

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
Transfiguration of the Lord
March 2, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* arr. F.T. Simpson
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 *“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 24: 3-4) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Louis Mitchell
The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain, and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain, and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

HYMN #464 (Hymnal)* *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it. Your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen. Forgive us; give us grace. Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our mission, each day, 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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Daune Arsnow

SCRIPTURE	Revelation 2: 8-11	Vicki Waciega Pew Bible pg. 246
ANTHEM	<i>“Alleluia”</i>	arr. Doug Wagner Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 3: 7-13	Pew Bible pg. 247
SERMON	“In This Sign, Conquer!”	Dr. Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“God so loved the world”

John Stainer
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #171 (Hymnal)* *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

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

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)* *"Lift High the Cross"*

RESPONSE* *"Amen"* **Danish
Bell Choir**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Kyrie* **J. S. Bach
(God, the Everlasting Father) Organ**

***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 to 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.

Gluten free bread available and will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

Communion Servers are Courtney Brown, Jim Dixon, Jean Dunham, and Chris & Renee Welch.

Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Anuszewski family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Heidi Knowlton.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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 & 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 & 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; Rosellyn 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; Karen Moser's niece, Jordan Stroehlien; Leah Moy's friends, Irene & Marty Goldberg; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Jean Randazzo's sister, Ann Kiena; friend of the church, Luke Sickle; 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

On Tuesday, March 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. our CPNS teachers will be reading at the Barnes & Noble store in Hamilton. Please join us that day and listen to some of our favorite stories. 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. See the insert in the bulletin for additional details. We will use those funds to purchase books that are on our teacher's wish lists. 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 were able to register beginning 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.

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 be 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

March 3, 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.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: It seems that each section of our country, often each Presbytery, has a difficult situation to meet. The Presbytery of Grand Canyon has 23 Native American churches and chapels and needed to find a way the better to minister to Indian youth. Parents and grandparents ask what to do with their youth. They take them to church but then they get into trouble at school, or are bullied by other kids (sound familiar?). Thanks to a grant from Cook Native American Ministries, the Presbytery was able to support twice monthly gatherings of youth from 13 Native American Presbyterian congregations. Meanwhile, Horizon Presbyterian Church has begun developing common ministries for about 20 youth from Horizon and 10 from Gila River. Gila youth are being introduced to new experiences, including mission work in Mexico with Horizon youth.

SKEET'S PANTRY SHOPPING LIST for MARCH

We have the best congregation! You continue to be so generous for people in need, and they really appreciate it when they arrive at Skeet's pantry each month (third Friday). The February tally of families at our pantry was one of the highest – 84! But like the loaves and fishes, God seemed to put just enough on our shelves to keep filling bags for everyone (Helen Dickerson worked miracles with those shelves and bags in February!)

Now, we move on to March, and we still need detergent – didn't have quite enough to give it out to all families in February. And there are a few other items we could really use, so please pick any or all from the list below, and give yourself a big pat on the back for helping us:

For March: Detergent (32 loads or better is the best size); Tuna Fish; Canned Fruit (any variety); and/or Pasta Sauce

Sunday 2	(Transfiguration of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Library/McKnight 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
Monday 3	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle-Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 4	CPNS @ Barnes & Noble 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Lib 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wed. 5	(Ash Wednesday) 10:30a Meadow Lakes Ash Wednesday Service 6:00p-7:30p Sr. High Meeting – Youth Room 7:30p Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary 8:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Thursday 6	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib. 7:30p Stewardship & Finance Meeting – Church Office (downstairs) 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib.
Friday 7	8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 8	
Sunday 9	(1st Sunday in Lent/Daylight Savings Time begins) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Congregational Meeting followed the by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:15p Boy Scouts (GC) – FH/KIT 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

MISSION OF THE MONTH: CAMP JOHNSONBURG

As signs of spring (slowly) appear, our thoughts turn to the warmer days of summer and inevitably we think about what to do with the kids during those long days. Have you considered Camp Johnsonburg? For 55 years, Camp Johnsonburg has been the summer destination for hundreds of children and young adults from all over New Jersey. **Camp Johnsonburg** is our "Mission of the Month" for March. Camp Johnsonburg is a ministry of the seven New Jersey Presbyteries of PC (USA) that some of our mission dollars has supported for a number of years.

Why consider Camp Johnsonburg for your child or grandchild this summer? To spend time in an accepting Christian community. To spend time with responsible role models to gain confidence and independence. To spend time outdoors to experience Gods' creation in beautiful northwest New Jersey. To spend time having fun and participate in adventurous activities. Sessions of varying lengths or working as a "counselor-in-training" is the best kind of time your child or grandchild needs.

On **Sunday, March 9 at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**, Elise Bates Russell, the Executive Director of Camp Johnsonburg will host a meeting to provide a special introduction to the camp. Everyone is welcome! You can always visit www.campjburg.org for additional camp information. Please come and find out why Camp Johnsonburg has been a favorite place for so many children and youth of our church.