

**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.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**February 28, 2016 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *Canzona en Sol Mineur* **Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)**  
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 *“Bless This House”* **1927 music: May Brahe**  
**lyrics: Helen Taylor; arr: George and Jo D. Andrews**  
Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Hannah Lovaglio  
Is anyone thirsty?  
**Come and drink!**  
Is anyone hungry?  
**Enjoy the finest food at the table of the Lord!**  
What more do we need?  
**The Lord has made an everlasting covenant and promised unfailing love.**  
Let us worship God.

HYMN #263 (Hymnal)\* *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We shake our heads at others’ calamity, yet ignore the signs of our own destruction. We enjoy a prized place in your garden, yet year after year fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom to repent and be reconciled to you, so that we may have the gift of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✦

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Hannah and Janice Parker

COMMISSIONING OF CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD: **Maureen Anderson; Samantha Andrews; Chris Cenci; Matt Curran; Kelly Flannery; Candice Gluck; Kristen Hackett; Daniel Kinney (Financial Consultant); Kelly Klein; Lori Kleppe (Learning Consultant); Janice Parker (Director); Patria Sullivan (Moderator); and Janet Wheeler (Business Administrator).**

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Brothers and sisters, God has called you to particular service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters to this role in the service of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

**We will.**

### COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BLESSING

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Friends, you are commissioned to service as members of the Board of the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being: spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### CLOSING PRAYER

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Mrs. Janice Parker  
Pew Bible pgs. 685-686

ANTHEM

*“What the World Needs Now”* 1965, music: **Burt Bacharach**,  
lyrics: **Hal David**  
Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

Romans 11: 33 – 12: 2

Pew Bible pgs. 161-162

SERMON

“High Ways”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

HYMN #92 (Hymnal)\*

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Lovaglio

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>“I got a home in-a dat rock”</i>	<b>Spiritual,</b> <b>arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)\* *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

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

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE*	<i>In Babilone</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> Organ
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**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

<p><b>“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”</b></p> <p><b><u>Karen L. Moutenot</u></b></p> <p><b>January 19, 1948 – February 21, 2016</b></p>
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## Announcements

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**Visitors!** We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, 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.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by our CPNS teachers, in honor of our CPNS Board members.

**Head Usher** is Ginny Swanagan.

**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:** Rosellyn Cassidy & family due to the loss of her father; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Will Ellsworth; Wayne Girardet & family due to the loss of his father; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager and family due to the loss of their grandson; Barbara Hannon due to the loss of her friend, Stephanie; Bob & Carol Kane; Walter “Pete” Keve; Karen Moser due to the loss of her friend, Dorie; Andy Moutenot & family due to the loss of his wife, Karen; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Barbara Wahlers; and Ina Zimmer.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** David Anderson’s father, Robert; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; Francine Coffee’s mother; Helen Dickerson’s mother; Gaylord French’s wife, Molly; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga; Rob Irving’s daughter, Emma; Noël & Danny Kinney’s son, JP; Dale & Joan Smith’s sister-in-law, Beverly; Mary Speer’s brother, Ralph; Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi & family; and Agnes Winchell’s friend, Aniko.

**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!

## **CPNS**

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Join us after worship today with a special coffee hour celebrating the commissioning our CPNS board members and all of our past CPNS board members.

### **Members of the Task Force – 1983**

Judy Duke, Beverly Gilbert, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Pat Wood, Barbara Wynings, and Carol Lytch, ex officio.

### **Original CPNS Board: 1984 – 1985**

Gerry Barclay, Beth Danser, Judy Duke, Beverly Gilbert, Laura Jackson, Gale Kearney, Beth Marbach, Pam Ornberg, Pam Szabo and Carol Lytch, ex officio.

### **All Board Members who have served - 1984-2016**

Gayle Abrahams, Maureen Anderson, David Andres, Samantha Andrews, Jan Arnold, Kathy Babcock, Vicki Bain, Eileen Beam, Joe Boyle, Chad Bulet, Joe Casey, Chris Cenci, Darlene Chermak, Jessica Corriveau, Matt Curran, Gina Daniels, Helen Davies, Janie Dear, Ellen DeBlois, Chris DiStasio, Amy Dixon, Nick Duke, Jody Eberly, Don Elefson, Rose Eller, Dina Ellsworth, Kelly Flannery, Heather Flyge, Kathie Foster, Gladys Frisch, Patti Giacalone, Beverly Gilbert, Craig Gilbert, Candice Gluck, Susan Goetz, Bob Good, Anne Gordon, Ken Gordon, Sara Grande, Michele Gregory, Claudette Guy, Kristen Hackett, Karen Henderson, Ken Hill, Kathryn Hoagland, Gail Hoffman–Komro, Rhoda Jasko, Diane Jondahl, Diana Joseph-Riley, Mike Kasper, Michael Kehrt, Daniel Kinney, Kelly Klein, Lori Kleppe, Jennifer Kong, Margaret Lawson, Edwin Liu, Carol Lytch, Patty Mahar, Cindy Marshall, Linda Mendenko, Karen Mitchell, Carolyn Mohr, Bill Munoz, Nancy Norland, Kelly O’Keefe, Mary Lou O’Leary, Jane Papszycki, Susan Paterson, Leigh Perry, Cathy Peterson, Jane Petterson, Carlene Reyes, Bob Rogers, Claire Schroeder, Lisa Scott, Rick Scott, Amy Sirhal, Audrey Smith, Jill Staples, Patria Sullivan, Hennie Sushereba, Jay Taylor, Paul Turner, Craig Vandenberg, Leslie Vandenberg, Arlene Walker-Andrews, Terri Waller, Janet Wheeler, Pat Wood and Lynne Wynne

**This week at CPNS** is "Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss's birthday. What a great way to celebrate the joy of reading. The early childhood years are the most important period of time for a child's literacy development. Learning to read and write is critical to a child's success in school and later in life. At CPNS, we are committed to helping young children become literate, and we also want to foster their motivation to read and write for enjoyment, information, and communication. Research tells us that when children are babies, and as they continue to develop, it is important for parents and teachers to provide the experiences and support every child needs for their academic success. Remember you could never read too much, especially to a child.

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

### **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!

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Youth Group:** 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. **Today, February 28!**

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

### **DEACONS**

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**Did you know???** That you can serve on a committee of our church without being an Elder or a Deacon? Committees include: Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Congregational Life, Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee, Missions, Service and Grants, Outreach, Personnel & Administration, Stewardship & Finance, and Worship.

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please speak to one of the Pastors or call the church office.

**In our Caring Ministries,** we Deacons send many cards. If you have any Birthday Cards or Get Well Cards, or pretty cards without a message, that you can spare, please bring them to the church office for the Deacons. Thanks!

## MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

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**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 **Sunday, April 3**.

**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](mailto:loidawilson@comcast.net).

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** February 29, March 3, March 7, March 10, March 14, March 17, March 21, March 24, March 28 (NO CLASS), and March 31

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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**Counting Teams:** 2/28 (Team #3) – 3/6 (Team #4)

	<b>Week Ended 2/21/16</b>
Weekly Offering	\$7,609
YTD Offerings	\$106,974
YTD Expenses	\$44,155
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$62,819
YTD Per Capita: \$ 2,310 (11% 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**

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**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](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net) if you're interested.

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **February 28, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent)**

9:15a Sunday School (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)  
10:30a Worship w/CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour  
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service  
12:40-3:30 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 High School Youth Group-FH/Youth Rm  
6:30p-8p Boy Scouts – McKnight Rm (GC)

### **February 29, 2016**

10:00a Senior Exercise  
7:30p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

### **March 1, 2016**

**9:00a Bulletin Material Due**  
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office  
4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary  
7:00p Christian Ed/Youth Ministry Meeting-Lib.  
7:30p MS&G Mtg-FH  
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

### **March 2, 2016**

11:00a-4:00p Women's Club Mtg. - FH  
5p–Jo D. Andrews - FH  
7:30p Bell Choir

### **March 3, 2016**

10:00a Senior Exercise  
2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN)  
7:30p B&G Mtg-Lib.  
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

**March 4, 2016**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

**March 5, 2016**

**March 6, 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)**

9:15a Sunday School (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)

9:15a Confirmation Class Parent Meeting – Church Office

10:30a Worship w/Communion & New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion 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/Youth Rm