

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

(✠ *Latecomers may be seated.*)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 10, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Verdant Meadows”

Geo. F. Handel
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

“Give unto the Lord the glory due His Name” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fifth and Sixth Grade Sunday School Class

O Come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker,

for he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

“The Day of Resurrection!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Dr. Louis Mitchell

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a Godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✦

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE (In Unison)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteous-ness for his names sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

ANTHEM

Brother James' Air

**James Leith McBeth Bain,
arr. G. Jacob
The Chorale**

SCRIPTURE

John 10: 11-18

Pew Bible pgs. 103-104

SERMON

"Pursued by Mercy"

Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #172 (Hymnal)*

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Mitchell

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

Prelude on "St. Columba"

**Healey Willan
Organ**

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #387 (Hymnal)*

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen (Bradbury)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Toccata

Richard Jones
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.

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

Head Usher is Craig Vandenberg.

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; John & Carol Sprout; Barbara Wahlers; and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson’s father, Robert; Daune Arsnow’s uncle, Larry; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gaylord French’s wife, Molly; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga; Mary Lou Kerr’s cousin, Helen; Sharon

Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi & family.

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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Lola Madsen on April 10, Sam Smith on April 15 and Joan Eiker on April 17. **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. Come and enjoy a time of spiritual enrichment with our retreat leader and Parish Associate, Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates. The church van will once again be available for those who would prefer to go as a group. Look for a sign-up table at coffee hour.

VBS 2016 Living Waters for the World: Please mark your calendars to join us from July 25 to July 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience! Living Waters for the World is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives and encourages conservative use. Children will also learn how "Jesus Christ is Living Water for our Bodies and our Souls".

Each day of this five-day VBS includes an opening time which focuses on a different country, a Bible story, a mission story, activities and crafts, recreation and snacks, music, reflection and a closing time.

Registration forms will be available starting in April 2016 through mid-July 2016. We are already getting ramped up with excitement for VBS 2016!! Pastor Hannah and Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to make VBS Living Waters for the World come to life! If you interested in being a teacher, assistant teacher, youth helper, or a leader for decorations, advertising, snacks, registration, crafts, etc.. - Please contact Pastor Hannah Lovaglio at firstpreshannah@comcast.net or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com.

5th through 8th graders do you play an instrument? Then come join our pick up band! Practice will be at 4:45 p.m. on April 17, May 1 and May 8. Please contact Daune Arsnow for more information at 609-395-0897 or deersnow@verizon.net.

YOUTH GROUP

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

Middle School Lock-In – April 22, 5:00 p.m. to April 23, 9:00 a.m.: Games, Food, Devotions and No Sleep! Email Pastor Hannah for permission forms and further information at firstpreshannah@comcast.net.

Save the Date: Support our youth group on **Saturday, May 14** by joining us at Arm & Hammer Park for a **Trenton Thunder** baseball game. Everyone is invited. (see the back page for the ticket form)

CPNS

It was great to see all the smiling faces of the children and families as we return from our Easter vacation. The end of our school year seems to be quickly approaching with so many wonderful things yet to happen. At this time we are preparing for our parent-teacher conferences that will be held the week of April 18 and our Professional Development Day on Wednesday, April 20.

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

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS: As Christians, we should feel impelled to follow Jesus' lead in caring for people who are vulnerable in our world, especially new mothers and their young children. Nearly half of all childhood deaths before age 5 are caused by malnutrition. BREAD FOR THE WORLD believes that good nutrition is a key way of combating hunger and that good nutrition-eating well is a pathway to good health and living an active thriving life. Since the federal government's largest food-aid program, Food for Peace, began in 1954, more than 3 billion people in 150 countries have benefited directly from U.S food aid. It is this kind

of aid that we shall be urging our Senators and Representatives to continue. Join us April 24 after church in the Fellowship Hall and send your letter--one already for you to sign with your name and address, with stamped envelope provided.

APRIL at SKEET'S PANTRY: We had a wonderful Easter Food Pantry in March, providing 270 people in 86 families with all the good food you and others in our community donated to Skeet's – plus a nice big Easter ham for those families. Thank you so much for continuing to support us and keep Skeet's Pantry in your prayers! For April, our “wish list” of food is very much like those from earlier this year – the same nutritious and high protein food is always needed and always welcome:

**Cereal (family size boxes are best); Tuna Fish; Soups & Canned Beef Stew;
Fruit (canned is best); Peanut Butter; Jelly; Pasta and Pasta Sauce**

And, as always, please be sure the expiration dates on food donations are current. Thanks again!!!

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

April 11, April 14, April 18, April 21, April 25 and April 28

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will go on a trip to attend the organ concert at the Princeton University Chapel on Thursday, April 14. The concert will be played by the winner of the Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. We will depart the church parking lot at 11:40 a.m. Following the 30 minute concert we will proceed to a restaurant for lunch. The Firestone exhibit space in the Princeton University Library is closed for renovations so we cannot go there as we usually do. **If you would like to attend this trip and you are not on our Senior Fellowship call list, please preregister with the church office at 609-395-0897 by Monday, April 11. Please leave your name and phone number when you call.**

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/10 (Team #1) – 4/17 (Team #2)

| | Week Ended 4/3/16 |
|---|--------------------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$6,836 |
| YTD Offerings | \$149,786 |
| YTD Expenses | \$115,635 |
| YTD Net Income/(Loss) | \$34,151 |
| YTD Per Capita: \$3,326 (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.

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/>

The **Women's Club of Cranbury** will be awarding three scholarships: 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; and one \$2,000 scholarship for a woman who is pursuing post-secondary education after having experienced a time away from attending school. This award is based on financial need as well as the applicant being able to define her goal in seeking further education.

The first two scholarship applications can be obtained through school Guidance Offices, the Women's Club website - cranburywomensclub.org and/or the Cranbury Public Library. The second scholarship application can be found on the Cranbury Women's Club website – cranburywomensclub.org.

The completed applications 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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 10, 2016

8:45a Sunday School Pancake

Breakfast – FH

9:00a Annual Pancake

Breakfast-FH

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

8:45a Confirmation Class–Church Office

10:30a Worship 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/Youth Rm

April 11, 2016

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg-Lib.

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

April 12, 2016

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office

7:30p Stewardship & Finance –
Church Office

1:00p Outreach Cmte Mtg- Lib.

7:30p AA – McKnight Room

April 13, 2016

9:00a Session Material Due

7:30p Boy Scout Dist. Mtg.–McK Rm

9:00a Skeet’s Food Pantry Packing

7:30p Bell Choir

April 14, 2016

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p P&A Mtg-church office

10:30a Sr. Fellowship Trip at Princeton

7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

Chapel – VAN (departing from the church
parking lot at 11:40 a.m.)

April 15, 2016

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

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

April 16, 2016

April 17, 2016

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

4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band

8:45a Confirmation Class–Church Office

Practice–upstairs CRs

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

5:30p-6:30p Middle Schoolers-Yth Rm

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

6:30p-8p High School Youth Group –
Yth Rm

11:45 Library Cmte – Lib.

6:30p-8p Boy Scouts – FH/Kit (GC)

Come out for a Trenton Thunder baseball game and
support our YOUTH GROUP!
Saturday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment: CASH or CHECK (payable to the First Presbyterian Church)

Total Tickets: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

For more information, please contact Pastor Hannah at
firpreshannah@comcast.net.

Return ticket request and payment to the church office by
Sunday, May 1!

