

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

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Solemn Prelude in C Major

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

“So lowly doth the Savior ride”

Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, for he is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Dr. Stephen Crocco

HYMN #89 (Hymnal)*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Triumphant Savior, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praise. While our voices give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Palm Parade

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Pastor Lou

HYMN #88

SCRIPTURE

John 12: 12-19

Gretchen Stults

Pew Bible pg. 106

ANTHEM

"Daughter of Zion"

Geo. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Chorale

HOMILY

"An Easter Perspective"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

Pew Bible pgs. 86 - 89

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #102 (Hymnal)*

"Were You There?"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

John Sprout

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Brett Butler

Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world

grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Now we pray as Jesus taught us:

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>"Lord, in this thy mercy's day"</i>	Healey Willan (1880-1986)
	<i>(St. Philip)</i>	Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #91 (Hymnal)* *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher
		The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Postlude on "Ellacombe"</i>	Edward Broughton
		Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae and Communion Service
Combined service in our sanctuary with the Cranbury
United Methodist Church

Good Friday, March 29

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Community Worship Service at the
Cranbury United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Cranbury United
Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by coffee hour

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 the Toplin family in loving memory of their aunt, Gail R. Nielsen and mother, Thelma C. Hill. Flowers are also given by Jim and Debbie Taylor in loving memory of Debbie's parents, Dorothy and Wilson Schnell and her aunt, Lillian Gustafson.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Deacons.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Barbara Hannon.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Peltó; 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; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Pastor Lou Mitchell's mother, Elizabeth; Karen Moser's daughter, Dawn Winkler and granddaughter, Paige Winkler; 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: Mary Jane Hager on March 25. **Happy Birthday!**

~ 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, 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 ~

CPNS will be closed this week for our Easter Vacation. We wish everyone a very happy and joyous Easter.

CPNS will be reading at the Hamilton Barnes & Noble store on Tuesday, April 9. Our teachers will be reading from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the children's department. When making a purchase that day at the Hamilton store, please share the **ID code 11040300** at the time of purchase and percentage of that sale will go to CPNS. You will also be able to purchase books on line between April 9 -13 and use that same book-fair ID and a percentage of that sale will go to us as well. We look forward to seeing you as we share the love of books and the special stories we will be reading with all of our visitors.

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 ~~

Skeet's Pantry Needs Some Food! With many thanks to all our friends in the congregation who have been so generous, we're asking again for some food for our pantry. Specifically, we need PASTA, RICE and CEREAL. Any kind, any size (but think "family size" if possible) will be very welcome. So thanks again for always being there when we need your help!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Hunger relief is the focus of the Presbytery of Arkansas. The Gretta Lane Mission, an outreach of Barr Memorial Presbyterian each week distributes food to 140-220 families living in a community with no grocery store or gas station and a county where 17.7 percent of residents have incomes below the poverty level. Graham Memorial Presbyterian participates in Arkansas Rice Depot's Food for Kids program and has a weekly soup kitchen that now serves 800 meals monthly to hungry people. Stewpot, housed at Little Rock's First Presbyterian has since 1987 served 125-175 meals each weekday to homeless individuals and families. In addition to these and other local projects, the Presbytery participates in a project in which volunteers working with Stop Hunger Now assemble 10,000 prepackaged long-shelf life meals to be distributed through schools in underdeveloped nations.

Bread for the World: In the event any of us feels there is no need for an Offering of Letters, urging our elected officials to make eradicating hunger a priority, here is sobering information about hunger and poverty in the United States which will convince all of us that we, as a wealthy country, and certainly we, as Christians attempting to follow Jesus mandates to feed the hungry see the necessity of retaining the protections we currently have and doing still more to reduce poverty which leads to hunger, malnutrition, and many other bad things.

FACTS: More than one in seven Americans--including nearly one in four children lives below the poverty line (\$22,811 for a family of four). The number of people at risk was 50.1 million in 2011. One in seven Americans currently receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps). Nearly half of SNAP participants are children, and another 9 percent are age 60 or older. Eighty-three percent of SNAP households have incomes at or below the poverty line.

Refundable tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) boost household earnings, provide a critical buffer for emergencies, and lift millions of Americans out of poverty every year. These tax credits encourage work.

The official poverty numbers reflect only pre-tax income. They do not account for in-kind benefits like SNAP or refundable tax credits like the EITC and the CTC.

Look for information next week on Hunger and Poverty Around the World.
Gretchen Stults

~~ 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, Vierre 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.

~~ 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 25 and March 28 (No Class)

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will go to Sayen Gardens in Hamilton to walk the pathways and view the daffodils and other spring flowers on Tuesday, April 9. We will have a brown bag lunch at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall with beverages and dessert provided before we leave for the gardens. Please wear walking shoes and sunscreen. If you are not on the Senior Fellowship

calling list and you would like to go on this outing, please preregister with the church office at 609-395-0897 by Friday, April 5.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/24 (Team #2) and 3/31 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Niger is in the Sahel region of Africa, a region prone to famine due to minimal rainfall during its rainy season. However, water sources in Niger are estimated to be in excess of 33 billion cubic meters, an amount which greatly exceeds the express need. But due to a lack of means, much of this precious underground resource has gone untapped. With your help, we are bringing life to Niger.

Through the NAGARTA water project, a supported partner of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the women, children and men of 35 rural villages now have, or soon will have, access to clean drinking water made through newly drilled wells. OGHs helps to finance the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 24, 2013 - March 31, 2013

Sunday 24	(Passion/Palm Sunday) 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./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 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 25	CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9:00a to 1:00p 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p-9p Eagle Board of Review Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 26	CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9:00a to 1:00p 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 7:30p Deacons - Library 7:30p AA Anniversary Meeting - FH
Wednesday 27	CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9:00a to 1:00p 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:00p Boy Scouts -Library (JK) 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 28	(Maundy Thursday) CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9:00a to 1:00p 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p Combined Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary 8:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 29	(Good Friday) CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9:00a to 1:00p 12:15p Community Worship Service at the Cranbury Methodist Church
Saturday 30	
Sunday 31	(Easter) 7:00a Easter Sunrise Service at the Cranbury Methodist Church 9:15a No Christian Education 10:30a Easter Worship Service followed by coffee hour No Cranbury Men's Bible Study