

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

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

John James
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

“Be still and know that I am God”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

What will you say to the serpent in the garden?

We worship the Lord, and serve God alone.

What will you say to the devil in the wilderness?

We worship the Lord, and serve God alone.

Brett Butler

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)*

“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide the food we need; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Elise Bates Russell

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Camp Johnsonburg

SCRIPTURE	Revelation 2: 12-17	Janet Furchak Pew Bible pg. 246
ANTHEM	<i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i>	Crawford R. Thoburn The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 2: 18-29	Pew Bible pgs. 246-247
SERMON	“The Church of Assimilation”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #309 (Hymnal)* *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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	<i>Andante</i>	Felix Mendelssohn Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)* *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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

POSTLUDE*	<i>“Gelobet seist du, Jesu”</i> <i>(All praise to you, Jesus)</i>	Johann Pachelbel Organ
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***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 today, 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 in loving memory of Jean F. & Charles A. Kientz and Douglas S. Kientz by Carol Kientz.

Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Moutenot family.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Peg Hagerty.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; Barbara Danser, family and friends due to the death of her mother, Evelyn Walton; Rose Eller; Will Ellsworth; Craig Gilbert; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Nancy Norland, family and friends due to the death of her mother, Ruth Shaw; 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; 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 Sickie; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family.

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: Wilma Shimer on March 12; Jean Nostrand on March 13; and Marie Perrine on March 16. **Happy Birthday!**

Adult Education: Please join John Lewis, PhD candidate at Princeton Theological Seminary on March 16 and March 23 at 9:15 a.m. in the library for an Adult Ed program.

Martha Circle will meet again this month on **Monday, March 10** in the Library at 1:30 p.m. All women of the Church are welcome to join in--this is a friendly group which welcomes all.

CPNS

We want to thank everyone who purchased a book or books during our Barnes & Noble event last week. We are so glad we had a chance to share our love of reading with the children.

Please mark your calendars for a special parent program and CPNS Open House on Wednesday, March 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are having a speaker, Laura Jaffe from "Fun Sense" providing a program called "Hidden Causes of Developmental Delays in the Preschool Aged Child - What to watch out for!". We are looking forward to this valuable opportunity. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors.

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 begins 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 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. Pre-registration was required.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/9 (Team #4) – 3/16 (Team #1)

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: A young adult volunteer writes of her experience in Guatemala, a name that is very familiar to us from Guatemala dinners and Guatemala trips throughout many years. She stared into an abyss of trash, where the hillside slid steeply downward, mountains of garbage sitting piled below. Dozens of black buzzards circled overhead, and people, too, were scavenging, scavenging for garbage that can be cleaned, repaired, and resold to provide income for their families. Often, it is all they receive. This is the Guatemala City dump, one of the largest in Central America and a place that over 1,000 people call home. The youth volunteer felt as if her eyes were open anew to many of the injustices that are woven daily into the realities in Guatemala. God let her see with new eyes how his people are suffering and how this is unacceptable. And, we, too, can see with new eyes as we see God's heart for justice in his commandments and his calls to a new system of justice and love. People should not be found living among trash, our young volunteer concludes, we are all loved and dignified children of God and should not live oblivious to our brothers and sisters.

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:

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

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 God's 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.

This morning at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Elise Bates Russell, the Executive Director of Camp Johnsonburg hosted a meeting to provide a special introduction to the camp. You can always visit www.campjburg.org for additional camp information. Camp Johnsonburg has been a favorite place for so many children and youth of our church.

CALENDAR

March 9, 2014 – March 16, 2014

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 with Congregational Meeting followed 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
Monday 10	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 11	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 10:30a set-up for Sr. Fellowship Program - FH/Kit/VAN 12:00p-3:00p Sr. Fellowship Program – FH/Kit/VAN 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA Anniversary Meeting - FH
Wednesday 12	9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee @ ML Crafts/Multipurpose Room 5p-10p Woman's Club Mtg. - FH 6p-8p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Mtg–Rm #10 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 13	10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 14	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 15	
Sunday 16	(2nd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Baptisms followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Library Committee – Library 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