

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

5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* arr. Susan Geschke
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 *“The Lord is in His Holy Temple”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler
Christ Jesus is the true vine
and we are the branches.
God is love; abide in God,
and God will abide in you.
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. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; 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	John 20: 19-23	Don Winchell Pew Bible pg. 115
ANTHEM	<i>"Breaking Bread"</i>	arr. Phillip Young Flutist, Leah Moy and Bell Choir
SCRIPTURE	John 20: 24-31	Pew Bible pg. 115
SERMON	"Easter People"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>"This hour with thee"</i>	Edwin Earle Ferguson The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Mr. Butler
HYMN #171 (Hymnal)*	<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i>	

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

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #106 (Hymnal)* *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *"Men may live a godly life"* **Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 6

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(rain or shine)



strawberries, cake, ice cream

music—games—face painting—clown and more!

Purchase tickets in advance

Family Pass up to five people: \$25

Individual Tickets: \$6

Tickets are available during coffee hour, at the church

office, CPNS or from any Deacon

Tickets at the door

Family Pass up to five people: \$28

Individual Tickets: \$7

**Sponsored by the Board of Deacons to benefit

the Deacons Benevolence Fund



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.

Friends, as we prepare to worship please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. Either refrain from wearing perfume or lessening the amount of perfume worn to church on Sundays. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness. We are also considering designating a “perfume free area” of the sanctuary.

The Communion Servers are Alan Danser, Barbara Hannon, Rebecca Huselid, Charles Ill, Florence Kremann, Ed Luffey, Janice Luffey and Jean Randazzo.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Jack and Carol Fisher.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Andy Kremann.

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; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Margo and Larry Wegner.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Peg Dubell; Frank Elliott; Warren Moore; and Bob Smith.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain’s mother, Joan Stiles; 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; Leah Moy’s friend, JoAnn Post; the people of Nepal; 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: Ginny Swanagan on May 5, John Sprout on May 6 and Craig Gilbert on May 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!

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

Parent's Night Out Baby Sitting Event: Saturday, May 9:

Enjoy a Saturday night out before Mother's Day! Our Youth Group is hosting a babysitting night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 9 for only \$20 per child! We will be providing a meal of chicken fingers and fries for the children so please register your child ahead of time by emailing Brett Butler (bbutler532@gmail.com). This is a great opportunity to support our Youth Group and have a nice evening out!

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

It was so wonderful to have the opportunity to meet with our families this past week during our parent teacher conferences. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and at CPNS we will be celebrating our wonderful teachers with lunch in their honor. Lunch is being hosted by our CPNS board with the food provided by our CPNS families. It's just one way to say thank you for all that the teachers do for the children each and every day. We are so blessed at CPNS having such loving and caring teachers sharing with our children the developmentally appropriate academics.

The Cranbury Police Department will be visiting the children at CPNS this week, and will be talking about being safe. They will also show the children the police car, and all of the equipment; the children especially like the lights and sirens. We can't thank our police department enough for spending the time with our children and providing lessons about keeping everyone safe.

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

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Despite the corruption, violence and oppression in Honduras, the faithful little Presbyterian Church there proclaims a new kingdom through worship, prayer, evangelism and service. The sisters of the church serve where needs are greatest. With some help from sisters and brothers in the United States and a lot of initiative, creativity and hard work, the women provide food, school supplies and clothing, even sewing school uniforms, for entire communities of children. The women support each other as well, through teaching new skills and setting aside one weekend a year to rest from their daily duties and share in a spiritual retreat.

How Can We Better the Programs that Feed Our Children? Congress must review and renew child nutrition programs every five years, and they are up for "reauthorization" this year. Congress has an opportunity to give more children at risk of hunger access to the healthy food they need. Congress must realize that feeding children, giving more children at risk of hunger access to the healthy food they need, is a major priority! BREAD FOR THE WORLD is asking Congress to do two things, the first of which is CONTINUE STRONG INVESTMENTS IN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS. These programs keep hunger at bay for millions of children, allowing them to learn and grow. Without these programs, child hunger and food insecurity would be much worse and many more children would suffer from inadequate nutrition. Congress should preserve the funding and the nutrition standards that have proven effective. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on May 17 and take part in BREAD FOR THE WORLD Annual Offering of

Letters when you can send letters to our Senators and Representatives urging them to take all possible steps to feed our children.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 4 – Class starts at 10:30 a.m., May 7, May 11, May 14, May 18, May 21, May 25 (No Class), and May 28

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will go to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton on Tuesday, May 12. We will depart from the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Once we arrive, we will be walking the grounds, the indoor museum and the Domestic Arts buildings for about 3 hours. You will be on your own to tour as you wish. No food can be brought with you so you will be purchasing your lunch at the Peacock Cafe where you can eat it inside or outside in their beautiful Acer Courtyard.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to go with us on this trip, please preregister by calling the church office by Wednesday, May 6 at 609-395-0897 and leaving your name and your PHONE NUMBER. Please wear sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes and sunglasses. If it should rain we will be rescheduling this trip.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/3 (Team #4) – 5/10 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 4/26/15
Weekly Offering	\$3,782
YTD Offerings	\$165,194
YTD Expenses	\$136,942
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$28,252
YTD Per Capita	\$4,892
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 23%	

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

May 3, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship with Communion followed coffee hour
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
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men’s Bible –Church Office

May 4, 2015

10:30a Senior Exercise

1:30p Martha’s Circle – Lib.
7:15p APNC - Lib
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

May 5, 2015

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

May 6, 2015

7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
7:30p Bell Choir

May 7, 2015

9:00a-2:00p CPNS – Kit
10:00a Senior Exercise
11:00a-2:00p CPNS Teacher Appreciation Lunch – FH/Kit
4:30p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary
7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib.
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

May 8, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

May 9, 2015

5:00p – 8:00p Youth Group Fundraiser (Parent’s Night Out)
– FH

May 10, 2015 (Mother’s Day)

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
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
5p – 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
6p– 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men’s Bible –Church Office