

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
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Voluntary* John Stanley
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 *“I to the hills will lift mine eyes”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 121: 1-2) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler
With Simon and Andrew, we follow Jesus,
learning how to fish for people.
With James and John, we follow Jesus,
proclaiming the good news of God.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)* *“How Great Thou Art”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; 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 13	Janice Parker Pew Bible pg. 175
ANTHEM	<i>“Sing the Lord’s Song”</i>	Natalie Sleeth Children’s Choir
SCRIPTURE	John 17	Pew Bible pg. 111
SERMON	“The End of the Church”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #280 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Amazing Grace”</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>“O for a closer walk with God”</i>	Scottish Psalter, arr. C.V. Stanford The Chorale
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Mr. Butler
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HYMN #420 (Hymnal)*	<i>“God of Grace and God of Glory”</i>	
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RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	The Chorale
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BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Concluding Voluntary</i>	Thomas Attwood Walmisley Organ
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately following today’s Worship service in the Fellowship Hall followed by our “Winter Picnic”.

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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in memory of my mother, Helen Wagner by Leah Moy.

Coffee Hour today will be our Winter Picnic hosted by the Congregational Life Committee which will follow the Annual Meeting.

Greeter is Earl Davison.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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: Alan Balcomb and family due to the death of his sister, Elizabeth Goodfellow; Mark Bianchi and family due to the death of his mother, Helene Bianchi; Marge Bloom; Will Ellsworth; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Aldo Maselli and family due to the death of his wife, Claire Maselli; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Anne Taylor; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Alan & Barbara Balcomb's friend, Don Driggers; family & friends of Helen Davies due to her death; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Mark Sasso on January 27. **Happy Birthday!**

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.

Sunday School Teachers and Ushers - CPR/AED Training will be held at the church on Wednesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost of the training will be \$25.00 per person. If you have had no training or your training has expired this is the right class for you, but re-certification people are welcome. This course is being offered through the Red Cross. The class size is limited, it will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact George Conley to sign up at 609 395-0513 or email geolive60@aol.com.

CPNS

Our 2015-2016 registration process has begun. In addition to our existing students, we began registration on January 20 and thereafter for church members, siblings of alumni, siblings of currently enrolled children, as well as our volunteers in the Cranbury Fire Department and Cranbury First Aid squad. The general public can register beginning on Monday, February 2.

Our open House will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In April 2012, First Presbyterian Church in Great Falls, Montana, opened Peace Place Respite Care, which supports families under serious pressure--those with young children (infant through age 5) for a few hours each week. Three mornings a week this service is offered as a free gift to the community. Is Peace Place worth it? One mother of a precious child who has severe scoliosis and developmental disorders, comments: "Peace Place has given me an opportunity to heal and to rest from dealing with all the complications of my daughter's health conditions. It gives me great comfort and peace to know that a couple hours of rest helps me to become a better mother--giving me time to renew my strength in Christ and to persevere in continuing to take care of her the way God wants me to."

Skeet's Pantry: Below is the January Wish List for the few items we're really in need of, and if you can help us, we'll be very grateful. Thanks from all of us at Skeet's Pantry!

JANUARY Wish List

"Mac & Cheese", Fruit (cans or jars of any kind), and Jelly

Mission Dinner Fundraiser: 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. Please note, there will be **childcare provided** each night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Your Opportunity to Serve - Guatemala Mission 2015

This year, our church will be sponsoring a mission trip to Guatemala along with the Allentown Presbyterian

Church. Our trip this year is scheduled for June 20 to June 27. We will be having an **informational meeting on Monday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1** (small room next to Fellowship Hall) to provide participants with information regarding the details pertaining to the trip. The cost of the trip is your airfare, plus ground fees which is approximately \$1,500.00. Ground fees include all of the ground transportation, lodging and food.

No special skills are required; a pair of hands is all you need to bring with you. Everyone is invited to participate. This is not a youth mission trip, but is open to any youth of a parent who has previously participated or is going with them.

Any questions, please feel free to contact George Conley at 609 395-0513. Just a reminder tickets are still on sale for the Mission Dinner. Please see Mission Dinner Fundraiser information above for further details.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 26, January 29, February 2, February 5, February 9, February 12, February 16, February 19, February 23 and February 26

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 1/25 (Team #2) – 2/1 (Team #3)

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.

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 1/18/15)		
	Week Ended 1/18	YTD to 1/18
Offerings	\$7,763	\$43,663
Expenses	\$7,680	\$15,995
Net Income/(Loss)	\$83	\$27,668

WORSHIP

Openings for Flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the church, the following dates are available: February 1, February 22 and March 1. Please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 25, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by the **Annual Meeting**/Winter Picnic
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
3p – 5p Youth Event (Ice Skating @ Mercer County Park)
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
5p – 8:00p Youth Group Event-VAN
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – FH (GC)
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn

January 26, 2015

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

January 27, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

All Day CPNS Snowman Movie – FH/McK Rm
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
7:00p Presbytery Meeting - Englishtown
7:30p Deacons - FH
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

January 28, 2015

All Day CPNS Snowman Movie – FH/McK Rm
10:00a-3:00p CPNS Open House - FH
7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting - Library
7:30p Bell Choir

January 29, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
4:30p- Children’s Choir – Sanctuary
7:00p Intrepid Warriors Planning Meeting – Library (GC)
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

January 30, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

January 31, 2015

(Snow Date) 8a-3p CPNS Special Person’s Day–CRs/FH/Kit

February 1, 2015 (Souper Bowl of Caring)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service
11:30a Youth Group Hoagie Fundraiser-FH
11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)