

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
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John Hingeston
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

“Let all who enter here draw nigh to God” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Mooney

Like Peter, James and John, we have followed you to this place, Lord.

Let us behold you in your glory.

Make this a moment of transfiguration, Lord.

Let us behold you in your glory.

Shine so brightly that we must cover our eyes, Lord.

Surround us with your glory.

Fill us with light and love, glorious God, so that we glow with your presence.

Let us rejoice in your glory.

HYMN #462 (Hymnal)* *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

All glorious God, we bring ourselves to you just as we are. In the presence of your radiant love, we would offer to you the truth about ourselves. But we shy from this. We know how far we are from all you want us to be. Suffering, loss, sorrow, and fear come to us, and we fail to remember that you sent Jesus to lead us, and the Holy Spirit to comfort us. We forget that Jesus came down from the mountain to walk with us through our darkness and guide us toward resurrection and new life. We forget the life of obedience. Forgive us, we pray, for all that separates us from you. Forgive our sin. Transform our spirits. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*
HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*
THE PEACE* ✠

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Samantha Andrews

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Ryan Vandenberg
Pew Bible pgs. 332-333

ANTHEM

“Come, lift up your voice”

Stan Pethel
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9: 2-9

Pew Bible pg. 44

SERMON

“Wow!!!”

Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #73 (Hymnal)*

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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Flor Peeters
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Ann Mooney

HYMN #142 (Songbook)*

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Postlude

Flor Peeters
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. 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 loving memory of George E. Conley III by his wife, Lil and their children and grandchildren.

Coffee Hour today will be hosted by the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

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; Phyllis & Bob Dyke's sister-in-law, Karen Scirrotto; 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 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.

Family Fun Day for the 1st through 6th grade Sunday School Classes – Join us today for Ice Skating at Mercer County Park from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please pay at the door. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$11 adults (includes skate rental). We are collecting men's hats and socks at this event for TASK.

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 -4th grade sizes. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall entrance and place them in the 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. As the snow continues to fall, we begin the registration for 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!

The children in our pre-k (4/5's classes) walked to Dr. White's office this week for dental health month. We can't thank Dr. White enough for welcoming our children to his dental office, as well as providing the whole school with toothbrushes. We also want to thank George Conley for once again providing the CPR and First Aid training to all of our CPNS teachers. We are so blessed to have the support of our local community, and so many caring individuals helping to make CPNS such a special school for our children.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer The Crossroads Urban Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, is a multi-faith grassroots organization that helps people with low incomes or disabilities address basic needs and quality-of-life issues. Presbyterian congregations in Utah have been principle supporters since 1966. Crossroads hosts Utah's busiest food pantry, serving over 40,000 people each year. It also offers an emergency prescription fund, bus tokens, baby supplies, holiday food distributions and a thrift store that gives away thousands of dollars of new shoes, clothing, and household items, largely contributed by congregations. A spin-off group meets on Presbyterian Day at the Utah Capital to advocate for fellow citizens who are poor and underserved.

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. 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.

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. There are also excellent summer staff job opportunities for young adults.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: February 16, February 19, February 23, February 26, March 2 and March 5.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 2/15 (Team #1) – 2/22 (Team #2)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 2/8/15)		
	Week Ended 2/8	YTD to 2/8
Offerings	\$8,991	\$77,064
Expenses	\$7,493	\$34,651
Net Income/(Loss)	\$1,499	\$42,413

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 15 (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.
1p–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)
8p–9p Cranbury Men’s Bible –Church Office

February 16 (President’s Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

February 17

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
7:30p Session Meeting - FH
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00a Skeet’s Food Pantry Packing
10:30a Meadow Lakes Ash Wednesday Service
3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee Mtg-ML Mtg Rm
7:30p Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
8:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

February 19

10:00a Senior Exercise
4:30p- Children’s Choir – Sanctuary
7:00p-10:00p CPNS – McK Rm

February 20

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

February 21

9:00a-1:00p Deacon Retreat-FH

February 22 (1st Sunday in Lent)

8a-9a Coffee w/Sunday School Teachers-Lib
9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship with CPNS Commissioning and Elder
Installation followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
5p–8p Youth Event: SkyZone, Levittown, **VAN**
7p Cub Scout Blue and Gold Night–FH (JY)
8p–9p Cranbury Men’s Bible –Church Office