## 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.)

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# AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany February 1, 2015 10:30 A.M.

### THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"The Gospel Train"

Valerie Stephenson 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.)

INTROIT

"I will remember the works of the Lord" Donovan Klotzbeacher (Ps. 77: 11-13) 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 #229 (Hymnal)\* "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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

CHIDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE John 1: 35-42 Gretchen Stults

Pew Bible pg. 92

ANTHEM "Fairest Lord Jesus" Lloyd Larson

Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE John 1: 43-51 Pew Bible pgs. 92-93

SERMON "Come and See" Dr. Louis Mitchell

## THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Praise the Lord, Ye Servants" John Blow

(Ps. 113: 1-2) The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\* "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication\*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)\* "Here I Am, Lord"

# 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:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 #276 (Hymnal)\* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

RESPONSE\* Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\* Cebell Henry Purcell Organ

### \*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

Sunday, February 1, 2015

<u>Visitors</u>! 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".

<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. 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.

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

Gluten free bread will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

<u>Communion Servers</u> are Bea Davison, Earl Davison, Gail Geijer, KY Huang, Mike Kasper, Carol Kientz, Heidi Knowlton and Pat Willard.

<u>Coffee Hour</u> today will be hosted by the High School Class. <u>Greeter</u> is Earl Davison.

**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: Marge Bloom; Will Ellsworth; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Hennie Sushereba; Anne Taylor; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

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

<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!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The **Drama Rotation Sunday School room** is in need of costumes that would fit our David and Goliath and future stories with Roman soldiers, specifically shields, helmets and armor. If any families have old ones they'd like to donate, we can use these to really enhance the story telling. It would have to be for 1st -4<sup>th</sup> grade sizes. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall entrance and place them in a container marked Drama, only a few are needed.

**Family Fun Day for the 1**st **through 6**th **grade Sunday School Classes** – Join us for Ice Skating at Mercer County Park from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 15. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$11 adults (includes skate rental).

**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 <a href="mailto:geolive60@aol.com">geolive60@aol.com</a>.

#### **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 Special Person's day was canceled last Saturday due to the snow, however we are looking forward to having it on our snow date, Saturday, January 31. We hope to see all of our special people for this wonderful time at CPNS with the children.

We hope everyone enjoyed the snow, and we don't get too much. Stay safe warm and dry.

## **MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS**

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Northside Women's Space, a ministry to women of the sex trade, is located in Minneapolis and is a project of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. No one is rejected at NWS. Girls and women who come to the center are offered safety, a place to rest, spiritual counseling, acceptance, skills training, and a path to a better life. According to the Executive Director, most of the girls and women are hungry, homeless, victims of violence and unemployed. Many live with mental illness. The average age of girls entering the trade is 13. Many are young mothers who must work to support children. To these girls and women created in the image of God, NWS offers the love of God.

**February Skeet's Pantry Wish List:** We continue to wish for **Peanut Butter** and **Jelly** at the Pantry – something every family seems to enjoy.

Canned protein items like <u>Beef Stew</u> (Dinty Moore or any brand that strikes your fancy!) are also very welcome. As always, feel free to leave your food donations in the wheelbarrow outside of church on Sundays, or in the front hall of our Fellowship Hall building. We continue to be VERY grateful for everyone's kind donations, whether food or funds. YOU are keeping Skeet's Pantry open and functioning quite well despite all our ups and downs over the last year – THANKS SO MUCH!

**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.

#### **OTHER NEWS**

**JOHNSONBURG!! THE PLACE TO BE** - If you have never visited Camp Johnsonburg, this is the year! There are tons of amazing fellowship/retreat/camp/service opportunities open to groups, families, children and adults.

To start:

Confirmation Retreat (March 6-8)
Senior High Retreat (March 20-22)
Women's Retreat (April 17-19)
Spruce-Up Day (April 25)
Open House (May 3)
Junior High Retreat (May 15-17)

Brett Butler
Linda Cody/Anne Gordon
Anne and Ken Gordon
First time campers
Brett Butler

SUMMER CAMP at Johnsonburg is the best! Children starting at age 6 to 18 can attend a week or more of camp. Every week offers a different, exciting themed camp experience depending on the age and the interest of the camper. There is something for everyone.

Camp brochures may be obtained in the church office, from Brett Butler or online at <a href="www.campjurg.org">www.campjurg.org</a>. There are also excellent summer staff job opportunities for young adults.

Here is what people from our church are saying about Camp J'burg:

For me as a parent, it was a healthy, safe place for my daughter to be, she went as a 12 year old and every year thereafter, becoming a counselor for several years, thus passing on to other children not only the love for God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, but also the knowledge of how to interact with people of diverse backgrounds. - Joan Fraser

They really create a special atmosphere in the camp -that is what I love the most about the Camp. Whenever I am there, I know I can just relax and breathe. - Lily Santoro

Camp Johnsonburg is one my favorite places...you feel close to God through nature, the relationships you form with other campers and staff and the amazing activities. We are truly blessed to have such a place to retreat. – Anne Gordon

# SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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

Senior Fellowship is open to all seniors in the church and community age 55 an over. Our goal is to provide opportunities for seniors to be provided with social, recreational and educational experiences. Senior Fellowship meets regularly for fun, food and friendship. We have a wonderful group and would like to have you join us and get to know other people in the community. There are no dues and there is no charge for any activity. We do one or two programs a month which are held during the day in the Fellowship Hall. Our activities include speakers, movies, and picnics, trips to gardens, concerts, museums, a senior exercise class Tuesday and Thursdays and various holiday parties.

Our next program will be **Tuesday**, **February 10**, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. We will have a doll expert talk to us about dolls and show us a sampling of her collection. If you have a special doll, please bring it along and our speaker will tell us about your doll. This will be a brown bag lunch (please bring your own sandwich). We will provide beverages and dessert. If you would like to attend this program and are not on our regular calling list, we request that you preregister by February 5 by calling the office at 609-395-0897 and leave your name and phone number (in case we have to cancel due to bad weather).

We have a wonderful group and hope to see you at one of our programs.

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**Counting Teams**: 2/1 (Team #3) – 2/8 (Team #4)

**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.

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 1/25/15)		
	Week Ended 1/25	YTD to 1/25
Offerings	\$8,493	\$52,156
Expenses	\$8,394	\$24,389
Net Income/(Loss)	\$99	\$27,767

# WORSHIP

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

### **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

# 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 Library Committee – Lib. 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom 6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)

# February 2, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle – Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

## February 3, 2015 9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Lib. 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

### February 4, 2015

11:00a – 4:00p Women's Club Meeting - FH 7:30p Bell Choir

# February 5, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

#### February 6, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:00p Mission Dinner – FH/Kit

### February 7, 2015

8:30a – 12:00p Session Retreat – FH/Lib./Kit 11:00a Deacons Elect meet with Session – Lib/FH 6:00p Mission Dinner – FH/Kit

## February 8, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship with Ordination and Installation of church officers followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn