

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
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Lenten Bells”* Frederick Maker
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 *“Blessed are those whose way is blameless”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
(Ps. 119) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler
Hear the promise of the Lord our God:
I will bless you and make you a blessing.
Hear the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ:
Take up your cross and follow me.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #151 (Hymnal)* *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Redeemer, you call us to be a blessing in the world, but we seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things—the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚		Pastor Brett
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 6: 7-15	Pat Demers Pew Bible pgs. 5-6
ANTHEM	<i>"Save me, O God"</i> (Ps. 54: 1)	Francis W. Snow The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 5: 17-26	Pew Bible pg. 63
SERMON	"Jesus People"	Dr. Lou Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Lenten Prayer"

Susan Nelson

Bell Choir and Flutist, Leah Moy

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)*

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #101 (Hymnal)* *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

RESPONSE* *"Father, Give Thy Benediction"* **Spiritual
Bell Choir**

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *"Almighty God of majesty"* **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 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.

Communion Servers are Jack Britton, Sue Britton, Carol Edelson, Janet Furchak and Ann Riemann.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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; Wilma Shimer; 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; Alan Balcomb's friend, Mike Toth; 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 the 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. We also began 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!

This week, we be celebrating our love of books with a special school wide program we are calling, "Celebration of Books". Jan Murphy, the children's librarian from the Cranbury Public library and our own Creative Movement teacher, Noël Kinney will share a very special program with our children. In addition, our new Book Nook enrichment class invites all CPNS students to join in our first ever "Read Across America" challenge! Our goal is for our parents, children and teachers to collectively read 100 books during the month of March. There will be a banner near my office celebrating each child's success.

The early childhood years are the most important period of time for a child's literacy development. Learning to read and write is critical to a child's success in school, and later in life. At CPNS, we are committed to helping young children become literate, and we also want to foster their motivation to read and write for enjoyment, information and communication. Research tells us that literacy begins when children are babies, and continues to develop with the support of parents and teachers that provide children with the experiences they need.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery in South Carolina, there simply is not enough computers available in homes or libraries to serve school children properly, given the

technology in the world in which we live. In 2013, a grant from the presbytery's Self-Development of People committee allowed the Community Organization for Rights and Empowerment (CORE) to refurbish and reopen computer labs in the community. CORE'S computer literacy center maintains open hours for drop-in use and offers basic computer classes on email, word processing, spreadsheets and publishing. The presbytery is proud to stand in solidarity with these friends and neighbors to be a prophetic witness of renewed hope.

SKEET'S PANTRY - A Wish for Food & Volunteers: We were able to serve 80+ families in February, thanks to your generous donations of food and funds.

For our March Food Pantry, though, we need a little extra "hands on" help. Several of our regular volunteers will be out of town or otherwise unable to help on **Friday, March 19**, so we're looking for 4 or 5 folks who would be willing to lend a hand for just this one day. We would need that help from about 7:30 a.m. to about 10:00 a.m. If you think you could give us some help on Friday, March 19, please call Helen Dickerson at (609)443-6388. Thanks!

March Food Wish List: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna Fish and Mac-N-Cheese**

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: March 2, March 5, March 9, March 12, March 16, March 19, March 23, March 26 and March 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 2/22/15)		
	Week Ended 2/22	YTD to 2/22
Offerings	\$6,548	\$86,140
Expenses	\$7,528	\$52,467
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$980)	\$33,673

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 1, 2015 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

8a-9a Coffee w/Sunday School Teachers-Library
 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
 10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by coffee hour
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service
 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs
 5p - 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
 6p- 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
 6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)
 8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office

March 2, 2015

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

March 3, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 1:00p Outreach Committee Mtg- Lib.
 3:30p Meadow Lakes Bible Study – ML Meeting Rm
 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib.
 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
 8:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Library

March 4, 2015

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

March 5, 2015

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

March 6, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
 5:30p Confirmands @ Johnsonburg – VAN

March 7, 2015

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March 8, 2015 (3rd Sunday in Lent/Daylight Savings Time begins)

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
 11:30a Stewardship Campaign Subcommittee Mtg-Lib
 1:30p Confirmands @ Johnsonburg - VAN
 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs
 8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office