

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

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“All Creatures of our God and King”

arr. Gordon Schuster

Brass Choir

“The Old Rugged Cross”

William Ringham

Bell 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

“Now the green blade riseth up from the buried grain” 15th-cent. French Carol

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stephen Crocco

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

We are witnesses.

Jesus proclaimed the kingdom and healed people.

We are witnesses.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

We are witnesses.

But God raised him on the third day.

We are witnesses.

Christ has commanded us to share this good news with all the world, so that all may believe and have life through him.

We are witnesses: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

How shortsighted we are, O Lord, that we so often hope in this life and forget the life to come; that we seek the living among the dead. Though you foretold your death and resurrection, our view remains clouded by death and doubt, desire and sin. Forgive us, Lord Christ, for you are Lord of all, victorious over death and ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE* ✨

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✨

Brett Butler

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 1-12

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 90

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah”

Beethoven
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 13-35

Pew Bible pg. 90

SERMON

“The Heart of Easter”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

“Morning Has Broken”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Crocco

Glory to you, O God! On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and vindicating his sinless life. Glory to you, O Christ! For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the way to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit! You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever!

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice!

Hallelujah!

You raised the dead, and brought us from death to new life!

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

You confounded your guards and executioners, and filled your followers with joy!

Give us joy in serving you by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

You proclaimed good news to the women and disciples, and brought salvation to the whole world!

Direct our daily living as your new creation.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and is the Lord of life from the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people toward the full stature of Christ, showing his love and justice in all our words and actions. We pray through the risen Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever and who taught us to pray,

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

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell and Brass Choirs

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

"The Day of Resurrection!"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"Thanks be to God"

Geo. F. Handel
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:

The Flowers in the chancel today are the beautiful Easter flowers given in memory, in honor and/or as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Conley and Kirkenir families.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Marie Perrine.

Head Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

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 Pelto; Rev. Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; 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; Peg Hagerty's father, Frank Kuhn; 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; Janice Parker's friend, Jeanette on the death of her mother; 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: Richard Pape on April 3. **Happy Birthday!**

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

Martha Circle: All women of the Church - you are welcome to join the Martha Circle which meets in the Library on **April 1 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".

Thanks to Dr. Gaylord French for his Adult Ed presentation on "The Bible and Handel's Messiah." This beautiful piece of music, so familiar to all, will always mean so much more to those who participated in the class. We were amazed at the combination of biblical knowledge and drama of musical presentation that awes all when we listen.

There will be **NO Adult Ed** on Sunday, April 7 - come to the All Church Breakfast!

Annual Adult Retreat - It's that time of year again - no, I'm not talking about springtime, although spring has sprung with all of its beauty and splendor! The time of year I'm excitedly referring to is our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat which will take place this year

on May 3 and May 4. What a wonderful time of year to spend in the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey!

Our theme for this year's retreat is *Great Expectations: Lessons from the Book of Titus on Living in the Light of God's Grace* and will be led by Pastor Steve Crocco.

This is the 26 year for this wonderful retreat. For those of you who have never attended, but are wondering what it's like now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again.

Sign-ups will begin on April 7 and continue over the next few weeks. Look for the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. If you have further questions or would like more information, please contact our very own Mrs. K.

~ CPNS ~

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 a percentage of that sale will go to CPNS. You will also be able to purchase books online, between April 9 through April 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: EASTER SUNDAY! CHRIST IS RISEN; HE IS RISEN INDEED! It seems an appropriate day to think about ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING the offering we will collect next Sunday, April 7. Haiti is constantly in our thoughts and prayers and is constantly in need. But people there are helped by our Presbyterian Church! After the 2010 earthquake a seed and tool program was established by ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. One farmer who benefited from this program said, "The seeds, when they arrived, were deliverance for me. I was able to plant corn and Congo beans. I'm eating the harvest even now and in the future I will be able to plant the saved seeds, and I'll eat again. Yesterday, I ate from my garden. Can you imagine! I didn't have to go to the market to be able to eat. Doesn't it give you a warm feeling this Easter morning to know that your gifts this year and other years are providing not only food but dignity and hope to a needful people.

Bread for the World: A place at the table is the theme for this year's Bread for the World Offering of Letters. We are all aware that the table is a powerful symbol of community. As families we gather around a table to eat meals and exchange news. As a church, we

gather, symbolically, around the communion table to come closer to Jesus, and we gather around tables in the Parish Hall. As a church, we welcome all to the communion table. We should be equally eager to welcome all around the table to be fed. Isaiah reminds us that God's table is abundant for all people a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow..." And we have many examples in the New Testament of Jesus' feeding the people. We are aware that there is enough food for everyone in the world. Yet 1 in 6 Americans does not always have enough to eat. Nearly 900 million people around the world struggle with hunger on a daily basis. And we are asked, as Christians, to follow his example. And one way we can follow his example and do.

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 First Presbyterian Church family 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 with 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

April 1 (No Class), April 4, April 8, April 11,
April 15, April 15, April 18, April 22, April 25, April 29

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: 3/31 (Team #3) and 4/7 (Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing have been at work creating miracles in Detroit Michigan. Warriors on Wheels on Wheels is a partner with Self-Development of People that brings dignity and purpose to people's lives.

Working as a marginalized community, Warriors on Wheels of Metropolitan Detroit (WoW) focuses on empowering and advocating for disabled people who require mobility and accessibility assistance. The members of WoW, many of whom are also disabled, are shining a light on issues typically relegated to the shadows of most communities and restoring independence to many lives in the process. Through our giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church's Self-Development of People

ministry was able to award a \$10,000 grant to WoW to allow them to repair and retrofit a 15-passenger bus with accessibility controls. This is just one example.

A note on the envelopes for your contribution: Please indicate that your check or money is for OGHs. This clears up any confusion you may have about which pew envelope to choose. **OGHS Offering will be received next Sunday, April 7.**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 31, 2013 - April 7, 2013

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
Monday 1	CPNS/Church Office Closed 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 2	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 3	11:30a Women's Club Mtg-FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 4	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting -Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 5	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 4:00p set-up for Historical Society Potluck Supper-FH/Kit 6:30p-10:00p Historical Society Potluck Supper-FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 6	9:30a - Calling hour for Beth and Ted Greczyn-Sanctuary 10:30a - Memorial Service for Beth and Ted Greczyn - Sanctuary 1:00p Commitment Ceremony - Sanctuary
Sunday 7	(All Church Breakfast/OGHS Offering/Home Communion) 8:30a Sunday Schoolers special breakfast time-FH 9:15a Sunday School (Classrooms/McK Rm) 9:00a-10:15a All Church Breakfast - FH 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 12(noon) Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn