, let us worship God.

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)*

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Brett Butler

Our gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against heaven and against you. In our stubbornness, we have gone our own ways, and failed to stay near you. In our ingratitude, we have failed to remember how your righteous Son became sin on our behalf, to bring about our justification. In our shortsightedness, we have neglected the message of reconciliation entrusted to us. We acknowledge our sin, O God, for we cannot hide our iniquity. We confess our transgressions, O Lord; set us free from all self-deceit. Forgive the guilt of our sin, that we may be a joyous people, and praise you with loud cries of deliverance. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Job 31: 24-40

Vicki Waciega
Pew Bible pg. 478

ANTHEM

“When for eternal worlds we steer” **Early American, arr. Howard Helvey**
(*Sailor’s Home*) **The Chorale**

SCRIPTURE

Job 37: 14-24

Pew Bible pgs. 483-484

SERMON

“Are There Answers?”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #280 (Hymnal)*

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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

“O God, be merciful to me”
(*Erbarm’ dich mein, O Herre Gott*)

Johann Gottfried Walther
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*

“Lift High the Cross”

RESPONSE*

Fivefold 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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Jean F. and Charles A. Kientz and Douglas S. Kientz by Carol Kientz.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Andy and Karen Moutenot.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Gail Geijer.

Head Usher is Stan and 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 call the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Martha Davis; David Geijer; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Pelto; Rev. Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; John Sprout and Art Ryba.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Pat Bohrs' husband, Harry Bohrs; Daina-Brie Bollentin's son, Konner; a friend of Jenni Collins; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Pat Demers' son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Phyllis Dyke's cousin, Carol Horling; 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; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Wilma Shimer on March 12, Jean Nostrand on March 13, Marie Perrine on March 16 and Pat Scott on March 17. **Happy Birthday!**

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

Please join Gaylord French on Sunday mornings for the second series, "The Bible and Handel's Messiah" leading to Easter Sunday.

~ CPNS ~

Please mark your calendars to attend our special presentation "**Reading and Writing in Early Childhood**". We will be sharing information regarding children's literacy development from 9:15 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12 in Fellowship Hall. After this informative program, giving by our panel of experts, we will have an open house. During this time, we will be sharing information about CPNS with families interested in finding out more about our program. We hope to see you then. Please let your friends and neighbors or anyone you think might be interested in the information, or have them call for details. They can also find details on our website.

We will be sharing all the wonderful things we do at CPNS regarding early childhood with student teachers from TCNJ who are participating in their field experience. We are excited for this opportunity and honored that we have been considered and chosen as a quality preschool program that will contribute to the education of new teachers. They will be joining us for five Wednesday mornings in March and April.

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: First Presbyterian Church of Hobbs, New Mexico, decided to focus its efforts and ministry in the areas of hunger, homelessness and education. They then identified three groups within the community with which it could partner and forged covenants with those groups that spelled out shared expectations and mutual obligations. So now the church is working with Habitat for Humanity of Hobbs, Isaiah's Kitchen (a soup kitchen and food bank) and Will Rogers Elementary School which draws students from the church's neighborhood. The congregation provides financial help, has covenanted to provide regular prayer a set number of volunteer hours, and a significant level of engagement. At the school, for example, congregation members provide teacher appreciation lunches, sends encouraging notes and works at the book fair. First Church youth together with

other members work on Habitat houses while also serving lunch to the day's volunteer crews. At Isaiah's Kitchen members have served lunch, assisted in the office and facilitated a canned-food drive to stock their food bank. In turn, the three groups have agreed to report regularly to the congregation about their particular partnership and to be present for worship at least once a year.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

To celebrate his 75 Birthday, Gaylord French will present an organ recital at Cranbury Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. The program will include music by J.S. Bach, Mulet, Vierne Weaver and Diemer. Dr. French, an Elder at Cranbury Presbyterian Church, retired four years ago after thirty three years as organist and choir director at the Central Presbyterian Church in Montclair, NJ. The program is free and open to the public.

~~ OUTREACH ~~

Inquirers' Class: Welcome Visitors - We hope you enjoy worshiping with the members of First Presbyterian Church and have been made to feel welcome. The next Inquirers' Class will begin on Sunday, April 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the library. The three-week class gives visitors the opportunity to learn more about First Presbyterian as well as an understanding of being a Presbyterian. Inquirers will meet with Pastor Lou and members of the Session as we explore possible membership at our church.

If you are interested in participating in the Inquirers' Class or have any questions about membership, please contact the church office at 609-395-0897.

First Presbyterian Facebook Page! The church now has a Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, please search for the church on Facebook and "like" the page (First Presbyterian Church Cranbury). We look forward to using Facebook to share information about worship and upcoming events with church members as well as the community.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

March 11, March 14, March 18, March 21,
March 25, March 28 (No Class)

Upcoming Event

On Tuesday, March 19 at 12:00 (noon), Senior Fellowship will have a program in Fellowship Hall presented by Dr. David E. Mulford titled "The Mothers and Fathers of Our Presidents". Some of our presidents came from prominent families, but most rose from humble origins. We will hear about the backgrounds of our presidents with stories about their mothers and fathers, and the strong role some of the presidential parents played. Dr. Mulford is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served churches in NY, NJ, and FL. He has degrees from Colgate, Princeton Theological Seminary and Drew. He continues a life-long interest in American Presidency and has spoken to civic clubs, college classes and has taught courses at adult education programs and Elderhostels.

We will have a homemade soup lunch with beverages and dessert. **If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend this program, please preregister with the church office 609-395-0897 by March 15.**

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/10 (Team #4) and 3/17 (Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Flower Opening! We have a flower opening for Sunday, April 7. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or at 609-890-0822 as soon as possible.

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 make 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 ~~

March 10, 2013 - March 17, 2013

Sunday 10	(4th Sunday in Lent/Daylight Savings Time begins) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group-McK Rm 6:00p-7:00p Boy Scout Court of Honor (Zysk) - FH 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 11	10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Youth Group - Cranbury Pizza 6:30p-10:00p First Aid - FH 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 12	8:00a-12noon - CPNS - FH 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	9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 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	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	(5th Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship and Baptism 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