

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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Easter Fanfare”

Lowry-Bohrs
Brass Choir

“In the Garden”

arr. Bill Ingram
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

“Love is come again”

arr. Henry Whipple
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the good news! Do not be afraid.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship God.

Brett Butler

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-10

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 114

ANTHEM

"In Joseph's lovely garden"

Clarence Dickinson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 11-18

Pew Bible pgs. 114-115

SERMON

"Easter People"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

"Morning Has Broken"

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

"Because He Lives"

William Gaither
Bell and Brass Choirs
Piano and Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

"The Day of Resurrection!"

RESPONSE*

"Father Give Thy Benediction"

Spiritual
Bell and Brass Choirs

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Postlude on "Easter Hymn"

Noel Rawsthorne
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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are the beautiful Easter flowers given in memory, in honor and/or as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people.

Coffee Hour is hosted by George Conley and John Kirkenir.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Art & Gloria Jean Ryba.

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; Margo and Larry Wegner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Alan Balcomb's friend, Mike Toth; CPNS Board Member, Chris Cenci; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Phyllis & Bob Dyke's sister-in-law, Karen Scirrotto; Joan Fraser's friend, Rev. Greg Keosaiian; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Leah Moy's friend, JoAnn Post; 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: Joan Eiker on March 10. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School: We are already getting all ramped up with excitement here getting ready for VBS 2015!!

Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Youth Director, Brett Butler and VBS Coordinator, Cassandra Khazem are heading up a

team of volunteers to help with the planning and organization for VBS and we are looking for team members!

We are looking for the following volunteers to help work together with our leaders:

- 3 - Volunteers to help with Staffing
- 2 - Volunteers to help with Advertising
- 1 - Volunteer to help with Registration
- 1 - Volunteer to help organize a Decorating Team
- 1 - Volunteer to help with the Mission Project

Please feel free to email anyone of us (firstpressuz@comcast.net, bbutler532@gmail.com and/or ckhazem@gmail.com), if you are interested in being a small part of this amazing adventure!

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.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Adult Retreat Coming Up In May! Tired of all the snow, shoveling and the cold, long, dark days of winter? Then imagine yourself relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ while deepening your faith along with others from our church family.

Our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat will take place this year on May 1 and May 2. We are blessed to have the Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates lead us in reflection and discussion as we consider the biblical teachings of Jesus and how they guide us in our lives today. How does Jesus speak to us and how do we respond?

This year marks the 28th year anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again.

Look for more info and sign ups in upcoming weeks. Look for the sign up table during coffee hour in fellowship hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. Barbara Santoro will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbecher (Mrs. K) or call her at 732-521-2026.

CPNS

CPNS was closed last week for our Easter vacation and will return on Tuesday, April 7. We want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!

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 to sharing the preschool years our wonderful school with families of our church and our local community.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

April Wish-List for Skeet's Pantry: Our pantry is looking healthy again, thanks to everyone's generosity. And our friends at Mercer Street Friends Food Program are doing a bit better now than had been the case last fall, so we've been able to get some foods from them again to help fill our shelves. All in all, we're feeling pretty blessed at Skeet's Pantry and we were able to give a good amount of food to all our pantry families on March 20 to help them prepare for Easter. Please give yourselves a big pat on the back for all of your food donations!

Nevertheless, there are still some empty spaces on our shelves as we get ready for our next food distribution on April 17. We are in particular need of the following:

Peanut Butter and Jelly – especially the Jelly!
Pasta & Pasta Sauce – especially the Sauce!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Happy Easter! Let's think for a few moments about one of the many good programs partially supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing! Although Latino immigrants contribute more than any other group to the food system and economy that supports each of us, Latino immigrants have the highest rates of food insecurity. The Presbyterian Hunger Program works in partnership with Huerto de Familia (the family garden) in Eugene, Oregon, and it is supported, in part, by OGHs. Those who participate in the program are able to grow food for themselves and their families. One example is Celia, an immigrant from Oaxaca, Mexico who was able to harvest enough food to feed her and her three children, with some left over. She has done so well with her garden that she began making tamales and selling them to her coworkers, and that, in turn, led to a business where she now sells lunches to local farm workers. How far those ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING checks travel and how much they are able to accomplish!

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. Dr. French, an Elder at our church, is retired and spent thirty three years as organist and choir director at the Central Presbyterian Church in Montclair, NJ. The program is free and open to the public.

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! The fee is \$125.

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

OUTREACH

Looking for a Church Home? Join Pastor Lou and members of the Session on April 19, April 26 and May 3 for the **New Members Class**.

This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of our church. We are a congregation which offers members of all age's opportunities to join in fellowship and expand their faith experiences.

The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. on April 19 and April 26 in the library and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 3 with breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office at 609/395-0897 to join the class or for additional information.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: (April 6-No Class), April 9, April 13, April 16, April 20, April 23, April 27, April 30

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will go on a trip to attend the organ concert at the Princeton Chapel on Thursday, April 16. The featured organist will be Joan Lippincott. Following the 30 minute concert, we will stroll across the quad to the University Library to view their exhibit: "Versailles on Paper: A Graphic Panorama of the Palace and Gardens of Louis XIV". This exhibit highlights things of the past that do not survive there today. We will learn of ephemeral festivals, short-lived creatures (courtiers, animals, and flowers), fragile groves and fountains too costly to maintain; and once celebrated masterpieces of art and architecture that were irrevocably destroyed or altered. It will give us glimpses into a largely lost world.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. for a brown bag lunch. Soda, water and cookies will be provided. As soon as we finish eating, we will make a quick departure for the chapel. If you would like to attend this trip and you are not on our Senior Fellowship calling list, please pre-register with the church office at 609-395-0897 by Monday, April 9.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/5 (Team #4) – 4/12 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 3/29/15
Weekly Offering	\$8,478
YTD Offerings	\$128,941
YTD Expenses	\$97,280
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$31,661
YTD Per Capita	\$4,102.90
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 19%	

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.

WORSHIP

Flower Openings: We have two openings in May - Sunday May 17 and May 31. If you are interested, please call Diane Smith at 609-890-0822. Thanks.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 5, 2015 (Easter)

7:00a Easter Sunrise Service at the Cranbury Methodist Church
10:30a Easter Worship Service followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Easter Worship Service with Communion (One Great Hour of Sharing)

April 6, 2015

CPNS/Church Office Closed

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

April 7, 2015

Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

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

April 8, 2015

Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee Mtg-ML Mtg Rm

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

7:30p APNC Mtg – Lib

7:30p Bell Choir

April 9, 2015

Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

10:00a Senior Exercise

4:30p- Children's Choir – Sanctuary

7:00p Worship Mtg. – Lib.

7:30p B&G Mtg. – Lib.

7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

April 10, 2015

Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

April 11, 2015

April 12, 2015 (One Great Hour of Sharing)

8:45a Sunday School Pancake Breakfast

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/McK Rm/Rm 1)

9:00a Annual Pancake Breakfast - FH

10:30a Worship with COMMUNION

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.

3:30p Gaylord French Recital- Sanctuary

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