

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Adagio

Rosalie Bonighton
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

“The Lord I will at all times bless”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The peace of God is with us.

Christ Jesus stands among us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

we have seen the risen Lord.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #113 (Hymnal)*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; 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 24: 13-27	Don Winchell Pew Bible pg. 90
ANTHEM	<i>“God so loved the world”</i>	John Stainer The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 24: 28-35	Pew Bible pg. 90
SERMON	“Easter People”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURS OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>Impromptu</i>	Colin Hand Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>
Prayer of Dedication*	

HYMN #306 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Fairest Lord Jesus”</i>
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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:

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.

Gluten free bread is now available and it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

The Communion Servers are Val Cier, Martha Donovan, Joan Fraser, Anne Gordon, Ken Gordon, Mary Speer, Blasé Toto and Don Winchell.

The Flowers in the chancel today given by Pat Scott, Rick, Linda, Lauren and Samantha Scott and Scott and Debbie, Ed and Ben Konrad in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Dick Scott.

Head Usher is Karen Moser.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

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: 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; the family and friends of Marge Bloom due to her death; CPNS Board Member, Chris Cenci; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Joan Fraser's friend, Rev. Greg Keosaian; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; CPNS Teacher, Kathy Iorio and family due to the death of her father; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Lola Madsen on April 10, Samuel Smith on April 15 and Joan Eiker on April 17. **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!

VBS 2015 Everest! Join us from July 27 to July 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an awesome and unforgettable VBS experience!

At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Registration is \$27 per child for the whole week! It's easy and fast, just visit this website to register today!

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cranbury

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

Everyone returned from our Easter vacation refreshed, and ready for more fun and learning.

We will be enjoying pizza as a snack this week to celebrate our success in exceeding reading 100 books for our "Read Across America" challenge. What a wonderful "Celebration of Books"

that was enjoyed in so many ways. 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.

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. We look forward to sharing our wonderful school with the families of our church and our local community. Registration forms can be found on our church website, or at CPNS.

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.

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: Many congregations are like ours in providing needed food for families in their area. One is Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge, Texas. They decided to learn the needs of their community and see whether they could meet some of these needs. They soon realized that parents of children who were eligible for free lunches and breakfasts were no doubt struggling to put food on the table. The congregation had recently moved into a new building but approved using the old building for a food center. Crossroads began the Four Corners Outreach Alliance to serve the four-county area. Every Monday morning and the third Saturday of the month, families come in to shop for needed groceries. Each family chooses its own groceries and is limited to fifteen pounds. And this service is available because a small congregation found a need in its community and chose to meet it directly.

Praying for the End to Hunger: As previous articles have informed us, Bread for the World is committing to achieving a goal of helping to end hunger and extreme poverty by 2030. BFW believes strongly that only through prayer can this goal be reached. As we have pointed out in the past, many Biblical figures prayed before setting out on a particular program. BFW wants the federal government to make ending hunger and poverty one of its top priorities by 2017, as stated above, to end hunger and poverty by 2030. Philippians 4:6 tells us to "let your requests be made known to God." To help us in this prayer journey, we can commit to joining in prayer for the end of hunger by going to www.bread.org/pray. We will then receive by email twice a month specific prayer requests and sample prayers. I urge you to join in this very Christian action.
Gretchen Stults

OTHER NEWS

You’re Invited! Dr. Gaylord W. French will present an organ recital TODAY at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The program will feature works by Bach, Boellmann, Reger, Locklair, and Klotzbeacher. The program is free and open to the public.

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 13, April 16, April 20, April 23, April 27, April 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/12 (Team #1) – 4/19 (Team #2)

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.

	Week Ended 4/5/15
Weekly Offering	\$13,299
YTD Offerings	\$142,240
YTD Expenses	\$108,835
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$33,405
YTD Per Capita	\$4,173.50
	% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 19.6%

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 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

11:45a Lib. Committee – Lib.

4:00p 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

April 13, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Lib.

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

April 14, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office

7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office

7:30p APNC Mtg – Lib

7:30p AA – McKnight Room

April 15, 2015

9:00a Session Material Due

9:00a Skeet’s Food Pantry Packing

7:30p Bell Choir

April 16, 2015

9:45a-10:45a Senior Exercise

10:45a-11:45 Sr. Fellowship Brown bag lunch – FH/VAN

12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program (Princeton Chapel)– VAN

4:30p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary

7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

April 17, 2015

8:00a-10:30a Skeet’s Food Pantry Distribution

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

3:00p Annual Women’s Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg – VAN

April 18, 2015

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April 19, 2015

9:15a New Member Class – Lib.

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

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour and youth group fundraiser (Bake Sale for Malawi)

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

2:00p Annual Women’s Retreat returns VAN

4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs

4p-9p MAD Recognition Dinner-FH/KIT

5p – 6p Jr. High Youth Group – McK Rm

6p– 8p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm

8p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study-Church Office