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

5th Sunday in Lent April 6, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"

Hart Morris

Bell Choir and Clarinetist, Ken Rossman

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

John Behnke

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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission of the Month

Fritz Hager

INTROIT

"Extol the Lord"

Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peter Miller

Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

In the valley of death, we await God's Word.

Jesus says: I am the resurrection and the life.

Let us turn to him in faith, and live.

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. 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

CHIDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE Colossians 2: 8-15 Stan Dickerson

Pew Bible pgs. 200-201

ANTHEM Devotion John Ness Beck

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Revelation 5: 1-14 Pew Bible pg. 248

SERMON "Beauty Will Save the World" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" John Behnke

Bell Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Miller

HYMN #93 (Hymnal)* "Ah, Holy Jesus"

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

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)* "What Wondrous Love Is This"

RESPONSE* Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* Fugue G. Ph. Telemann
Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

<u>Visitors</u>! 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".

<u>Childcare is provided during worship</u>. 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 (<u>MusicMomNJ@comcast.net</u>).

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.

<u>Hearing devices</u> are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

<u>Gluten free bread</u> is available and will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

The Communion Servers are Martha Donovan, Gaylord French, Ken Gordon, Rebecca Huselid, Charles Ill, Brenda Kirkenir, John Kirkenir and Renee Welch

The Flowers in the chancel today are given by Pat Scott, Rick, Linda, Lauren and Samantha Scott and Debbie, Ed and Ben Konrad in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Dick Scott.

There will be **no coffee hour today** due to the Annual Pancake Breakfast earlier this morning.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Margo Wegner.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

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; Marge Bloom; Jean Dvorak; Will Ellsworth; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Lindsey Warne; and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles & brother, Ralph Stiles; Judy Barbour's son, David; Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay & family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak's friend, Elyse Volk; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; 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; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Leah Moy's mother, Helen Wagner; Jean Randazzo's daughter, Susan; friend of the church, Luke Sickle; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family; Frank Sutton's friend, Patrick Fricke; 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.

<u>Prayer Requests in the Bulletin</u>: 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 "<u>Pipeline to Session</u>" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

<u>Birthday of Distinction:</u> Lola Madsen on April 10. Happy Birthday!

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

Mark Your Calendars!!! Our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat will take place this year on May 2 through May 3 at the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ. 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 Klotzbeacher (Mrs. K) or call her at 732-521-2026.

Martha's Circle will meet tomorrow April 7 and Monday, April 21 in the library at 1:30 p.m. All women of the church are welcome to join in!

<u>Vacation Bible School</u>: 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

Our Palm Day Programs will be this week, Wednesday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and on Thursday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for this very special celebration as the children sing and dance to celebrate Jesus. You wouldn't want to miss this very special program. We hope to see you there.

The student teachers from TCNJ that are participating in their field experience will be with us again this week. We are excited for this opportunity and honored that we have been considered and chosen as a quality preschool program that will contribute to the education of new teachers.

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 forms on our website, www.cranburypres.org or call Janice at 609 655-8663 for the details.

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

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: CANACOM (Caribbean and North America Council for Mission) has been bringing young adults together since 1994. In July and August 2012, this event brought together more than 30 individuals between ages 18 and 30. They spent two and a half weeks in morning devotions, afternoon Bible studies, work projects, and, of course having fun. They discussed ways to strengthen their communities, get youth involved in the life of the church, reduce violence and abuse and have better relationships with other Christians around the world. There was great diversity present in the camp as was demonstrated by the singing, music, dancing, and instruments--with their different timbres volumes, colors, pitches, and emotions.

Skeet's Pantry Monthly Wish-List for April: Thank you again for all your help. As always, you are welcome to leave your donations in the wheelbarrow on Sunday mornings 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.

Our "Wish List" for April is <u>PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA</u> FISH, and PANCAKE SYRUP

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

We actively support the <u>Better Beginnings Day Care</u> center, located in Hightstown and the <u>South County Day Care Center</u>, located in Helmetta.

These day care centers are not for profit agencies that provide year round affordable day care for children 2½ years old and up. They are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each week day and service low and middle income working parents or parents that are going to school. Affordable rates are established by the NJ Department of Human Services and working families below the poverty level pay nothing.

The centers provide a rich curriculum of learning experiences delivered by accredited teachers. The current enrollment is 99 children at Better Beginnings and 45 children at South County. Both have large waiting lists for entry.

Funding is from federal, state, county, town, United Way, churches and individuals (including the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury!). Many members of our church family are actively involved in supporting both centers.

Better Beginnings Day Care Center Gala: Please join us at the 47th Annual Shining Star Gala on Saturday, May 3 to benefit Better Beginnings Day Care Center in Hightstown. This annual fundraiser is great fun and a wonderful way to lend support to an important community resource for children and working families. Tickets are \$75 per person. We hope to fill two tables. Thank you for your support.

Anne and Ken Gordon

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 skepticsquestions.blogspot.com/2014/03/introductions.html
Matt Rhodes

Organ Recital: Join us on Sunday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for an organ recital by our own Dr. Gaylord French. Enjoy music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Held and Cherwien.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

The Senior Breakfast Club will meet on April 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The program is "Brainerd, Bach and the Beatles". Fritz Hager and Gaylord French will present a slide show with music about Brainerd, our historic cemetery. It will depict a 273 year journey from 1740 to the present. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Stan Dickerson (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright (609)799-1179.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

<u>Senior Exercise Schedule:</u> April 7, (Class starts at 9:45 a.m. on <u>April 10</u>), April 14, April 17, (No Class on <u>April 21</u>), April 24, April 28

<u>Change from printed schedule due to extended winter</u>

Senior Fellowship will go on a trip to attend the organ concert at the Princeton Chapel on Thursday, April 10. Following the 30 minute concert, we will stroll across the quad to the University Library to view their exhibit: "From a Thankful Nation". Orders and medals from the collection of Robert Ross that commemorates the bicentennial of the beginning of the movement toward independence in Latin America. Also in the lobby, there will be displays of unexpected mementos of the past discovered in demolition for the library addition, items that were left behind by workers who built the library and students who have studied there.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. for a brown bag lunch. Soda, water and cookies will be provided. As soon as we finish eating, we will make a quick departure for the chapel. If you would like to attend this trip and you are not on our SF calling list, please preregister with the church office at 609-395-0897 by Monday, April 7. We will reschedule our trip to Duke Gardens late in the month after nature catches up with the flowering season. We will not go to Princeton Chapel on May 1 as was scheduled.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/6 (Team #4) - 4/13 (Team #1)

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

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 3/30/14

	Week Ended 3/30	YTD to 3/30
Offerings	\$6,654	\$154,892
Expenses	\$8,447	\$115,378
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$1,793)	\$39,514

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

April 6, 2014 – April 13, 2014		
4/6	(5th Sunday in Lent/Home Communion)	
	Sr. High Johnsonburg Retreat	
	9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Lib)	
	8:45a Sunday Schoolers/Teachers Pancake	
	Breakfast	
	9:00a Annual Pancake Breakfast - Kit/FH	
	10:30a Worship with Communion	
	11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service	
	w/Communion	
	4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:00p Jr. High Youth Group (Movie – Noah)	
	6:15p Boy Scouts (GC) – FH/KIT	
	7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn	
4/7	9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary	
4//	10:00a Senior Exercise	
	1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary	
	1:30p Martha's Circle – Lib.	
	7:30p Brass Choir	
	8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm	
4/8	9:00A ALL BULLETIN MATERIAL DUE(PALM	
	SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK)	
	9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary	
	9:30a Staff MtgChurch Office	
	1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals-Sanctuary	
	2:30p-3:30p Bible Study – Meadow Lakes Mtg Rm	
	7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Mtg-Church Office	
	7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office	
4/0	7:30p AA – McKnight Room	
4/9	9:00a Session Material Due	
	11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary 2:30p CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary	
	3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Comm. @ ML Mtg Rm	
	6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm	
	6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting–Rm 10	
	7:30 Stewardship Sub-Committee Mtg-Church Office	
	7:30p Bell Choir	
4/10	9:45a - 10:45a Senior Exercise	
	10:00a Sr. Fellowship (VAN)	
	11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary	
	11:00a-11:40a Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch before	
	concert at the Princeton Chapel – FH/Kit/VAN	
	4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary	
	4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary	
	7p-9p Boy Scout Board of Review-Lib. (JK)	
	7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary	
4/11	8p-9p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room	
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4/13	(Passion/Palm Sunday)	
4,10	9:15a Celebration Sunday (Palm Sunday)	
1	9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Lib)	
	10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour	
	11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service	
	4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice	
	6:00p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm	
	7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) – FH/KIT	
	7:30p-8:30p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn	