

**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.)

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 2013 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*"Christ lag in todesbanden"*

**Georg Philipp Telemann**  
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

*"Peace Like a River"*

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Stephen Crocco

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN #115 (Hymnal)\*

*"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**We confess, O God, that our problems are many, and often of our own making. We have walked many valleys darkened by doubt, cut off from the light of faith. Forgive and restore us, O Lord. Wipe away every tear and cleanse us in the blood of the Lamb, that our hearts, our words, and our actions may be pure and pleasing to you, our righteous God, our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*"Gloria Patri"*

THE PEACE\* ✚

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Brett Butler

SCRIPTURE

John 21: 1-8

Hunter Miller  
Pew Bible pg. 115

ANTHEM	<i>"I Will Follow"</i>	<b>Chris Tomlin</b> Cherub Choir
SCRIPTURE	John 21: 9-17	Pew Bible pgs. 115-116
SERMON	"One Man's Restoration"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

**THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #'s 122 & 123 (Songbook)\* *"He Is Lord"* and *"Because He Lives"*

MINUTE FOR MISSION	Bread for the World	Gretchen Stults
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Crocco
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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>"God so Loved the World"</i>	<b>John Stainer</b> The Chorale
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #357 (Hymnal)*	<i>"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"</i>	
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RESPONSE*	<i>Onefold Amen</i> <i>(Maryton)</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
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BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Processional</i>	<b>Colin Hand</b> Organ
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**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 5, 2013 immediately following Worship for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee and Session.

**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](mailto: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 in loving memory of my husband, Jack Huff by Jane Huff.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by the Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School Classes.

**Greeters** are Earl Davison and Ken Rossman.

**Head Ushers** are Brian and Gina Moore.

#### 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; 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:** 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; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis and brother-in-law, Joe; 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; 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!

**Birthday of Distinction:** Anne Taylor on April 28. **Happy Birthday!**

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#### ~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

Next week on **April 28**, we will complete the study of "Portraits of Jesus" in Room 1 at 9:15 am. We will be looking at Jesus' words to us "I am the Good Shepherd" and "I am the Son of God." We will continue looking at John's Gospel and his portrayal to us of Jesus' life and messages to us. Drop the kids off for Sunday School; get up a little early; and join our Sunday morning group.

**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.

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.

#### 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 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.

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#### ~ CPNS ~

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Some of you may know that CPNS has our very own garden. Rosellyn Cassidy is the main caretaker with many children helpers. This spring she wrote an essay to hopefully win a free class trip to Von Thuns farm. We wanted to share just a small part of what happens at CPNS as told by Rosellyn. We hope the following will encourage you to visit our garden or perhaps start one of your very own. The essay is as follows:

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School nurtures the inquisitive minds of young children, so we believe that an early introduction to agriculture-awareness is essential to nurture a lifelong love of nature and our environment. Four years ago, our preschool installed a 12' X 12' teaching garden on the school's grounds. Each year from April to November we have enjoyed exploring the teaching garden and have used it to teach so many agricultural concepts.

Our students enjoy each aspect of caring for the garden, more than planting seeds and picking tomatoes. In April, we begin by learning how to prepare the garden for growing. We enjoy pulling weeds from the roots, compare deep and shallow root systems, and learn that some smell like onions! We learn why weeding the garden makes our plants stronger. We learn that some vegetables grow above the ground and some grow below, that plants grow to different heights, and that some produce blossoms which turn into vegetables! Some grow quickly, and for others, we seem to wait forever.

While we are preparing and weeding our garden we enjoy collecting bugs and worms for inspection, identification, and discussion and then release them back into the garden. We have a worm farm in our classroom and we watch the worms dig, since the worm farm has plastic sides so we can see the worms 'underground'. We learn that worms are useful to our garden, aerate the soil, and leave essential nutrients behind for our plants to enjoy.

The children plant seeds and watch them grow in plastic cups so we can examine root systems. Crops include lettuce, spinach, broccoli, strawberries, tomatoes, zucchini, beans, chives, pumpkins, cucumbers, and more have grown in our garden. We journal our experiences, measure, compare/contrast young seedlings, and learn how we can help these plants produce delicious vegetables. We experiment by sprouting bean seeds in water, sand, rocks, and paper towels and learn what environment yields the best seedlings and why. We even have the children help build an irrigation system since we don't have a water source near the garden!

As we pick and taste our crops, we teach that part of growing is trying new tastes/textures. The children learn about the food

pyramid and that part of a healthy diet includes foods from many food groups. We talk about our favorites from each group and learn that these foods originate on farms! We enjoy setting up a pretend farm stand in our classroom, 'selling' produce, learning money value, adding, budgeting, and introducing new vegetables to the children. We are fortunate to have a teacher's assistant whose family has been farming in Cranbury since 1926. She is always happy to answer questions about farm life, equipment, crops, and running a farm stand.

Von Thun's field trip offers our children consistent agriculture teaching about nurturing plants and flowers, having a plan for the farm, selling the produce and plants, caring for the animals, nature facts in the barn, and more. We have especially enjoyed the 'burger' and 'pizza' gardens. The children tie in what they have learned in class to real-life farming which deepens their learning. We know this is true because of the relevant questions and comments they share while on the trip and back in class. We value our farming community and are proud to have the opportunity to teach the children agriculture at Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School.

As evidenced in the essay we learn a lot at CPNS but in the most developmentally appropriate ways for preschoolers.

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](mailto: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 children 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. Please call or stop by for details on any of our programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

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~~ 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:** Rwanda President Paul Kagame is sponsoring an initiative called "One Family, One Home, One Cow," and the traveling team from the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas in PA; saw just how important this program is to mission partners in the Gitarama Parish. Ownership of one cow restores people's dignity while providing them with a source of milk, giving them the possibility to sell or trade extra milk and dairy products for other goods. Working with a local Rwanda pastor, the presbytery purchased five cows for five families in the village of Kabadaha - such excitement as the cows were given to their new owners! There was much hugging and praising the Lord. The local pastor said that even though this program is a government one, the people see the congregation working with it. They know where the cows and the love come from and that brings people to the church to see a little more of what is happening. Lives are being transformed in powerful ways to the glory of Jesus' name!

**Bread for the World** After reviewing the facts concerning hunger both here and abroad and thinking, as Christians, that these intolerable conditions of hunger and poverty should not exist in a country like ours, or, indeed, in a world of which we are a part, we need to ask ourselves--What can we do to make a difference? Our church is rightfully concerned about the people in our area who need food, and we make many attempts to meet these needs. But the world is larger than the area surrounding us and that area needs attention, too. That is why we are urging you to take part in the Bread for the World Offering of Letters on April 28. You will have the opportunity to sign letters to your Senators and Representatives urging them to make elimination of hunger a priority. We shall also have petitions to President Obama, asking him to work with Congress on a plan to end hunger in the United States and abroad. We need to make sure that the current programs that are vital to hungry and poor people are maintained. Our government officials are urged to work together on these goals. Please join us next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall and participate in this Offering of Letters.

Gretchen Stults

**Mother's Day** (May 12) will be here soon. Give every wonderful woman in your life a gift she'll love- a donation to Healthy Women Healthy Families in her honor. For a mere 5 dollar gift, you get a lovely donation card for her and help women around the world! Cards will be available at coffee hour on April 28 and May 7 or donations may be sent to the church office.

Last year, gifts made through the Mother's Day Project purchased pediatric drugs, funded a malaria prevention program, and helped to expand a health education program for women and children. Other health services supported through the Mother's Day Project and Healthy Women Healthy Families include nutritional programs, immunizations, cervical cancer screening, fistula surgery, and prenatal and primary care.

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~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

We are invited to lunch on Thursday, April 25 at the Kingston Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Dr. Katherine Wolf who will talk about the work of Friends for Health in Haiti. For more information, call Nancy Stewart at 609-860-0321 or Gretchen Stults at 609-655-3125.

**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](http://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

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~~ OUTREACH ~~

**Inquirers' Class:** Welcome Visitors - We hope you enjoy worshipping with the First Presbyterian Church family and have been made to feel welcome. **The Inquirers' Class began on 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.

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~~ 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.

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~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

**Senior Exercise**

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".

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 help out by driving some of our members to Princeton, please call the church office and we will contact you.

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~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 4/21 (Team #2) and 4/28 (Team #3)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

**April 21, 2013 - April 28, 2013**

<b>Sunday 21</b>	High School Johnsonburg Retreat - VAN 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm/Rm 1) 9:15a Inquirers' Class- Library 10:30a Worship 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
<b>Monday 22</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room 7:00p Presbytery Meeting - Perrineville (Millstone)
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 25</b>	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch - VAN/FH 11:30p- Sr. Fellowship Trip to Princeton Chapel - VAN 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
<b>Friday 26</b>	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
<b>Saturday 27</b>	Outreach Event: Cranbury Yard Sale
<b>Sunday 28</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm/Rm 1) 9:00a Inquirers' Class Breakfast - FH 10:30a Worship w/New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:00p Mercer Area District Recognition Dinner - FH/Kit/Parking lot (JK) 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn