

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

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Allemande
(*Suite IX*)

Geo. F. Handel
Piano

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

“Extol the Lord”
(*Ps. 99*)

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

As Jesus wept for Jerusalem,

our hearts also break for all creation and humanity.

As citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives,

we eagerly wait for his return.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #260 (Hymnal)* *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We put our trust in wicked leaders and reject the prophets you send. We prosper as friends of the empire and live as enemies of your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Cast out the demons within us. Cure the evil in our hearts. Continue the work you have begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eleanor Pearl McCarthy
daughter of Michael P. and Holly P. McCarthy
August 26, 2015

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:* Dorothy Klotzbeacher
Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Eleanor the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH* The Apostles' Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11: 8-16 Evan Hughes
Pew Bible pgs. 225-226

ANTHEM *"Rejoice in the Lord alway"* **attr. John Redford (d. 1547)**
The Chorale

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.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Pre-K through 4th Grade Sunday school classes.

Flowers are given in loving memory of George E. Conley III by his wife, Lil and their children and grandchildren.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

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: Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Will Ellsworth; Paul & Janet Furchak; David Geijer; Wayne Girardet and family due to the death of his father; Bob & Carol Kane; Walter “Pete” Keve; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Gloria-Jean Ryba; Barbara Wahlers; Larry & Margo Wegner; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson’s father, Robert; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha George; Helen Dickerson’s mother; Gaylord French’s wife, Molly; Gail Geijer’s son, Fritz & Mary Jane Hager and family, due to the death of their grandson; Dan; Barbara Hannon’s friend, Stephanie Rutkowsky; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga Zelder; Rob Irving’s daughter, Emma Irving; Karen Moser’s friend, Dorie Boyce; Dale & Joan Smith’s sister-in-law, Beverly Smith; Mary Speer’s brother, Ralph Blakely; Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family; and Agnes Winchell’s friend, Aniko Bodo.

We pray for all 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group: Join us tonight in Fellowship Hall at our **new times:**

Middle Schoolers 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. High Schoolers 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday School Grades 1-6: Let's go ice skating! Join us for some family fun at the Mercer County Park Ice Rink from 12:40 to 3:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 28!**

Confirmation Class: There will be a **parent meeting for the 8th grade confirmation class** on March 6 at 9:15 a.m. in the church office.

CPNS

We would like to invite all CPNS board members, past and present, to our church service on Sunday, February 28. During the church service, we will be commissioning our current CPNS board members, and acknowledging all those members that served during the over 30 year history of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. After church, we will have coffee hour in honor of all our CPNS board members.

The 2016-2017 registration process for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School has begun. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Christian preschool.

CPNS Website: We are excited to announce the new and improved CPNS website. We hope you will visit it and check out our new look. Our goal was to create a site that will enable you to more easily navigate to identify necessary information and forms. Please check us out at www.cranburycpns.org. While on the new website, be sure to friend us on Facebook.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, April 23, 2016

CPNS's First Ever Gala Event Celebrating Mrs. K (Dorothy Klotzbeacher) for over 30 years of love and nurturing at the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School!

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Skeet's Pantry: We'll be so grateful for any items on the list – so thanks in advance for:

Cereal, Tuna Fish, Fruit (canned is best), Pancake Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Detergent (32 load size is best)

One Great Hour of Sharing is approaching and we need to remember two things: (1) Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received (*1 Peter 4:10*); and (2) when you give to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING you are helping to provide: disaster relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, strengthened systems for access to healthy food and clean water through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and

resources to people striving to better their lives in the face of injustice or oppression through Self-Development of People. What a wonderful way to share Christ's love as we join with other Presbyterians across the globe and unite to create a real impact for good on March 27!

Save the Date! On Saturday, April 9, Better Beginnings will have its Shining Star Gala to benefit the child development center; a non-profit agency. For details and tickets, contact Loida Wilson at loidawilson@comcast.net.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: February 22, February 25 and February 29

Senior Fellowship is open to all seniors in the community age 55 and over. Our goal is to provide opportunities for seniors to be provided with social, recreational and educational experiences. Senior Fellowship meets regularly for fun, food and friendship. We have a wonderful group and would like to have you join us and get to know other people in the community. There are no dues and there is no charge for any activity. We have one or two programs a month which are held during the day. Our activities include speakers, movies, and picnics, trips to gardens, concerts, museums, a senior exercise class Monday and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and various holiday parties.

We have a wonderful group and hope to see you at one of our programs. If you are interested in our schedule of programs or in joining one of our exercise classes (we presently have openings) please call the church office (above) and we will have someone call you.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2016 Pledge Envelopes: Pledge envelopes are available in the Room 1 of the Fellowship Hall for pick up.

Counting Teams: 2/21 (Team #2) – 2/28 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 2/14/16
Weekly Offering	\$4,580
YTD Offerings	\$99,365
YTD Expenses	\$38,872
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$60,493
YTD Per Capita: \$2,167 (10% of \$21,780)	

Per Capita: Supporting our denomination is an important part of any congregation that is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This denomination support is used to pay for services and resources offered by Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly for use by our congregation or any other congregation that is part of PC

(USA). Since the denomination support paid from our operating budget is only a portion of the total assessment for our Church, Session is asking for your help in supporting our ministry by covering the cost of per capita. The amount of this assessment is **\$36 per active member**. The *per capita* is paid for by all active members, including youth who have been confirmed.

WORSHIP

Usher Needed: We are in need of 1 Usher to fill the remaining empty spot on one of our 2016 Ushering Teams. Please contact Heidi Knowlton at cabotk@comcast.net if you're interested.

We have **February 28 available for flowers**. Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 21, 2016 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

8:15a-9a Coffee w/Sunday School Teachers-Lib

9:15a Sunday School (CRs/Lib./McK Rm)

10:30a Worship w/Baptism followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs CRs

5:30p-6:30p Middle Schoolers-FH

6:30p-8p High School Youth Group-FH

February 22, 2016

9:00a CPNS – Library

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p Brass Choir

7:30p CPNS Board Mtg – Lib.

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

February 23, 2016

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office

4:00p Presbytery Mtg(Rumson)

4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary

7:30p AA – McKnight Room

February 24, 2016

3:45p-5:45p Drama Rm-Jo D.

7:30p Bell Choir

February 25, 2016

8:30a Senior Breakfast-The Cranbury Inn

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

February 26, 2016

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

3:30p-4:30p Girl Scouts - FH

February 27, 2016

12p-3p Chinese New Year Celebration – FH (Cranbury Lib)

February 28, 2016 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

9:15a Sunday School (CRs/Lib./McK Rm)

10:30a Worship w/CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

12:40-3:30 1st – 6th Grade Sunday School Ice Skating (Mercer County Park)

1:30p-3:00p Girl Scouts Investiture Ceremony - FH

4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs CRs

5:30p-6:30p Middle Schoolers-FH

6:30p-8p Boy Scouts – McKnight Rm (GC)

6:30p-8p High School Youth Group-FH