

**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**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 8, 2015 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *Spirituals* arr. H. T. Burleigh  
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 *“Deep River”* arr. D. Klotzbeacher  
The Chorale

*Deep River* sings of the Jordan River and the Promised Land on the other side—the campground where the weary Israelites could finally rest from their flight from Egypt. But to the American Slave, the Jordan was a code word for the Ohio River, the waterway separating the United States from Canada, where escaped slaves would be guaranteed freedom. The song tells of the longing for freedom. “Oh, don’t you want to go, to that Promised Land where all is peace?”

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Louis Mitchell  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
**Jesus heals the sick and helps the poor.**  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
**The one we have searched for is here.**  
Let us worship God.

HYMN #449 (Hymnal)\* *“My Lord! What a Morning”*

*My Lord What a Morning* on one level sings of the Apocalypse when the stars fall from the heavens and the angel trumpet sounds. To the slaves it was a call to the day of judgment, the moment they chose to escape their bondage.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE\* ✨

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1: 8-14

Dr. Mary Speer  
Pew Bible pg. 49

ANTHEM

“Wade in the Water”

arr. D. Klotzbeacher  
The Chorale

*Wade in the Water* suggests the flight from Egypt through the shallow waters of the parted sea, and even Moses is mentioned. But much of this song is a code for the slaves planning to run away from their masters.

Escaped slaves are warned to wade in the water whenever they can to throw the chasing bloodhounds off their scent. Their Moses is Harriet Tubman, a leader of the Underground Railroad, and the children dressed in white are the escapees who have made it to freedom after the red and bloodied backs of oppression. And again, there is mention of redemption—freedom—in the Jordan River—the Ohio.

SOLO

“Motherless Child”

sung by Jean Dvorak

*Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* expresses the slave's lament for loss of home, family, and identity.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Mr. James Shackelford

HYMN #334 (Hymnal)\*

“When Israel Was in Egypt's Land”

*When Israel was in Egypt's Land* tells the story of Moses' demands prior to the Exodus. “Let my people go.” It was the rallying cry of the slaves themselves oppressed by the slave masters. Once again, “Moses” is Harriet Tubman's nickname and her repeated trips “going down” into the South to lead slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad are evoked in the spiritual. It is no wonder that this song's lyrics and powerful melody would have special appeal to the captives.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 15: 1-3

Pew Bible pg. 61

SERMON

“Sing to the Lord”

Mr. Brett Butler

### THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*“Follow the Drinking Gourd”*

arr. Jay Althouse  
The Chorale

*Follow the Drinking Gourd*, unlike other spirituals, seems to have a limited religious origin. More of a folk song, it seems to relate back to the African heritage. But, of all the songs, it is most clearly a coded message to the slaves.

The version sung today does not include all the lyrics, which are actually a “map” of sorts for escaping slaves to follow on the journey north. They are told to leave the south when “the first quail calls and the sun comes up,” in late winter. The journey following riverbeds and other landmarks along the way would take a year of hard travel.

The idea was for them to reach the Ohio the next winter in order to cross the frozen river into Canada. The “old man” waiting represents the conductors of the Underground Railroad who can show them the way to freedom.

And the drinking gourd? That’s the Big Dipper, the constellation the escapees will follow at night. Two stars in the Dipper point to the handle of the Little Dipper where the North Star in can lead them to freedom.

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*  
Prayer of Dedication\*

*“Doxology”*

Dr. Mitchell

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

(Elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

(Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

#### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept **\*Victoria Anderson, \*Jo D. Andrews, Pat Bohrs, Carol Fisher, \*Paul Furchak, \*Fritz Hager, Barbara Hannon, \*Ruth Jost, \*Cassandra Khazem, Carol Kientz, \*Heidi Knowlton, \*Janice Luffey, Beatrice Mabutho, Marie Perrine, George Smith and Diane Yeager** as Elders and Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (\*to be ordained)

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

#### PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.** [the prayer continues]

#### 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.**

#### PRONOUNCEMENT OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

Many thanks, to those who have completed their term as active officers.

**Elders:** Deanna Anderson, Rebecca Huselid, Peter Miller, Carlene Reyes, Ann Riemann and Larry White

**Deacons:** Sue Britton, Bea Davison, Earl Davison, Helen Dickerson, Stan Dickerson, Joan Fraser, Andy Kremann and Flo Kremann

HYMN #394 (Hymnal)\*

*“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

*There is a Balm in Gilead* stems from a passage in the Old Testament, when Jeremiah asks, “Is there no balm in Gilead?”—is there no way the people of Israel can be healed of their sinfulness? In the New Testament, Christians find the ultimate answer. There is a balm in Gilead, and it is Jesus Christ the Savior who heals all wounds both of body and spirit.

Such a song promising redemption and end to all suffering had a special appeal to the oppressed, even as it does today.

It is fitting we end the service with this hymn which reminds us all that we are all held in Christ’s heart, blessed with His most precious love.

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*“Joshua fit de battle ob Jericho”*

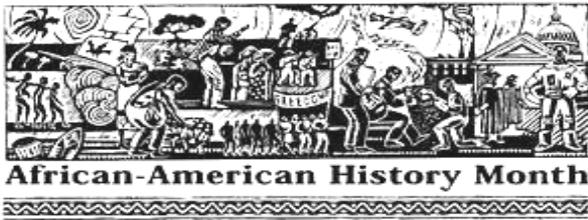
arr. H. T. Burleigh  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**The Songs in the Service today are** African-American Spirituals chosen for this service that are an important part of the slave story. While on the surface, they do speak of a deep and abiding faith in the Christian story, they often have another meaning to the oppressed slaves.

Many African-American slaves converted to Christianity during their captivity, inspired by the religion's promise of redemption and the glorious release of heaven. Slave owners encouraged their captives to practice religious beliefs and sometimes encouraged them to go to church. There, they learned the stories of the Bible.

They might be allowed to stay after church services to sing and continue worship. From these times many African-American spirituals emerged. Slaves might also "steal away to Jesus" to attend secret religious meetings where worship songs were shared along with the more important messages for those determined to escape their bondage.



**Our guest today**, Mr. James Shackelford, has more than ten years of experience researching the almost forgotten history and stories behind slavery in South Brunswick, New Jersey and surrounding communities. An avid historian with a passion for graveyard preservation, his research and knowledge has led him to become an expert on Central New Jersey's slave history. His achievements in research have been featured on History Hunters episode Two Cemeteries which aired in May 2003. Temple Anshe Emeth's Consultation on Conscience in 2006, radio interview on Air America in NYC and several interviews in various publications including the NY Times. Most recently, Mr. Shackelford was a columnist for the online publication South Brunswick Patch with a column entitled The History Shack.

Mr. Shackelford's work has had a significant impact on the awareness and importance of preserving the remaining sites, such as the Van Dyke Farm in South Brunswick, many of which suffered neglect and vandalism: Mr. Shackelford is a 20 year resident of Dayton, New Jersey where he resides with his wife and children. His keen interest has brought forward a little known time in the history of Middlesex County.

**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 will be hosted by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**Greeter** is Earl Davison.

**Head Usher** is Rick Norland.

**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.

**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

**Adult Education (February 8, February 15 and February 22):** Please join us in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. for an Adult Ed. series with PhD Candidate John Lewis where he will lead us in a program titled, "What is the Old Testament?"

**Cranbury Men's Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.):** All men are invited to join us in church office. 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](mailto:geolive60@aol.com).

**Family Fun Day for the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

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.

**CPNS**

Our 2015-2016 general public registration process has begun. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the opportunity to send their child to our Christian preschool. Ask them to email or call me for a private tour of our school.

The ground hog predicted six more weeks of winter, but don't let that upset you. You could always start thinking about summer, and our CPNS Pre-Summer and Summer programs. We will be enjoying our Pre-Summer program the weeks of June 8 and June 15, and our Summer program during the weeks of July 13 and July 20. Registration forms can be found on our church website or at CPNS. We look forward to sharing this special summer time with friends! We hope everyone enjoys the snow, and we don't get too much. Stay safe, warm and dry.

**MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS**

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** The congregations in Dayton (28 members) and Hot Springs (11 members), both in Montana, have reached out to the children in their communities by hosting an after-school Christian education time. Both churches are located very near their public schools, so hosting elementary children after school was a natural fit. Volunteers provide quality time of Bible study, games activities, crafts, homework help, and--of course--snacks. Usually, the number of participating children exceeds the number of members of each congregation. In addition to serving the children, the congregations are building lasting and meaningful relationships with the parents and other adults of the community.

**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 **Beef Stew** (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!

**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) Brett Butler
- Senior High Retreat (March 20-22) Brett Butler
- Women's Retreat (April 17-19) Linda Cody/Anne Gordon
- Spruce-Up Day (April 25) Anne and Ken Gordon
- Open House (May 3) First time campers
- Junior High Retreat (May 15-17) 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 [www.campjurg.org](http://www.campjurg.org). There are also excellent summer staff job opportunities for young adults.

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

**Senior Exercise Schedule:** 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 and 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 Mondays and Thursdays and various holiday parties.

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

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. Pre-registration was required if you are not on our regular calling list

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**Counting Teams:** 2/8 (Team #4) – 2/15 (Team #1)

<b>Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 2/1/15)</b>		
	<b>Week Ended 2/1</b>	<b>YTD to 2/1</b>
Offerings	\$8,623	\$60,744
Expenses	\$2,717	\$27,158
Net Income/(Loss)	\$5,906	\$33,586

**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

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### February 8, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)  
10:30a Worship w/Ordination and Installation 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-Church Office

### February 9, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise  
7:30p Brass Choir  
7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Lib.  
7:30p Guatemala Mission Trip informational meeting-Rm 1  
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

### February 10, 2015

#### 9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office  
11:00a Sr. Fellowship – VAN  
12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program – FH/Kit  
7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office  
7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office  
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

### February 11, 2015

#### 9:00a Session Material Due

3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee Mtg-ML Mtg Rm  
7:00p-9:30p CPR Training-McK Rm  
7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)  
7:30p Bell Choir

### February 12, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise  
4:30p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary  
7:00p-9:30p CPR Training-McK Rm  
7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs)  
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

### February 13, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

### February 14, 2015

### February 15, 2015 (Transfiguration 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  
11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.  
1:00p-3:30p Grades 1 – 6 (Ice Skating @ Mercer County Park)  
4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom  
6p – 7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-FH  
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)  
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study-Church Office