

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
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Sonata Quarta* Johann Kuhnau
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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

INTROIT *“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with you.
And now the promised hour has come,
when the Lord of life will be lifted up.
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 though you write your law in our hearts,
we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn
away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your
way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✦

SCRIPTURE	Luke 5: 27-32	Marie Perrine Pew Bible pg. 63
ANTHEM	<i>“Take me to higher ground”</i>	Carl Strommen The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 19: 1-10	Pew Bible pg. 82
SERMON	“Jesus People”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #93 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Ah, Holy Jesus”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Dr. Mitchell

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>Fantasia</i>	Johann Krieger Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	

HYMN #339 (Hymnal)* *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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

POSTLUDE*	<i>Fuga</i>	Johann Pachelbel 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 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Gilbert in memory of their parents.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Ed and Janice Luffey.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

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!

Birthday of Distinction: Mary Jane Hager on March 25. **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.

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

We are currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year, as well as our Pre-Summer and Summer Programs. 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. Registration forms can be found on our church website or at CPNS. We look forward to sharing the preschool years at our wonderful school with families of our church and our local community.

Next week, the children and our CPNS families will celebrate "Palm Day". Please visit us in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. or on Thursday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. The children will be singing and dancing to some very special music. They will bring a smile to your face and will warm your heart. We would love to see you there to celebrate with us.

We have reached and exceeded our goal of 100 books during our first ever "Read Across America" challenge! Thank you for reading with your children and encouraging their literacy development. To continue with our celebration of books and on behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, we would like to invite families to participate in a free program that encourages parents to read 1,000 books with their children before he or she starts kindergarten. The concept is simple, read a book (any book) to your child. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your child begins kindergarten. If you just read one book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for their literacy development, and it will create life-long memories for both of you. Check out the website at www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The few times I have been in San Diego I have been impressed by the city--its location, its climate, and its opportunities. Consequently, it was a shock to learn that San Diego has the third-largest homeless population in the United States! Among students in the San Diego Unified School System alone, between 5,000 and 13,000 are homeless and one person in six does not know where the next meal will come from. The Presbytery has responded to these sad situations by organizing Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) which has grown from a crisis center to a true resource center. It makes a big impact despite its modest size, connecting clients to shelter programs, ongoing food resources and organizations that help them train for jobs or recover from addiction. The staff and volunteers offer psychological, social and spiritual services that can lead to lasting transformation.

OTHER NEWS

You're Invited! Dr. Gaylord W. French will present an organ recital on April 12, at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The program will feature works by Bach, Boellmann, Reger, Locklair, and Klotzbeacher.

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/bfUu1b>. 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 Schafer-Coates, who has served on the Panel in the past.

Please join us for Stories That Shape Us at the Camp Johnsonburg Women's Retreat on Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19, 2015. The Rev. Loli Ros Reiter is the retreat speaker and Worship Leader. This is a wonderful opportunity for rejuvenation and recreation!

Your fee of \$125.00 includes the following:

- Option to arrive early Friday to enjoy the camp
- Casual dinner Friday evening
- All other meals (breakfast (2) - lunch & dinner) tasty made from scratch offerings
- All linens included (bring your own pillow)
- You may pay up front or pay the day of the event
- Enjoy our main Speaker
- Large group sessions
- Small group sessions
- Time for private reflection
- Enjoy engaging worship Friday and Saturday evenings AND Sunday morning
- You may also enjoy a massage which is separate from the retreat event

Rev. Reiter is currently serving the Seffner Presbyterian Church in Seffner, Florida. She is an experienced youth retreat leader (at Montreat, Cedar Kirk and Bethelwoods) and adult retreat leader.

Please address concerns to Robin Garzoni, Chairperson of Hospitality at Camp Johnsonburg at (908)857-2349 or for more info go to www.campjburg.org/retreats/#r218. You can also contact Anne Gordon or Linda Cody with any questions.

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 worship in Fellowship Hall TODAY 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 23, March 26 and March 30

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, March 26** at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The Senior Breakfast group will host their monthly meeting with a talk by Fritz Hager – *Travel Log: Some Great Places*.

If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/22 (Team #2) – 3/29 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 3/15/15
Weekly Offering	\$11,448
YTD Offerings	\$116,500
YTD Expenses	\$85,383
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$31,117
YTD Per Capita	\$3,334.50
	% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 15.67%

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 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
 5p - 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
 8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office

March 23, 2015

9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary
 10:00a Senior Exercise
 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary
 7:30p Brass Choir
 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

March 24, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary
 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
 1:00p CPNS Palm Day Rehearsals - Sanctuary
 3:30p Meadow Lakes Bible Study – ML Meeting Rm
 7:30p Deacons - Lib.
 7:30p APNC Meeting – Church Office
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

March 25, 2015

11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program –Sanctuary
 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
 7:30p Bell Choir

March 26, 2015

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
 10:00a Senior Exercise
 11:00a CPNS Palm Day Program -Sanctuary
 2:30p CPNS Palm Day Program –Sanctuary
 4:30p Children's Choir - Sanctuary
 7:00p Intrepid Warriors Planning Mtg – Library (GC)
 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

March 27, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

March 28, 2015

3:00p Helen Davies Memorial Service followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall

March 29, 2015 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

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