

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
First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Sonata IV* Thomas Arne
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 will extol Thee, O God”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 30: 1-4) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler
People of the covenant, give thanks.
The Lord is our salvation.
Children of the living God, draw near.
Jesus Christ is with us.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #466 (Hymnal)* *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Janice Parker

COMMISSIONING OF CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD

Maureen Anderson, Samantha Andrews, Chris Cenci, Matt Curran, Kelly Flannery, Kristen Hackett, Danny Kinney (Financial Consultant), Lori Kleppe (Learning Consultant), Janice Parker (Director), Leigh Perry, Patria Sullivan (Moderator) and Leslie Vandenberg

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Brothers and sisters, God has called you to particular service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters to this role in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BLESSING

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Friends, you are commissioned to service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being: spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER

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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION FOR INSTALLATION

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.

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 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 will be hosted by our CPNS teachers, in honor of our CPNS Board members.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Matt Rhodes; 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: Join Dr. Tom Driver and Dr. Anne Barstow in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. for an Adult Ed program as they lead us through - "Three Moral issues of the Church: What Should We Do?"

- March 8: Solitary Confinement in our Prisons
- March 15: Are Lethal Drones Immoral?
- March 22: Racism, Violence, and Non-violence

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.

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!

Our CPNS Board Members are being commissioned today. Immediately following the service there will be coffee hour which will be hosted by our CPNS Teachers in honor of our board members. We can't thank our board members enough for sharing their time and talents with CPNS, helping to make CPNS the very best preschool experience for children. The board members for 2015 are Maureen Anderson, Samantha Andrews, Chis Cenci, Matt Curran, Kelly Flannery, Kristen Hackett, Danny Kinney (Financial Consultant), Lori Kleppe (Learning Consultant), Janice Parker (Director), Leigh Perry, Patria Sullivan (Moderator), and Leslie Vandenberg. Please join us in church for the commissioning, and celebrate our board members with all of us during coffee hour.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: We are familiar with floods and the damage they can do. The Florida panhandle was deluged on April 28, 2014 with 26 inches of rain in 24 hours. Roads were washed away. Homes were flooded. Some of the worst flooding was on Piedmont Road in Pensacola, home of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Trinity Presbyterian responded magnificently to the flooding. Church staff and members, assisted by over 30 volunteers from the Pensacola Naval Air Station, began stripping carpet, vacuuming water, mopping and moving furniture. The church parking lot became a distribution

center for water, ice, meals and portable toilets. Two days later, plans had already been laid for "Prayers and Potluck for Piedmont" on the church grounds. The pastor and other folks from Trinity went out into the neighborhood on foot, house to house, inviting their neighbors to come to church on Sunday, or at least to the home-cooked potluck lunch afterward and to take home extra meals. Trinity demonstrated compassionate discipleship by worshipping God and feeding its neighbors.

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.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: February 23, February 26, March 2, March 5, March 9, March 12, March 16, March 19, March 23, March 26 and March 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 2/22 (Team #2) – 3/1 (Team #3)

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 2/15/15)		
	Week Ended 2/15	YTD to 2/15
Offerings	\$2,528	\$79,592
Expenses	\$10,289	\$44,940
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$7,761)	\$34,652

WORSHIP

Opening for Flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the church, the following date is available: **March 1.** Please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

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 in honor of the CPNS Board Members
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 Study–Church Office

February 23, 2015

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

February 24, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
3:30p Meadow Lakes Bible Study – ML Meeting Rm
7:00p Presbytery Meeting - Englishtown
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

February 25, 2015

7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
7:30p Bell Choir

February 26, 2015

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
10:00a Senior Exercise
4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
7:00p Intrepid Warriors Planning Meeting – Library (GC)
7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

February 27, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

February 28, 2015

9:00a – 11:00a – Boy Scouts Training – FH (JK)

March 1, 2015 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

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
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 Study – Church Office