

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Deo Gracias”

Healey Willan
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

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord”
(Ps. 128: 1-2)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

3rd and 4th Grade Sunday School Classes

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

to receive power and wealth,

wisdom and might,

honor, glory, and blessing!

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

HYMN #104 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Brett Butler

O Lord our God, we are a people in need of your grace, for in zeal we have condemned others, and in cowardice we have denied you. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins, for our failure to love you fully, and to care for your people as we should. Heal us, we pray, and restore us to life, that we may again know joy and favor in your presence. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sophia Caelyn Gluck
daughter of John K. and Candice L. Gluck
born on August 26, 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 Sophia good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her 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

2 Samuel 11: 2-15, 26-27

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 284-285

ANTHEM

The Omnipotence

Franz Schubert
The Chorale: Jenni Collins, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27: 3-10; John 21: 15-19

Pew Bible pgs. 31-32; 116

SERMON

“Competing for Last Place”

Dr. Stephen Crocco

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 given by Pat Scott, Rick, Linda, Lauren and Samantha Scott and Debbie, Ed and Ben Konrad in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Dick Scott.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Kirkenir family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Larry Wegner.

Head Usher is Karen Moser.

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; Jean Dunham's son, Jay and family; 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; Mary Szczepanik's mother, Dorothy and Doris Wiegartner's friend, Cherylin Kratina.

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: Samuel Smith on April 15, Joan Eiker on April 17, and Don Winchell on April 20. **Happy Birthday!**

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

On **April 21**, the "Portraits of Jesus" study will continue in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. Please join the group in looking at the Gospel of John "Portraits" of Jesus' teachings. This week's topic is "I am the Light of the World". Drop the kids off for Sunday School; get up a little early; join this very friendly group and look at Jesus' message to us about Light.

Vacation Bible School 2013

VBS 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 through May 30, 2013, see church office or website for registration forms.

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 Everyone - Acts 10:1-43 (Theme - Neighbors are welcoming)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Overview:

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. We still need volunteers to fill many important roles to make VBS a memorable and fun learning experience. Please contact Cassandra Khazem ([609-619-2617](tel:609-619-2617)) or Jenni Collins ([609-395-8151](tel: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 began on April 7 and will 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 ~

Thank you to everyone for your support for our CPNS Barnes & Noble event this past week. We had a wonderful day together and an opportunity to purchase books for our CPNS library. It was such a special day to share our love of reading with everyone.

This week our teachers will be holding parent-teacher conferences with our CPNS families. It's such a great opportunity to speak with our families and share the progress their children are making during their time with us at CPNS.

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: An interesting, contributing organization known as Teethsavers International is sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, Texas. In 2004, a dentist, filled with love and concern for the poor and hurting children of the world began his work of providing dental care to the children at the Meheba Refugee Camp in Zambia. Since then, Teethsavers has treated children in Zambia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Uganda, Morocco, Belize and Nicaragua and has trained indigenous people to carry on the work. Teethsavers workers go into outlying villages where there is no running water or electricity and treat children by a special technique which allows dental fillings without drilling and at a cost of pennies. The children treated are given clothing and books as well as toothbrushes, but, more important, workers are also able to tell them about the love of Jesus.

Bread for the World: It is not just here in the United States that efforts need to be made to reduce and eventually reduce hunger. And it is not only for the immediate need of the hungry people that we are thinking. It is greatly to our benefit that we take necessary steps to reduce hunger everywhere in the world. Many of us have the mistaken idea that we give enormous amount of help to third world countries. And we do give big amounts of money. But on a percentage basis of our wealth, we give a paltry 1% - hard to believe perhaps, but true. So, we are not as generous as most of us think we are! So we should urge our government officials to give serious thought to increasing the kind of aid that leads to self-development projects, particularly among women, and that will help to make families well fed. By providing people with the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty, we create a more stable world. For every 5% drop in income growth in a developing country, the likelihood of violent conflict or war within the next year increases by 10 percent. And a final bit of information: "Forty-three of the top 50 consumer nations of U.S. agricultural products were once U.S. foreign aid recipients. So foreign aid would seem to be a case of casting out bread upon the water and having it come back with jam on it."
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. TODAY**, 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.

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 Inquirers' Class began today, 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.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST ~~

Join us on Thursday, April 25 as Jane Huff and Carol Kientz will tell us all about our famed Skeet's Pantry.

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

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: 4/14 (Team #1) and 4/21 (Team #2)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group on Wednesday, May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., meet in the Fellowship Hall for pizza and games.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

April 14, 2013 - April 21, 2013

Sunday 14	Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg returns 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McK 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 French 75 th Birthday Concert-Sanctuary 4p-5p 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 15	8:30a-3:30p CPNS Parent Teacher Conferences-Rm 1/Lib 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 16	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 8:30a-3:30p CPNS Parent Teacher Conferences-Rm 1/Lib 9:30a- 12:00p Women's Bible Study-Room 10 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 17	8:30a-3:30p CPNS Parent Teacher Conferences-Rm 1/Lib 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 6:00p-7:15p Youth Group (Pizza and Games) - FH 7:00p-9:30p Boy Scouts - Mercer Area District Mtg-McK Room 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 18	8:30a-3:30p CPNS Parent Teacher Conferences-Rm 1/Lib 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 19	8:30a-3:30p CPNS Parent Teacher Conferences-Rm 1/Lib 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office High School Johnsonburg Retreat-VAN 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 20	High School Johnsonburg Retreat - VAN
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