

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

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Jesu du bist allzu schone”

Georg Boehm
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

Solid as a Rock

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Class

The Lord said to Abraham and Sarah: Go forth, and I will make of you a great nation.

They had faith in the promises of God.

So the Lord says to us, this day:

I will bless you, and you will be a blessing. Let us trust in the promises of God.

HYMN #482 (Hymnal)*

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Mr. Brett Butler

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We bless what we should curse and curse what we should bless. We trust our own righteousness and forget your gift of grace. 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**James Morrison Taylor, III and Jake Wilson Taylor
sons of James M. Taylor, II and Kristen A. Taylor
brothers of Grace
born on November 7, 2013**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:* James Taylor(Grandpa)
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 James and Jake the good news of the gospel, to help them to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen their 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 Matthew 6: 19-24 **Confirmand**
Pew Bible pg. 6

ANTHEM *Glorious Day* **Young Worship Choir**

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3: 14-22 Pew Bible pg. 247

SERMON "The Gospel According to Lukewarm" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #98 (Hymnal)* "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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 *Boundless Mercy* Spiritual, arr. D. Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

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

HYMN #101 (Hymnal)* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* "Jesus Christus, unser Heiland"
(Jesus Christ, our Savior) J. S. Bach
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 Jim and Debbie Taylor in loving memory of Debbie's parents, Dorothy and Wilson Schnell and her aunt, Lillian Gustafson.

Coffee Hour will be hosted by the 3rd and 4th Grade Sunday School Class.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Lindsey Warne; and Doris Wiegartner.

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; Scott & Jenni Collins' daughter, Maggie; 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 and friend, Elyse Volk; 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 & Pat McManus' granddaughter, Gabby; Karen Moser's niece, Jordan Stroehlien; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Leah Moy's mother, Helen Wagner; Jean Randazzo's sister, Ann Kiena; friend of the church, Luke Sickie; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family and Vicki Waciega's friend, Gary Ragone.

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: Marie Perrine on March 16 and Pat Scott on March 17. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Education: On Sunday, March 23, at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1, John Lewis, PhD. Candidate, will be teaching the second part of his series on Wisdom Literature. This second session will focus specifically on Job – *When Disaster Strikes*.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Annual Adult Retreat Coming in May! Tired of all the snow, shoveling and the cold, long, dark days of winter? Then imagine yourself relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey while deepening your faith along with others from our church family.

Our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat will take place this year on May 2 through May 3. We are blessed to have the Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates lead us in reflection and discussion as we consider the biblical teachings of Jesus and how they guide us in our lives today. How does Jesus speak to us and how do we respond?

This year marks the 27 Year Anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like; now is a wonderful time to find out. Look for more info and sign-ups in upcoming weeks. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again!

Look for the sign-up table during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. Stan Dickerson will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbecher (Mrs. K) or call her at 732-521-2026.

Martha Circle will meet again next month on **Monday, April 7 and Monday, April 21** 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 hope to see you this Wednesday, March 19, at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a special parent program and CPNS Open House. 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 providing this valuable opportunity with you. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors.

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 began registration 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.

OTHER NEWS

A sincere thank you to all congregation members who have sent cards and messages of condolence since my mother's passing. We appreciate all of them.

--Barbara Danser

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 17, March 20, March 24, March 27, March 31

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/16 (Team #1) – 3/23 (Team #2)

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Of particular interest is a story from Belize since a group from our church will be visiting there later this year. As members of the Rio Grande Fishermen Cooperative in Punta Gorda, Belize, struggled to make a living, they realized an answer might be found in sea cucumbers, which are a small snake-like fish plentiful in Belize's coastal waters, are easy to catch, and not eaten by locals. But--they are in great demand in parts of China! Members of the Cooperative decided to harvest the sea cucumbers for export there. But they had two problems: they needed additional space in their small production facility to process their catch and they needed more freezers. And this is when the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People (SDOP), a ministry of One Great Hour of Sharing, stepped in. They helped the co-op, enabling the Belizeans to expand their facilities and buy additional freezers. The Cooperative is now regularly shipping sea cucumbers to China and their economic situation is greatly improved. Self-Development of People is concentrating part of its international grant program in Belize between 2010 and 2015. It will be interesting for our members to view evidence of this help.

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).

We are still in need of 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.

You can always visit www.campjohnsburg.org for additional camp information. Camp Johnsonburg has been a favorite place for so many children and youth of our church.

Bread for the World: Although the Annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters will not take place until May 18, I wanted to acquaint you with a bit of the history of this remarkable organization which has saved lives and given hope to millions of struggling children and families around the world. Bread for the World is beginning the 40th Anniversary of its founding when the church and the people in the poverty-stricken neighborhood in New York City became its birthplace. A group of faithful Christians, seven Catholics and seven Protestants, served as an informal "think tank" to explore the idea of a "citizens lobby" against hunger, realizing that providing emergency assistance, though essential, did not get at the underlying causes of hunger and poverty and that nothing was being done to challenge Christians as citizens to use their influence on members of Congress for national action against hunger.

As a result of these realizations, BREAD FOR THE WORLD, this faith-based, politically bipartisan movement that might mobilize people in every state and congressional district to serve as an outcry for action by Congress on specific measures to reduce hunger here and abroad was formed! From the beginning, the work has been anchored in the Gospel of God's providential care and saving love in Christ and our stewardship as citizens in order to obtain justice for hungry people. The first major initiative, a RIGHT TO FOOD RESOLUTION became a lively issue and the receipt of hundreds of letters Congress passed it. Since then, many serious subjects have been studied, resolutions introduced in Congress and passed.

In May, we shall have the opportunity to hear about the next Offering of Letters which will urge that U.S. food aid be reformed in response to famine, natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies.

Gretchen Stults

CALENDAR

March 16, 2014 – March 23, 2014

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
Monday 17	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 18	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wed. 19	9a-3p CPNS Open House/Parent Prog.–FH 7p – 9:30p Mercer Area District Committee meetings – McK Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 20	10:00a Senior Exercise 11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 21	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 22	
Sunday 23	(3rd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib./McKnight Rm/FH) 10:30a Worship 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