

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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Ricercare

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

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

“We Want to See Jesus Lifted High”

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Brett Butler

Those who sow with tears

will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping

will return home with shouts of joy.

HYMN #460 (Hymnal)*

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, you have chosen us to be your people and to praise your glory; but we confess that we have overlooked the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst, neglected the poor, and placed our confidence in ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for the selfish gains we have accrued are nothing compared to knowing Christ. Do not remember our former sins or consider the things of old. Renew your people, that we, with your whole creation, may declare your praise. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✧

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✧

Pastor Lou

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Liam Oliver Olchvary
son of Peter L. and Karen D. Olchvary
born on November 1, 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 Liam the good news of the gospel, to help him to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen his 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

Exodus 3: 1-15

Lian Wegryn
Pew Bible pg. 50

ANTHEM

"Above All"

Michael W. Smith
Young Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE

Job Chapters 38-42

(selected verses)

SERMON

"God Answers Job"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #98 (Hymnal)*

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Butler

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	<i>An Old Irish Blessing</i> ("May the road rise to meet you")	Denes Agay
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	"Doxology"	The Chorale
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler
HYMN #339 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	

BENEDICTION*

***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 by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Gilbert in memory of their parents.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School Classes.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Lil Conley and family due to the death of her sister, Beth and husband, Ted Greczyn; 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 and co-workers husband, Don; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Pat Scott on March 17. Happy Birthday!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

Come on out for the next two Sundays for the Adult Education class meeting in the library at 9:15 a.m. Gaylord French will continue his "Bible and Handel's Messiah." You don't have to read or know anything about music to enjoy listening to this wonderful composition. It is fascinating to see how Handel tells the story. Gaylord has shown how the music actually makes a cross-skeptical? Come on out and let him explain it.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

Please join us for the All Church Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, April 7, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Breakfast will include pancakes, quiches, sausages, coffee and orange juice and fellowship.

**Sunday Schoolers make sure to come to Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. for your special time to enjoy breakfast.

~ CPNS ~

Please mark your calendars; CPNS will be reading at the Hamilton Barnes & Noble on Tuesday, April 9. Look for additional details in the next week or so.

We will be having our Palm Day Parades on Wednesday and Thursday this week, March 20 and March 21 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. both days in the Sanctuary. Stop by and watch as the children parade and celebrate Jesus with palms and songs. You wouldn't want to miss this very special program. We hope to see you there.

The student teachers from TCNJ who are participating in their field experience will be with us again this week. 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 child 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 website.

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 Synod of the Sun which includes Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana is providing a much needed service to their fellow human beings around the world. Through the ministry of Solar Under the Sun (SUTS) they are bringing the gift of light with the installation of solar power and improving the quality of many lives. SUTS's array of solar panels can provide the power to run water-treatment systems, supply lights for schools in remote places, or serve as a power source for communications and equipment--from refrigerators to X-ray machines--at medical clinics. With almost 200 trained solar mission workers and more than 20 installations in Haiti, SUTS is expanding its global outreach and planning installations from Ukraine to Kenya. From the rising of the sun to its setting the Lord's name is praised at Solar Under the Sun for the sun of righteousness rises to bring hope and healing to all humankind.

Bread for the World: "A Place at the Table" is this year's Bread for the World Offering of Letters. As Christians, we cannot want to leave anyone on the sidelines - unfed, hungry and thirsty. On April 28, we shall have the opportunity to send letters to our Senators, Representatives and President Obama urging them to exercise greater leadership in ensuring that all people have enough to eat. Assure these officials that we encourage forward development, assistance, domestic nutrition programs and support for working parents as effective means for ending hunger. Stay tuned for more information in coming weeks!

Gretchen Stults

~ OTHER NEWS ~

To celebrate his 75th 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.

Free Piano - The church is giving away an older upright piano. It is a Hensler piano and is currently located at the top of a stairwell in the Christian Ed. wing. The piano was originally of good manufacture but could require restorative work. If you are interested in this piano, you should hire a professional mover.

Moving a heavy upright console piano is not for the faint-hearted or the inexperienced! To make arrangements, contact church office.

Sharing brings joy to others, to God , and to us.

~ CALENDAR ~

March 17, 2013 - March 24, 2013

Sunday 17	(5 th Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:45a Sr. Fellowship - Kitchen 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
Monday 18	9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 19	8:30a-3:00p CPNS - Library 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary 10:00 - 4:00p Sr. Fellowship set-up and Program at 12:00p - FH/Kit/VAN 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 20	9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 2:30p CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 6:00p-7:15p Sr. High Youth @ Cranbury Pizza 7:00p-9:30p Boy Scouts - Mercer Area District Mtg-McK Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 21	10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 2:30p CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 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 Organ Tuning 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 23	
Sunday 24	(Passion/Palm Sunday) 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Children's Palm Parade 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

~~ 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 BREAKFAST ~~

Join us on Thursday, March 28 as Jack Frohbieter will tell us about his trip to Norway by ship and train.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, New Jersey. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Stan Dickerson at (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright at (609)799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

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: 3/17 (Team #1) and 3/24 (Team #2)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Flower Opening! We have a flower opening for **Sunday, April 7.** If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at d1stgazer@verizon.net or at 609-890-0822 as soon as possible.

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Through abundant and generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Presbyterians have for many years faithfully heeded God's call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives. Your gift to this offering allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by disaster, including those now recovering from Hurricane Sandy. It helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally and makes it possible for Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.