

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
7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“A Bach Pastorale”* arr. Pat Bohrs
Brass 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 *Come Now Is the Time to Worship*
Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP 5th/6th Grade Sunday School Class
You are God’s temple; God’s Spirit dwells in you.
Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.
You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.
Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

HYMN #293 (Hymnal)* *“This Is My Father’s World”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* Brett Butler
God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We love to hate our enemies and fail to love our neighbors. We love to quote commandments and fail to love. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us the way of your Word, and transform our living to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicholas Joseph Vitulli
son of Jarrett Vitulli and Michelle Kane Vitulli
brother of Chase, Noah, and Drew
born on August 21, 2013

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

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 Nicholas the good news of the gospel, to help him to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen his 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

Revelation 2: 1-7

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 245-246

ANTHEM

Holy is the Lord

Young Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3: 1-6 Pew Bible pg. 247

SERMON "First Love" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)* "Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Mr. Butler

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 "Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last" **Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)**
(Ps. 90: 13 – BCP) The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"
Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #302 (Hymnal)* "I Danced in the Morning"

RESPONSE* Chorale Amen
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* "Joshua Fit De Battle" **arr. Wally Johnson**
Brass Choir

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to take place in the Sanctuary, immediately after the Worship Service on Sunday, March 9, 2014. The purpose of the meeting is act on the recommendation of the Session to dismiss the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to petition the Presbytery, through the Committee on Ministry, to dissolve the position of Associate Pastor.

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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given by Mark and Jennie Lindbloom and family in memory of Mark Lovenduski, beloved brother and uncle.

Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School class.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Gail Geijer.

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: Tory Anderson; Emily and Ryan Banks; Marge Bloom; Sue Britton; Liz Callaway; Rose Eller; Will Ellsworth; Craig Gilbert; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; Laura and Lindsey Warne; Doris Wiegartner and Agnes Winchell.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Judy Barbour's son, David; Betty Borgeson's brother-in-law, Bill McInnis; Roselynn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; Margie Conley's brother, Jeffrey; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay & family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak's cousin, Gail Sugzda; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Bev Gilbert's cousin, Roberta Sue Dodea; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius & Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder & great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Anita and Pat McManus' granddaughter, Gabby; Leah Moy's friends, Irene & Marty Goldberg; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Jean Randazzo's sister, Ann Kiena; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family; and Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike.

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!

CPNS

February is Dental Health month and the children of CPNS will be learning about keeping their teeth happy and healthy. The children in our pre-k classes will be walking to Dr. Alexander's office on Main Street. We are looking forward to our visit, and also want to thank Dr. Alexander for supplying all of CPNS with toothbrushes. It's great to be part of such a supportive community.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 4. CPNS teachers will be reading at the Barnes & Noble store in Hamilton. Barnes and Noble will give a percentage of all purchases made that day at the store; as well as online from March 4 - 8 using our unique identifier number (11294246) to CPNS. We will use those funds to purchase books that are on our teacher's wish lists. Look for more information to follow. We hope you will be able to share our special day with us or hold off on the purchase of new books until March 4.

Registration for the school year 2014-2015 has begun. Our currently enrolled students began registration on Monday, January 13, 2014. Church members and siblings were able to register on January 21. The general public can register any time after February 3. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school and encourage them to contact us. We would be happy to show them our school and tell them about all the wonderful learning opportunities that we have each and every day. We are also registering for our pre-summer and summer programs. Children that are going into our 3-year-old class through children going into 1st grade are welcome to participate. You could find the registration form on our website or call Janice for the details.

It's never too late to join our CPNS family. If you are not currently a CPNS student or are attending kindergarten for a half day program, you are also welcome to participate in any of the enrichment classes that fit into your schedule. Our winter/spring session of enrichment classes began in February; however, if there are openings you are welcome to join us at any time. We are offering Alphabet Soup, Art, Story & Theater, Creative Movement, Discovery 123, Library Adventures, and Power of Play. Many of our CPNS students are already registered, but if you haven't registered your child or want to add more enrichment classes, we still have openings in some of the classes, it's not too late! We also have a few openings in our regular classes as well. Details can be found on our website, www.cranburypres.org or please call Janice at 609 655-8663.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer: In Haiti, The Presbyterian Church (USA) supports FONDAMA, a member of the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands network. FONDAMA is made up of 11 Haitian grassroots and development organizations working together to address root causes of hunger and poverty in Haiti. One way that is being done is building up members' capacity to produce healthy food by improving the soil around their homes, planting techniques, and turning old tires inside out and filling them with soil, sand, and manure. Many persons, often young members of the organization, are chosen to receive training in this 89 new system of yard-garden production.

February is LAUNDRY DETERGENT month at Skeet's Pantry! Again, we THANK YOU for being so generous with your donations to Skeet's Pantry we're hoping for enough laundry detergent to give one container (at least 32 load size or larger) to each family. PLEASE, if you can help us we'd be really grateful.

And as always, if you'd like to put some food in your cart for us, we'd love peanut butter, tuna fish, canned vegetables or fruit in any and all varieties. (Just please be sure your donated food hasn't expired – we can't give out food with expiration dates which have already passed.)

If you would leave your donations in the wheelbarrow outside church on Sunday morning, or in the front hall of our Fellowship Hall building (Parish House), with some kind of note that it's for Skeet's, we'll pick it up and add it to our pantry shelves. THANKS SO MUCH!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Calling All Women of the Church! The **2014 Women's Retreat** will be held **April 25-27 at Camp Johnsonburg**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other women of faith and to connect with a larger community of women in an atmosphere of retreat. Women from our church will be staying together in a comfortable lodge with our own facilitator. There will lots of opportunities to enjoy the walking trails around Johnsonburg, engage in craft projects, go horseback riding, participate in a chair yoga class, take the Leap of Faith and much, much more. The cost is only \$105 for two nights, including all meals. We will be taking the church van. If you have never been to Camp Johnsonburg, it is a very beautiful place, especially in the spring.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Please contact Anne Gordon or Rosellyn Cassidy with questions.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule

February 24, February 27, March 3 and March 6
March 10, March 13, March 17, March 20,
March 24, March 27, March 31

Upcoming Event

Senior Fellowship will have a program on Tuesday, March 11, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Nancy Mulford will describe and demonstrate the process of making decorated Ukrainian eggs. Connie Bauder will share her collection of handmade decorated eggs which were created using various other techniques. We will have a soup lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend this program, please call the church office at 609-395-0897 to preregister for this program by March 7. Please leave your telephone number in case there is bad weather and we need to call you to reschedule the date.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 2/23 (Team #2) – 3/2 (Team #3)

CALENDAR

February 23, 2014 – March 2, 2014

Sunday 23	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib/FH/McK Rm/Rm 1) 10:30a Worship with Baptism followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:15p Boy Scouts (GC) – FH/KIT 7:00p Boy Scout Blue & Gold Night-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 24	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 25	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons – FH 7:30p AA – McK Rm
Wednesday 26	6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting–Rm #10 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 27	8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts–McK Rm (KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 28	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Rm
Saturday 1	
Sunday 2	(Transfiguration of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Library/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service with Communion 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn