

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
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
April 7, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“With Unending Praise”

Douglas E. Wagner
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

“Ye that stand in the house of the Lord”
(Ps. 135: 2-3)

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God is the Alpha and the Omega,

the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

The Lord has set us free from our sins.

Glory and dominion belong to Christ, now and forever. Let us worship God.

HYMN #113 (Hymnal)*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God of our ancestors, we confess that we are too easily intimidated by human authority; we have been slow to receive and practice the gift of repentance, and to render you the obedience to which your Spirit calls us. Forgive our sin and timidity, and give us courage to testify to your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood. Fashion us into the priestly people you have called us to be, even in this very act of confession. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor Lou
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 2: 4-7	Stan Dickerson Pew Bible pg. 2
ANTHEM	“ <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> ”	Wood-Wagner Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	John 20: 19-29	Pew Bible pg. 115
SERMON	“Should We be Doubting Thomas?”	Dr. Stephen Crocco

THE RESPONSE

OFFERING AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING		
Offertory	<i>Fanfare & Alleluia</i>	Merrill Knighton The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Doxology</i> ”	
Prayer of Dedication*		Dr. Mitchell
HYMN #108 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Christ Is Alive!</i> ”	

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

RESPONSE*

"Amen"

**Greek
Bell Choir**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

*Processional
(Parsifal)*

**Richard Wagner
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.

Gluten free bread will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Communion Servers are Deanna Anderson, Vicki Bain, Rosellyn Cassidy, George Conley, Bev Gilbert, Carol Kientz, John Sprout and Janet Wheeler.

The Flowers in the chancel today are in honor of Doreen Grand-Jean and Francis Fernandes. Flowers are also given by the Swanagan family in memory of Don Swanagan.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Ill family.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

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; Peg Hagerty and family due to her father, Frank Kuhn's death; 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 and friend, Bill Brokley; 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; 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: Lola Madsen on April 10. **Happy Birthday!**

~ CHOIR ~

The Bell Choir expresses their thanks and appreciation to the following for their new choir robes: Mr. Judson Hagerty for the memorial gift given in memory of his wife, Elizabeth Hagerty; to the family and friends of Maryminta and Joseph Konrad for their memorial gifts; also thanks to Mr. Peter Grykien for his artisan manufacture of new copper crosses to be worn with the additional robes. Many thanks to you all.

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

Beginning on April 14, Doris Wiegartner will lead the Adult Ed class in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome. We will be looking at "Portraits of Jesus" which is a study from the Gospel of John. Each "portrait" (no we will not be looking at artwork) will describe an event in the life of Jesus. This week's topic is "I am the bread that gives life." Drop the kids off for Sunday School or get up a little early and join this friendly group to look at one of the miracles Jesus performed.

Vacation Bible School 2013

Cokesbury's Everywhere Fun Fair - Where God's World Comes Together

Dates: July 29 to August 2

Time: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Registration: April 8 thru May 30, see church office or website for registration forms.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Overview:

The VBS week begins with two Old Testament stories of welcoming and helpful neighbors. The remainder of the week focuses on three New Testament stories to explore the love of Jesus Christ through his life, death, resurrection, and the new life we have as Christians. Throughout the VBS lessons, children discover how to love our neighbors near and far, in their own communities and around the world.

Daily Bible Story Summary:

Monday - Sarah and Abraham Welcome the Visitors - Genesis 18:1-14 and 21:1-3 (Theme - Neighbors are friendly)

Tuesday - A Widow Gives Cheerfully - I Kings 17:7-16 (Theme - Neighbors are giving)

Wednesday - Good Samaritan: A Bold Neighbor - Luke 10:25-37 (Theme - Neighbors are bold)

Thursday - Jesus Forgives Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10 (Theme - Neighbors are forgiving)

Friday - God Welcomes Every One - Acts 10:1-43 (Theme - Neighbors are welcoming)

At this exciting, kid-friendly global fair, children will experience the love of Jesus, meet welcoming neighbors from the Bible, and explore the everyday life of neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. Children will learn that God's love welcomes everyone, as they understand how to love and serve God and be a neighbor to everyone in the world.

The Everywhere Fun Fair Curriculum helps children develop a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We still need volunteers to fill many important roles to make VBS a memorable and fun learning experience while bringing our children closer to Jesus Christ. Please contact Cassandra Khazem (609-619-2617) or Jenni Collins (609-395-8151) if you are interested in volunteering or should you have any questions regarding VBS 2013.

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 today, 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

Today we look to Chile and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. As Christians in the Reformed tradition, they give thanks to the indigenous people who have taught them to respect the earth as a mother who engenders life. And they are asked, as followers of Jesus, to live humbly as an integral part of creation. Our Chilean brothers and sisters are called to challenge those who seek to exploit their nation's water and mineral wealth for unsustainable, short-term gain leading to long-term poverty, hunger, and thirst. Do we have a similar attitude?

Bread for the World

According to an item in the something to alleviate these sad conditions, is to participate on April 28 in sending out letters to our President, our Senators and Representatives, asking them to take leading roles in ending hunger in this world.

Star Ledger quoting the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities "the war on poverty half-won. The US poverty rate would have been nearly twice as high in 2011 without a safety net. 16% Counting Social Security and all other government assistance (after taxes). 29% Counting no government assistance (before taxes)". News like this makes us realize how important it is that we contact our government officials, urging them to continue the current programs that offer assistance to people in need and, if possible, to add to them. Some of the goals we should try to attain are: 1. Ensure that all jobs pay enough so that no full-time worker has to support a family in poverty. 2. Strengthen

nutrition and other anti-poverty programs so that if a family suffers a sharp drop in income due to a job loss illness or other emergency none of the family members is put at risk of hunger. 3. Invest in human development through education and skills for jobs the country needs to fill now and in the future. Let's all be on hand April 28 to send off those letters urging our Senators and Representatives to give serious thought to make a priority the ending of hunger. 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.

Scholarship Opportunity:

The Women's Club of Cranbury will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post-secondary education. The student should demonstrate a commitment to community involvement.

The application can be obtained through school Guidance Offices, the Women's Club website at cranburywomensclub.org and the Cranbury Public Library. The completed application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2013 to the following address:

The Women's Club of Cranbury
PO Box 94
Cranbury, NJ 08512

~~ 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 8, April 11, April 15, April 15,
April 18, April 22, April 25, April 29

Upcoming Event:

On Thursday, April 25, Senior Fellowship will be going to the Princeton Chapel for their "Concert in the Afternoon" featuring the Joan Lippincott award winner.

After the 30 minute concert, we will walk across the quad to the Princeton University Library to view their exhibit "A Republic in the Wilderness: Treasures of American History from Jamestown to Appomattox". The artifacts exhibited include maps, manuscripts, books, photos, works of art, coins and even a cannon ball. The Library specializes in American History and there has not been a "treasure show" of early American artifacts in more than a decade. The central thought of the exhibit is how we went from what Europeans viewed as wilderness to the creation of the American union.

We will have a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. with beverages and dessert provided. **If you would like to participate in this trip and are not on our calling list, please preregister with the church office at 609-395-0897 by Friday, April 19.** If you would like to help out by driving some of our members to Princeton, please call the church office and we will contact you.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 4/7 (Team #4) and 4/14 (Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Whether it's a roof over our heads, a warm nutritious meal, or even our ability to gather freely and worship together, many of us have enjoyed the abundance of God's blessings. As we reflect upon the benevolence we have experienced, let us also commit to living openhanded lives by **sharing these blessings with others.** As we share, we offer an outward sign of thanksgiving for the presence of Christ in our lives while also bringing joy to God and to our sisters and brothers across the world.

Over the past few years, our gifts to OGHS have enabled the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People to share the joy experience in Christ. Through our gifts, we continue to have an impact across the world.

Please note Sunday School classes should bring back their contributions this Sunday.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

April 7, 2013 - April 14, 2013

Sunday 7	<p>(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</p>
Monday 8	<p>10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm</p>
Tuesday 9	<p>CPNS @ Barnes and Noble 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Sr. Fellowship (VAN) 12:00p Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch (1:00p) Trip to Sayen Gardens in Hamilton -FH/Kit/VAN 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room</p>
Wednesday 10	<p>9:00a Session Material Due 12:30p Cemetery Committee Meeting - Library 7:30p CPNS Finance Committee Meeting - Library 7:30p Bell Choir</p>
Thursday 11	<p>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</p>
Friday 12	<p>Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office All day prep for Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Kit/FH 5:30p Deacons Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room</p>
Saturday 13	<p>Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg</p>
Sunday 14	<p>Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg returns 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm/Rm 1) 9:15a Inquirers' Class- Library 10:30a Worship with Baptism followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p Gaylord F. 75th Birthday Concert-Sanctuary 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</p>