

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
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Ricercare & Toccata* Bernard Pasquini
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 *“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP
Look to the Lord your God, and live.
Give thanks to the Holy One, our Savior.
For though we once were dead in sin,
Now, by the grace of God, we live.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #288 (Hymnal)* *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Redeemer, we confess that we grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*
THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦ Samantha Andrews

SCRIPTURE	Luke 10: 38-42	Lil Conley Pew Bible pg. 72
ANTHEM	<i>“How lovely are the messengers”</i> (Rom. 10: 15)	Felix Mendelssohn The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	John 12: 1-8	Pew Bible pg. 106
SERMON	“Jesus People”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

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

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	<i>“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”</i> (My heart is ever yearning)	J. G. Walther Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	

HYMN #92 (Hymnal)* *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	The Chorale
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BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>Fond d’Orgue</i>	Gaspard Corrette Organ
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*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

Remember Operation Easter!

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.

Flowers are given by Jim and Debbie Taylor in loving memory of Debbie's parents, Dorothy and Wilson Schnell and her Aunt Lilian Gustafson.

Coffee Hour will be Craig and Bev Gilbert's 66th Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Bill Keller; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Marie Perrine on March 16 and Pat Scott on March 17. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer, July 27 - July 31! Get excited about a new VBS experience that will take you to new heights! The VBS planning committee, headed by Cassandra Khazem and Brett Butler, is looking for volunteers to help plan this amazing adventure! We can't do it without you! Please email Brett Butler at bbutler532@gmail.com or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com for more information.

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 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 e-mail 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 June 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 "Celebration of Books" will continue for the month of March. We had so much fun this past week with Jan Murphy, the children's librarian from the Cranbury Public library, Noël Kinney our CPNS Creative Movement teacher, and Jenni Collins our CPNS music teacher during their very special program about the celebration of books and reading. 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: The small congregation of Cathedral City in CA has begun a story time with Spanish-speaking children from a mobile-home neighborhood nearby. The congregation has designated part of the church's property for a children's garden where these new friends can plant, water and then witness the miracle of growth in the barren desert. Congregation members are forging relationships with the children and their parents, who are also hearing the stories of Jesus.

SKEET'S PANTRY - A Wish for Food & Volunteers: 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
Pasta (any and all varieties)

OTHER NEWS

Cranbury Church Members Invited to Join the Presbyterian Panel: Our church is among those to which PCUSA has reached out and extended an invitation to consider volunteering for the PRESBYTERIAN PANEL. Those who become part of the Panel will receive occasional surveys that may help Presbyterian congregations and others make informed decisions concerning their churches and our denomination.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Panel, which is coordinated by the Presbyterian Research Service, please go to the following PCUSA website:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/research/become-presbyterian-panelist/>

You will find a brief explanation of the Panel at that sight. If you decide to volunteer, it will then direct you to answer some demographic questions at <http://eepurl.com/bfUuIb>. Keep in mind that not all volunteers will ultimately be selected for the Panel. The Research Service will try to assure that panelists cover the full scope of Presbyterians from a demographic standpoint. If you are selected, though, you are likely to find it an interesting experience – and you will be helping our denomination to stay in touch with the perspectives of its grassroots congregation members.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol Kientz, our Clerk of Session (609/426-0690), or talk with our Parish Associate, Rev. Suzanne Schaffer-Coates, who has served on the Panel in the past.

OUTREACH

Dinner for Eight: In late March, the Outreach Committee will once again offer Dinners for Eight. Members of the church are invited to deepen and strengthen their ties with one another through conversation and a meal. The intent is to get to know people across age and interests so we encourage young and old, singles or couples, to sign-up following church in Fellowship Hall on Sundays March 8, March 15, and March 22 or by calling Marlene French at 609-301-8528.

The host/hostess will invite six other people to their home and provide the entrée and the beverage. The other six people will provide the hors d'oeuvres, salad and dessert. Your host/hostess will contact you in late March for a date in March or April. Bon Appetite!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: March 16, March 19, March 23, March 26 and March 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/15 (Team #1) – 3/22 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 3/8/15
Weekly Offering	\$9,645
YTD Offerings	\$105,032
YTD Expenses	\$75,226
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$29,806
YTD Per Capita	\$2,695
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 12.66%	

Session is asking for your help in supporting our ministry by covering the cost of our “*per capita*” assessment as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The amount of this assessment is \$35.30 per active member. The *per capita* is paid for by all active members, including youth who have been confirmed.

What is the Per Capita? The per capita is an annual assessment paid by all presbyteries to synod and General Assembly in order to fund the operating and administrative expenses of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per capita pays for services and resources offered by Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly for use by congregations. The total assessment for our Church in 2015 is \$21,286. Of this amount, Monmouth Presbytery is required to remit \$2,412 to the Synod of the Northeast and \$4,263 to the General Assembly of PC (USA), the remainder, or \$14,611, is retained in our Presbytery.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 15, 2015 (4th Sunday in Lent)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by Craig and Bev Gilberts' Anniversary Luncheon
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.
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 16, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg–Lib.
7:30p APNC – Church Office
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

March 17, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
11:30a Sr. Fellowship – VAN
12:30p Sr. Fellowship Program – FH/Kit
3:30p Meadow Lakes Bible Study – ML Meeting Rm
7:30p Session Meeting - FH
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

March 18, 2015

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing
7:30p Bell Choir

March 19, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

March 20, 2015

8:00a-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
5:30p Sr. High Johnsonburg - VAN

March 21, 2015

Sr. High Johnsonburg – VAN

March 22, 2015 (5th Sunday in Lent)

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
1:30p Sr. High Johnsonburg - VAN
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office