

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
Palm/Passion Sunday
March 20, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

March

June Nixon
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

“Blessed Is the One”

written by Jo D. Andrews
arr. by George Andrews
Children’s Choir

Blessed is the One
Who comes in the name of the Lord
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Who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, son of David
Hosanna, in the Highest
Blessed is the One
Who comes in the name of the Lord

Blessed is the child
Who seeks first the kingdom of God
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Hosanna, son of David
Hosanna, in the Highest
Blessed is the child
Who seeks first the Kingdom of God.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Raise your voice in praise.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Christ has come this day
this day.

Blessed is the One
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is the One
Who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, son of David
Hosanna, in the Hightest
All Glory, Laud and Honor
To the Lord.
Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

The people laid down their garments and praised God.

Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

If the people keep quiet, even the stones will cry out.

Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

HYMN #89 (Hymnal)*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. The lips that sing, “Hosanna!” are the same that shout, “Crucify!” The hands that wave palm branches are the same that prepare your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Look upon us with mercy— our lives are in your hands. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 28-40

Anna and Megan Khazem

Pew Bible pg. 83

Palm Parade

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymn #88

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

Ancient Irish Poem, Trans.

(Hymnal #339)

Mary E. Byrne, 1905 Irish Ballad
arr. by Jo D. and George Andrews

Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2: 5-11

Pew Bible pg. 197

SERMON

"Jesus Christ is Lord"

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #101 (Hymnal)* *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Dr. Mitchell

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, **but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, **but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, **and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, **and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, **but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, **and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, **and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, **and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, **and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.**

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>The Palms</i>	Jean-Baptiste Faure The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Dr. Mitchell
HYMN #91 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"</i>	
RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen (St. Drostané)</i>	The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Processional

Colin Hand
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

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 John and Brenda Kirkenir.

Flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Gilbert in memory of their parents.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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; Walter “Pete” Keve; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; 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; Helen Dickerson’s mother; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gaylord French’s wife, Molly; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga; Rob Irving’s daughter, Emma; Andy Kremann’s brother, Timothy; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott’s niece, Brenda; Dale & Joan Smith’s sister-in-law, Beverly; Mary Speer’s brother, Ralph; Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi & family; and Agnes Winchell’s sister, 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Mary Jane Hager on March 25. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Save The Date - April 29 – 30 for the 29th Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ. The church van will once again be available for those who would prefer to go as a group. Watch for upcoming details.

Youth Group Schedule:

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

CPNS

We will be having our first ever Easter Parade with the children on March 23 and 24. If it's not on your calendar yet, please add it. The times are on March 23 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and then again on the March 24 at 11:00 a.m. All programs will be in our sanctuary. It will be a wonderful celebration for the children as well as those that attend. We have always had Palm Day programs, but with our Easter break the week after Easter we thought we should have an Easter Parade instead. Our music teachers are so excited to share this new program with everyone, we hope you will be able to come and enjoy it.

The 2016-2017 registration process for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School has begun. We are also registering for our pre-summer and summer programs. The registration forms can be found on our website. 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!

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

As we think ahead to **April 3** when we shall present our gifts for **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, you might like to think about a few examples of the impact of these gifts: 220,000 people received food, water, shelter and medical care in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; over 308,000 people in more than 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods through international development work through Presbyterian Hunger Program; more than 10,000 children and their families in 5 villages in the Dominican Republic have access to clean water, helping to prevent water-related diseases through Self-Development of People.

These blessings are possible because of gifts given in former years. What wonders may be accomplished this year through our gifts. Let us give generously April 3 to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

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.

OTHER NEWS

- ◆ **Don't miss the Women's Retreat at Johnsonburg on April 15-17, 2016!** A weekend of study, worship, fellowship and rest individually and in groups, looking at Secrets of the Vine: Abundant Living (John 15:1-5). The retreat will be led by Rev. Janice Moore Caputo who is CEO and founder of Truepower Inc, specializing in executive coaching and leadership development. All women, ages 18 and older are welcome. For more information about Rev. Janice Moore Caputo, the retreat and to register go to <http://www.campjburg.org/event/womens-retreat/>
- ◆ **Princeton Seminary's Annual Used Book Sale** which supports seminary libraries in developing nations and provides Princeton Seminary students with scholarship funds for travel courses. The sale takes place on *Thursday, April 14 through Saturday, April 16* in the Seminary's Whiteley Gymnasium, 36 Hibben Road (corner of Hibben and Stockton Street/Route 206) in Princeton.

On April 14 and April 15, the sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an entrance fee of \$7. Box day will be on April 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's \$10 per box (buy a box and put all of the books you can fit into it)

Book Donations accepted April 4 through 9. Theology, history, philosophy, science, and global studies books are most appreciated and needed, but we will gladly accept

all books. Donations can only be accepted during these specified dates and times which are April 4 through April 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. as well as April 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information about the book sale, or to schedule a drop-off at the Whiteley Gym, contact annualbooksale@ptsem.edu

- ◆ The **Women's Club of Cranbury** will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post-secondary education. The student should demonstrate a commitment to community involvement.

The application can be obtained through school Guidance Offices, the Women's Club website at cranburywomensclub.org and the Cranbury Public Library.

The completed application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2016 to the following address: The Women's Club of Cranbury, PO Box 94, Cranbury, NJ 08512

OUTREACH

Dinner for Eight: Please join us for an evening of fellowship and good food. We are looking for host/hostess and guests for this semi-annual event. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall waiting for your name. If you have any questions, please call Carol Fisher (609)655-5153 or Ann Mooney (609)448-0207.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule:

March 21, March 24, (March 28-NO CLASS) and March 31

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/20 (Team #2) – 3/27 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 3/13/16
Weekly Offering	\$3,594
YTD Offerings	\$124,489
YTD Expenses	\$72,451
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$52,038
YTD Per Capita: \$3,254 (15% 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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 20, 2016 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

9:15a Celebration Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt
9:15a Sunday School (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship with Palm Parade followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib.
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs
5:30p-6:30p Middle Schoolers-FH
6:30p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)
6:30p-8p High School Youth Group-FH/Youth Rm

March 21, 2016

9:00a Bulletin Material Due for March 27

9:30a CPNS Easter Parade Rehearsals - Sanctuary
10:00a Senior Exercise
1:00p CPNS Easter Parade Rehearsals - Sanctuary
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg – Lib.
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

March 22, 2016

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
9:30a CPNS Easter Parade Rehearsals - Sanctuary
1:00p CPNS Easter Parade Rehearsals - Sanctuary
4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary
7:30p Deacons - Lib.
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

March 23, 2016

11:00a CPNS Easter Parade Day Program -Sanctuary
2:30p CPNS Easter Parade Day Program -Sanctuary
7:30p Bell Choir

March 24, 2016 (Maundy Thursday)

Church Office Hours 9:00a to 12:00p

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn

10:00a Senior Exercise

10:30a Meadow Lakes Maundy Thursday Service of the Lord's Supper

11:00a CPNS Easter Parade Day Program -Sanctuary

7:30p Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary

March 25, 2016 (Good Friday)

CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed

7:15p Meadow Lakes Tenebrae Service of Shadows

March 26, 2016

March 27, 2016 (Easter)

7:00a Easter Sunrise Service

No Christian Education

10:30a Easter Worship Service followed by coffee hour

11:00a Meadow Lakes Easter Worship Service