

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

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Solemn Prelude* Flor Peeters
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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing Rev. Schafer-Coates

INTROIT *"Lift up your heads, O ye gates"* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler

Open to us the gates of righteousness!

Let us enter to praise the Lord.

Give thanks to God, who hears our cry.

The Lord has become our salvation.

HYMN #89 (Hymnal)* *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. First we greet you with praise, then we abandon you in peril. First we welcome you with songs, then we forsake you in suffering. 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

SCRIPTURE John 12: 12-19 Don Winchell
Pew Bible pg. 106

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE † Pastor Lou
Palm Parade "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Hymn #88

ANTHEM *Spring Carol* arr. Elizabeth E. Rogers
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Revelation 5: 9-14 Pew Bible pg. 248

SERMON "What's All the Shouting About?" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Mr. Butler
L: Lord, in your mercy,
P: **hear our prayer.**

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 *Prelude on Old Hundredth* J. S. Bach
Organ

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

HYMN #91 (Hymnal)* *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Concluding Voluntary* Thomas Attwood Walmisley
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 in loving memory of my husband, Jack Huff by Jane Huff.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Pat Bohrs and Lil Conley.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Anne Gordon.

Head Usher is Karen Moser.

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: Alan and Barbara Balcomb's friend Sandra Cable; 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; Robert Dyke's customer's husband, Larry Fiehro; Paul & Janet Furchak's friend, Elyse Volk; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Wayne & Cyndi Girardet's son and Karen & Andy Moutenot's son-in-law, Benjamin Girardet; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius & Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder & great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Mary Lou Kerr's friend, Dragana Mladenovic; 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.

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: Samuel Smith on April 15, Joan Eiker on April 17 and Don Winchell on April 20. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join Gaylord French as he concludes his Lenten Study traveling through the songs of Lent on April 27 (Christ Is Risen Indeed!) at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

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 27th 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. 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 **Monday, April 21** in the library at 1:30 p.m. All women of the church are welcome!

Vacation Bible School: Join us at Vacation Bible School from July 28 - August 1 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

CPNS will be closed for our Easter vacation from Monday, April 14 and we will return on Tuesday, April 21. We want to wish everyone a very happy Easter!

Please remember to save your receipts when you shop at McCaffrey's. CPNS receives 1% cash back from all that we submit. Envelopes can be found near my office and on the CPNS bulletin board near fellowship hall. We want to thank Lil Conley for collecting and recording them for us for the last several years. It's so wonderful to have her help. We also want to thank everyone for bringing in the receipts, please keep them coming, every receipt helps.

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.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: PALM SUNDAY! Today we shall travel to West Virginia along with other people in mission who are there to improve the lives of people in the middle of Appalachia. This disaster-recovery ministry in West Virginia is busy from March to November as work crews come from throughout the country. These volunteers work on projects that put new roofs on homes, insulate against the heat and cold, restore homes to livable conditions, and make connections between people often from very different situations. But the people in Appalachia serve others, also. Small congregations are involved in ministry to their community through food pantries, clothes closets, serving meals, and other community outreach ministries. Many collaborate with other congregations and denominations to extend the reach of God's love.

Skeet's Pantry: 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 PEANUT BUTTER, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, and PANCAKE SYRUP.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

We actively support the **Better Beginnings Day Care** center, located in Hightstown and the **South County Day Care Center**, 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

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Looking for a Church Home? Join Pastor Lou and members of the Session on April 27, May 4 and May 11 for the Spring New Member Class.

This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of our church. We are a congregation which offers members of all ages opportunities to join in fellowship and expand their faith experiences.

The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. on April 27 and May 4 in the library and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 11 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office at (609)395-0897 to join the class or for additional information.

OTHER NEWS

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 BREKFAST 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. For information, contact Stan Dickerson (609)443-6388 or Walter Wright (609)799-1179.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 14, April 17, (No Class on April 21), April 24, and April 28

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/13 (Team #1) – 4/20 (Team #2)

Stewardship Update: 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 4/6/14)

	Week Ended 4/6	YTD to 4/6
Offerings	\$8,403	\$163,295
Expenses	\$8,447	\$126,701
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$44)	\$36,594

WORSHIP

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

CALENDAR

April 13, 2014 – April 20, 2014

Sunday 13 (Passion/Palm Sunday)	9:15a Celebration Sunday 9:15a Christian Education 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
Monday 14	CPNS Closed/Church Office 9a - 1p 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 15	CPNS Closed/Church Office 9a - 1p 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 2:30p-3:30p Bible Study-ML Mtg Rm 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wednesday 16	CPNS Closed/Church Office 9a - 1p 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Com @ ML Meeting Room 7p-9:30p Mercer Area District Com mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 17 (Maundy Thursday)	CPNS Closed/Church Office 9a - 1p 10:00a Senior Exercise 10:30a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Combined Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary 8:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary
Friday 18 (Good Friday)	CPNS Closed/Church Office 9a - 1p 12:15p Community Worship Service at the Cranbury Methodist Church 8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 7:15p Meadow Lakes Tenebrae Service of Shadows 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Rm
Saturday 19	
Sunday 20 (Easter)	No Sunday School 7:00a Easter Sunrise Service at the United Methodist Church 9:15a No Christian Education 10:30a Easter Worship Service followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Easter Worship Service