

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE † Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 4-11 Pew Bible pgs. 34-35

ANTHEM "Come thou fount of every blessing" Crawford Thoburn
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Mark 15: 33-39 Pew Bible pg. 54

SERMON "The Giver" Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)* "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Mitchell

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 "Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam" Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan came) Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #341 (Hymnal)* "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

RESPONSE* Choral Amen
The Chorale

BENEDICTION* 5th and 6th Grade Class

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

**RUSSELL L. SUTTON
January 20, 1932 – January 1, 2015**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation
will take place immediately following the morning
worship service on Sunday, January 25, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall
followed by our “Winter Luncheon”.

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. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator.

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 available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

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: Marge Bloom; Will Ellsworth; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Linda Protinick and family due to the death of her grandmother, Thelma Docherty; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Elsie Sutton and family due to the death of her husband, Russell Sutton; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Alan Balcomb's sister, Elizabeth Goodfellow; Alan and Barbara Balcomb's friend, Don Driggers; Barbara & Arthur Danser's, friend, Lynda Patterson; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy & friend, Lori Sigley; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Bryan Nemeth's friend, Ellen Weiner; 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Cranbury Men's Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.): All men are invited to join us in a relaxed setting at the Cranbury Inn. Please contact Brett Butler for more information.

CPNS

It's great to be back after our Christmas vacation. We have so many things happening in January, and we look forward to sharing these special times with our CPNS children, and their families. On Tuesday and Wednesday you will most likely see many of us in our pajamas; no we didn't forget to get dressed, we are having our PJ/pancake day. As you walk through the halls, you may smell delicious pancakes cooking; if you are in your pajamas, we would be happy to serve some to you as well.

The 2015-2016 registration process for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School begins on Monday, January 12 and Tuesday, January 13 for our currently enrolled children. On January 20, January 21, and thereafter church members, siblings of alumni, and siblings of currently enrolled children, as well as our volunteers in the Cranbury Fire Department, and Cranbury First Aid Squad can register. The general public can register beginning on Monday, February 2. This year, we will be having an Open House on Wednesday, January 28, more details to follow in January. Anyone attending this informational session will have the chance to register before the general public. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to register before the general public and let them know about our very special Christian preschool.

Happy New Year!

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: We read disturbing news about Pakistan and are disheartened to know that violence against Christians has greatly escalated in recent years, and the blasphemy law, by which the offending of a Muslim's faith, can be punished by death. But for a time such as this, God has raised up a man called Majid Abel who when he entered college was ignored and avoided. But, Majid said, "I survived on God's word. The Bible came alive to me; it transformed me from within." His desire to share this experience with others grew and he now leads a vibrant church in the heart of Lahore, a congregation that welcomes people of all faiths, many of whom have never before met a Christian.

Skeet's Pantry Begins a Happy New Year!

Thanks to the kindness of so many in our congregation and throughout the community, we were able to make Christmas a lot merrier for over 90 families at our December Pantry – with bags of groceries, turkeys and gifts, as well. We just can't thank you enough!

Now we're starting a New Year and we hope the generous spirit which carried us through a very difficult 2014 will continue in 2015 too. Our shelves are looking fairly good for our January food pantry but we're really in need of a few items, and if you can help us, we'll be very grateful.

JANUARY Wish List: "Mac & Cheese", Fruit (cans or jars of any kind), and Jelly.

Thanks and Happy New Year from all of us at Skeet's Pantry!

Mission Dinner Fundraiser (Formerly

Guatemala Dinner): Our mission dinner is quickly approaching. Don't miss the wonderful opportunity for church fellowship, entertainment and a delicious meal. There are a limited number of tickets being sold, so buy them today.

We will be serving dinner on Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. Both nights will have entertainment.

The cost of the meal will be \$50.00 per person (remember this is a fundraiser). You may want to attend both evenings to experience the variety of entertainment being offered. We will be selling only a limited number of tickets, so plan on buying your ticket early. They are on sale now and will be available during coffee hour (see Lil or George Conley) or call the church office. We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon, or stuffed chicken, as your main entrees along with all the trimmings and a delicious desert to top it off with.

Checks can be made payable to The First Presbyterian Church (tax deductible) memo: Mission dinner. Any amount above the \$50.00 fee will be greatly appreciated. Please save this date, we are counting on you for our success in this project.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During my recent surgery and recovery, there was an out-pouring of concern and prayers for my recovery. I thank all of you for your generosity for it made me feel very much a part of this church, and loved. To each of you, Happy New Year and good health. Marlene French

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 12, January 15, January 19, January 22, January 26 and January 29

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 20 at 12:00 noon to watch the movie, "Secretariat". Bring a brown bag lunch to eat before the movie starts. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will stop the 2 hour movie half way through to take a break and have fresh popcorn. Bring a cushion to put on your chair if you wish. If you are not on our calling list and would like to participate please pre-register with the church office at 609-395-0897 by noon, Monday, January 19. Please leave your phone number in case we have to cancel this program due to bad weather.

The movie, "Secretariat" is a real life story of the last horse to win the triple crown of horse racing back in the 1970's. He has become a legend and behind every legend lies an impossible dream. Witness the spectacular journey of an incredible horse and the moving story of his unlikely owner, a housewife, who risked everything to make him a champion.

Please join us for a nice way to spend a winter day in a warm and friendly place. If you are over age 55 and have never attended Senior Fellowship events this would be a nice time to start attending.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 1/11 (Team #4) – 1/18 (Team #1)

2015 Pledge Envelopes: Pledge envelopes are available to pick up in **Room 1**. **Please note:** You may have a new number for 2015, so please use your new envelopes in January.

WORSHIP

January is open for flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

Do you have an extra hour or two 4 or 6 times a year? Would you like to help the church? Would you like to be part of a great team?

The Ushers Guild is always looking for new members. Every week the ushers provide an invaluable service before, during and after the Sunday services. If you are interested in joining one of our many teams, or would like more information, please contact: Caren Anuszewski the Ushers Guild Coordinator at (609)587-8883 or email her at ccrabbeg91@optimum.net.

The **Lay Reader Schedule** for January to June 2015 is available in Fellowship Hall. We are always looking for, and welcome, new lay readers. If you have any questions, please call Joan Fraser.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 11, 2015 (Baptism of the Lord)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
6p – 7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

January 12, 2015

(Annual Reports Due)

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Lib.
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

January 13, 2015

All Day CPNS PJ/Pancake Day – CRs/Kitchen
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

January 14, 2015

All Day CPNS PJ/Pancake Day – CRs/Kitchen
9:00a Session Material Due
3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee Mtg-ML Mtg Rm
7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
7:30p Bell Choir

January 15, 2015

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing
10:00a Senior Exercise
4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

January 16, 2015

8:00a-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

January 17, 2015

January 18, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
7:00p **Community MLK Worship Service (Mt. Olivet)**
6:30p Youth Group Event (MLK Worship Service)