

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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Fantasia in C

Geo F. Handel
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

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

3rd & 4th Grade Sunday School Class

Once we lived in darkness;

Now, in the Lord, we are light.

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

Let us live as children of the light.

HYMN #263 (Hymnal)* *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Mr. Brett Butler

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We look at outward appearances and fail to see what pleases you. We look with judgment on others and fail to see our own sin. 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 ✚		Pastor Lou
SCRIPTURE	I Corinthians 1: 18-25	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 166
ANTHEM	<i>"I want to live with God"</i>	Salone Clary The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 5: 1-14	Pew Bible pg. 248
SERMON	<i>"The Conquering Lamb"</i>	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #112 (Songbook)*	<i>"Lamb of God"</i>	
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>"Herzlich tut mich verlangen"</i> <i>(My heart is ever yearning)</i>	J. G. Walther Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler

HYMN #147 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Blessing and Honor"</i>	
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RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	The Chorale
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BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Andante espressivo</i>	Flor Peeters Organ
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***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. The next new members' class will begin on April 27. 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 the Swanagan family in memory of Don Swanagan.

Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Deacons.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Anne Gordon.

Head Ushers are Janice Parker and Jeff & Diane Yeager.

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; Liz Callaway; Jean Dvorak; Will Ellsworth; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Russ Richardson; Lindsey Warne; and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles and brother, Ralph 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 Sickle; 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

Join Gaylord French for Adult Ed. at 9:15 a.m. in the library as he continues a Lenten Study traveling through the songs of Lent.

April 6	NO CLASS - Annual Pancake Breakfast
April 13	The Suffering Servant
April 20	NO CLASS - Easter
April 27	Christ Is Risen Indeed!

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's Circle will meet 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.

Vacation Bible School: Join us at Vacation Bible School from July 28th - August 1st as we explore the wonders of God's creation at the Workshop of Wonders! To learn more about the program visit the VBS website for our Church at, www.cokesburyvbs/cranburypres

CPNS

We just want to thank everyone for taking the time out of their busy schedules to come to the parent-teacher conferences last week. Communication and working as a team is the best approach for ensuring for a successful preschool experience. We are so glad we have the opportunity to spend this valuable time with our families.

We are currently accepting registrations for the school year 2014-2015. 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.

MEADOW LAKES

Please join our Meadow Lakes friends for a Lenten Bible study entitled "Faith Lessons – the Death and Resurrection

of the Messiah" led by Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates. This Bible study will be held on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Meadow Lakes Meeting Room and will continue through April 22.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Campaign** began today. This special offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Today, the children in our Sunday School received Fish Boxes to collect money and a special One Great Hour of Sharing calendar to give them a sense of who their pennies and quarters are going to help.

Meadow Lakes will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday, April 20. We will receive the OGHs offering on Sunday, April 27, the Sunday after Easter.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: We hear a great deal about immigrants and immigration but it seems the United States is not the only place that has to consider these problems--or possibilities. The former rector of Latin American Biblical University writes that "the reality of immigration is increasingly harsh." She states that young people between 18 and 30 continually leave their countries in search of means for survival.

This means leaving study plans, families--to whom they then send money. The jobs are often just barely survival jobs and many of the young people work on pineapple and banana plantations in Costa Rico. This means the workers are constantly moving and these situations are a challenge for the churches. One young woman accompanies these immigrant young people in two communities and here they find the mission of the church is made flesh: to be with the poor, to feed on the Word as a community, to have times of sharing, laughing and talking about upcoming changes in their lives. Faith for these young adults is lived amid change and the challenge is to discover God's presence in the everyday life of the poor.

Skeet's Pantry Monthly Wish-List for April: Thank you for really pitching in with bottles of laundry detergent. Our Pantry patrons are very grateful, and you gave us enough for each of the families at the March pantry. Way to go!!!

Now we're running low on PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA FISH, PANCAKE SYRUP

So that's our "Wish-List" for the month of April, and we thank you again for all your help. As always, you are welcome to leave your donations in the wheelbarrow on Sunday morning or in the front hall of the Parish House at any time. We're looking forward to making Easter bright for our patrons through your generosity.

Mission of the Month - Camp Johnsonburg

2014 Women's Retreat is being held at Camp Johnsonburg **April 25 - 27** and you are invited to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to "retreat" with other women of faith in the beauty of the outdoors. There will be time for hiking, boating, a yoga class, craft projects lead by Rosellyn Cassidy and Barbara Santoro, walking the labyrinth and just hanging out. Contact Anne Gordon or Rosellyn Cassidy as soon as possible if you would like to attend. The cost is only \$105 for the entire weekend, van transportation and meals included.

The Spring Senior High Retreat is being held **April 4 - 6** and the **Spring Junior High Retreat** is being held on **May 16 - 18**. These are amazing opportunities for teens to have fun and grow in their faith. Our youth group returns every year in the spring and in the fall for these life changing events. See Brett Butler to sign up.

Spring Spruce Up Day is **Saturday, April 26**. Help wake up camp after the long winter. Bring work gloves and enthusiasm. Lunch will be provided. All ages welcome, there are projects for all abilities. This is a great way to visit the camp and see what it is all about!

More information about Johnsonburg may be found at www.campjburg.org.

OTHER NEWS

Ever have doubts about Jesus and the resurrection especially at Easter? I sure did. If you'd like to learn more about what we know & how we can know it, join the conversation at *Questions of a Skeptic*, because some doubts we don't have to live with. Go to skepticquestions.blogspot.com/2014/03/introductions.html
Matt Rhodes

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule

March 31, April 3, April 7, April 10, April 14, April 17
(No Class on April 21), April 24, April 28

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/30 (Team #3) - 4/6 (Team #4)

Stewardship Update: If you are interested in participating as a canvasser for this year's Stewardship Campaign, please contact Ken Gordon.

WORSHIP

There is an **opening for flowers** on Sunday April 27. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or call 609-890-0822.

CALENDAR

March 30, 2014 - April 6, 2014

Sunday 30	(4th Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./McK Rm/FH) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 2p-5p 4 th /5 th Grade Club-Rm 10/Yth Rm/FH 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men's Bible Study Inn
Monday 31	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 1	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting-Lib. 2:30p-3:30p Bible Study "Faith Lessons"-Meadow Lakes Meeting Rm 7:30p Christian Ed. Mtg-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 2	11:00p-4:00p Woman's Club Mtg. - FH 7:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting - Library
Thursday 3	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 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 4	Sr. High Johnsonburg Retreat 8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 5	Sr. High Johnsonburg Retreat 10:00a Set-up for Pancake Breakfast - FH
Sunday 6	(5th Sunday in Lent) Sr. High Johnsonburg Retreat 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Lib) 8:45a Sunday Schoolers/Teachers Pancake Breakfast - Kit. 9:00a Annual Pancake Breakfast - Kit/FH 10:30a Worship with Communion 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service with Communion 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:15p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH/KIT 7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men's Bible Study Inn