

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

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Canzona

Andrea Gabrieli
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

“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Butler

The One seated on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new!”

The Alpha and the Omega will give water to the thirsty from the spring of life.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

HYMN #229 (Hymnal)*

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God our Creator, you have created all things to praise and glorify you, and in Jesus Christ you have commanded us to love one another. Yet we confess that we have often glorified the creature, misdirecting our devotion. We have allowed our love for one another to grow cold. Forgive us, Lord, for profaning what you sanctify, and for worshiping what should simply be enjoyed. Restore to us the gift of repentance that leads to life. Make your home among us, that we may dwell with you and with one another in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Steve

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Louis Mitchell

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Judy Barbour, Edward Luffey, Janice Luffey, Ann Mooney, Lorraine Plant and Pat Willard. They have participated in our Inquirers' Class, where they have learned something of the belief and practice of God's people in this place. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

C: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

C: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe 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.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: 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.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	John 21: 1-8	Marie Perrine Pew Bible pg. 115
ANTHEM	“ <i>Rain Down</i> ” (see insert)	Jaime Cortez, arr. John Carter The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	John 21: 9-17	Pew Bible pgs. 115-116
SERMON	“Peter Principles”	Dr. Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #280 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Amazing Grace</i> ”	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Stephen Crocco

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>Praeludium</i>	J. S. Bach Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>Doxology</i> ”	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)* “*Morning Has Broken*”

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

POSTLUDE*	<i>Bassus et Dessus de Trompette</i>	Louis Nicolas Clerambault 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).

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 Mary Jane and Fritz Hagar in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hillier and Mr. and Mrs. George Hager.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Arsnow family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Bob Dyke.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

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: Jo D. Andrews' friend, Becky Dennison Peterson; 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; Fran Stewart's friend, Ciarra Blackman; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Mary Szczepanik's mother, Dorothy and Doris Wiegartner's friend, Cheryl 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: Anne Taylor on April 28 and Ginny Swanagan on May 5. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ BRAINERD-WESTMINSTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE ~~

All members of the congregation are invited to a dedication ceremony in memory of Chris Christiansen who was the superintendent of the Brainerd and Westminster Cemeteries for many years. We will gather near the Memory Garden of Brainerd Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. on May 5 to remember Chris and his dedicated service. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

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

Beginning on **Sunday, May 5**, Bob Kane will lead the Adult Ed study and discussion group with "Why Do I Choose What I Choose?"

Martha Circle: All women of the Church - you are welcome to join the Martha Circle in the Library on **May 6 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."

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.

~ CPNS ~

Our CPNS board will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week on Wednesday by hosting and organizing lunch that will be provided by our CPNS families. It's a wonderful way to honor and our teachers for all the hard work they do each and every day.

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 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.

~~ 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: We've spoken of One Great Hour of Sharing and the wonderful things it causes to happen, and this morning we travel to Belize to hear about the Sandy Beach Women's Cooperative in Hopkins Village. Three years ago 28 economically poor women started this cooperative, and three

years later they opened a small hotel with two small cabanas and a restaurant. They worked hard, reinvested their money, and added three more cabanas. And they were able to care for their families. But disaster struck in May 2005 with a fire destroying the thatch buildings, and leaving standing only two cabanas. But not to give up, the women began to cook meals in their homes for both tourists and local people and again they reinvested their profits and they eventually were able to rebuild the restaurant. But disaster struck again and destroyed nearly all their buildings. But this time OGHS was there to help through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People which made a grant of \$20,038 to the Sand Beach Women to rebuild their restaurant. The women will once again be able to support their families and to generate profits that will be used slowly but surely to rebuild the hotel. So, once again, we can rejoice that money we have contributed to One Great House of Sharing has been such a wonderful help to a group of striving women.

Bread for the World Today is the day to participate in the Offering of Letters that will urge President Obama, our Senators, and Representatives to make ending hunger a priority both here and abroad. The need for this action is obvious. Let's do our part to make it a reality. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour and either write your own letter or sign those already prepared, use the stamped, addressed envelopes, and show your concern. As Christians, we can do no less! 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.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Peg Hagerty and family would like to thank her church family for cards, condolences and visitations (and being there) at the time of her fathers' death.

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

Camp Johnsonburg, New Jersey's only Presbyterian summer camp, is holding an open house **on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Tour the site, meet some of the staff, and learn more about their fun and exciting week-long programs for youth grades K-12. For more information, visit www.campjburg.org or call the camp at 908-852-2349.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

April 29, May 2, May 6, May 9, May 13, May 16,
May 20, May 23, May 27(No Class), May 30

Stewardship Time & Talent Requests

Share your time and skills with us. Do you have an interest in any of these small tasks? If so, check one or more of these small tasks, provide your contact information and put in the Offering Plate. Someone from one of the Committees will be in touch. Thanks!

- Strawberry Festival Set-up/Clean-up (Deacons)
- Counting Team after Service (Stewardship & Finance)
- Coffee Hour Host (Congregational Life)
- CROP Walk Coordinator (Mission, Service & Grants)
- Youth Group Retreat Chaperone (Youth)
- Usher during Service (Worship)
- Church Work Day Volunteer (Buildings & Grounds)

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Tel. #: _____

Email Address: _____

~~ CALENDAR ~~

April 28, 2013 - May 5, 2013

Sunday 28	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
Monday 29	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 30	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 1	10:00a - 2:30p CPNS - FH/Kit 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 2	10:00a Senior Exercise 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 3	Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ (VAN) 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 4	Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ (VAN)
Sunday 5	(Ascension of the Lord Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by a Congregational Meeting and coffee hour 12(noon) Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 12:30 Cemetery Dedication for Chris Christiansen followed by light refreshments in the Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn