

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn
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

“I Will Extol Thee, O God”
(Ps. 30: 1-4)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School Class

Please stand as you are able and join in the Call to Worship as led by our Pre-K/K Sunday School Class. The congregation is invited to participate in the motions in italics and to join with the children in reading the bold.

Everyone: **Dear God** (*bow heads; fold hands*)
Thank you for loving us (*cross arms to give yourself a hug*)
Help us to listen (*cup hand to ear*)
To forgive (*shake hands with a neighbor*)
To serve (*hold hands out in front of yourself*)
And to follow you (*walk in place*)

Children: Let us Worship God.

HYMN #461 (Hymnal)*

“God Is Here!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSON (In Unison)*

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; 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

John 4: 5-26

Tyler Vandenberg
Pew Bible pgs. 94-95

ANTHEM

"River in Judea" Jack Feldman, arr. John Levitt
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 4: 27-42

Pew Bible pg. 95

SERMON

"I am he, the Savior of the World"

Ms. Virginia Goss

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #85 (Hymnal)*

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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

"Heavenly Father, Hear Our Prayer"

Gerhard Krapf
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #485 (Hymnal)*

"To God Be the Glory"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"Herzlich lieb hab ich dich o Herr" Johann Friedrich Alberti
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.

Worship Bags, Children’s Bulletins & Coloring Pages! All three are available in the narthex, and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the narthex.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Pre-K and Kindergarten Class.

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; Paul Furchak; Cyndi Girardet; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Lola Madsen; Beatrice Mabutho; Janice Parker and family due to the passing of her cousin, Father Raymond Drada; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Margo Wegner and Ina Zimmer.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Joe Kelly and Beverly Robertson.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson’s father, Robert; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; Nancy Chonko’s mother, Shirley; Phyllis Dyke’s friend, Diana; Linda Ferguson’s friend, Rose; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Patricia Grasso’s mother, Eileen; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Barbara Hannon’s brother-in-law, Michael; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s sons, David & Danny; friend of the congregation, Alex Pendjurin’s friend, Paige; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott’s niece Brenda; Mary Szczepanik’s nephew, Kevin; Roger Suttmeier’s friend, Shonna; Loida Wilson’s mother, Loli; and Walter & Barbara Wright’s daughter, Maire.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation’s service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm’s way.

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

Lent in the Library: “Every gift from God reveals God’s love, but no gift reveals God’s love more than the gift of the cross.” Join us for a Lenten Bible Study from Max Lucado’s *He Chose the Nails* (quoted above), on Sunday **March 26 and April 2, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**, in the Library, led by our Pastors.

Book Club! The Christian Ed Committee is starting a book club. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 29** at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Vicki Waciega (postponed from 3/15 due to snow). Vicki's address is 3 Red Oak Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536. We're reading *Love that Boy* by Ron Fournier.

Library News! "Jonathan Edwards on the Experience of Beauty" The Library Committee is pleased to announce the arrival of a new publication written by our own Pastor Lou Mitchell. He has studied the life and times of Jonathon Edwards throughout his ministry. By writing this book, Lou shares Edwards' concept of Beauty as "the sense of the heart" and how we as believers can become a part of that beauty. This book presents a very interesting understanding of the religious experience. It is available in our church library now.

Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming 30th Adult Retreat!!! Imagine yourself enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey while deepening your faith along with others from our church family. Our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat will take place on April 28 and April 29. We are blessed to have the Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates as our leader.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again.

Look for the sign-up table during coffee hour starting next week. Transportation is available via the church van. Barbara Santoro will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbecher or call Mrs. K at (732)521-2026).

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time in Fellowship Hall for ages 2 - 8th grade

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 8th grade, check the Sunday School Bulletin Board for classes and classrooms

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. High School Sunday School in the church library (Rm 1 during Lent)

YOUTH GROUP

Beauty & The Beast! Join us for an IMAX Movie outing. We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. and return around 6:45 p.m. Cost of the ticket is \$15, with scholarships available. Bring extra money for snacks. Let Hannah know if you'd like to come (text 910-986-5493) but haven't already reserved your ticket through her.

March Merchandise!



The Youth Group is selling FPC Cranbury t-shirts! Place your orders during coffee hour today, \$25 for short sleeve or \$30 for long sleeve. We'll have samples of all sizes available. All proceeds will benefit the summer youth mission trip. (See the enclosed order form)

CPNS

This year for our "Celebration of Books" in addition to our many classroom activities we will have a CPNS book swap. During the month of March, children and their families are encouraged to bring in a "pre-loved" children's book. You are welcome to join us in the celebration. If you are interested, we ask that you leave the book on our CPNS bookshelf under our CPNS panda bulletin board for another family to enjoy. Then you and your child should take the time to browse through the books left by other families and take one home to read! Please feel free to swap books as many times as you would like!

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to share the love of books with your children and continue to read to them often. You might want to also check out the information for families on the NAEYC website at: <http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/reading-writing/read-together-support-early-literacy>

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Skeet's Pantry: We continue to need your help to stock up our shelves for April. Food especially needed for April:

**Tuna Fish; Soup; Peanut Butter & Jelly; Pasta & Pasta Sauce;
Cereal; Canned Fruits; and Canned Vegetables**

Adopt a Johnsonburg Cabin: On **Friday, March 31** a team of workers from our church will be heading up to Camp Johnsonburg (www.campjburg.org) for the weekend

full of good fellowship, hard work and great food. Want to join us? We will return Sunday, April 2 in the afternoon. All you need is the willingness to serve and old work clothes. We will supply the rest. Over the years some cabins have been a bit neglected and need caring hands to bring them back to life...that's where we can help. We have adopted one of these cabins and will begin work on it. In the future, new mattresses will need to be provided. If you want to join our mission team or help in any other way, please contact Stan Dickerson or Anne Gordon.

A Mission Reminder from Mission Crossroads: Christ is concerned about every aspect of human life. This belief has guided people like John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister and college president who was instrumental in our country's founding and Eugene Carson Blake, a General Assembly stated clerk who played a strategic and prophetic role in the Civil rights movement. Our society and our Presbyterian witness still benefit from the contributions of Witherspoon and Blake and countless others who have followed God's call to shape a word consistent with gospel values. Indeed, every region of the globe has been touched by the good and faithful work of Presbyterians.

Today mission co-workers of various races and ethnicities serve at the invitation of global partners in ministries of poverty alleviation and evangelism and reconciliation. Informed by our Reformed theology our mission co-workers bear witness to a gospel that addresses the needs of the whole person. It is a ministry of the whole church, a life-transforming ministry that is possible because of members' support of the mission cause.

OUTREACH

It is almost spring, and time to gather again with old and new friends for Lunch or Dinner for Eight. We are looking for guests and hosts or/ hostesses for this semi-annual event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall waiting for your name. Questions please call Carol Fisher at (609)655-5153 or Ann Mooney at (609)655-4283.

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, March 23** at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. This month, we will hear from Pastor Lou Mitchell on the most "beautiful" sermon ever preached.

The Senior Breakfast Club is open to all who wish to hear these events at our Thursday, once-a-month breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with the number of guests that will attend. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)655-6864.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: March 20, March 23, March 27 and March 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 3/19 (Team #2) – 3/26 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 3/12/17
Weekly Offering	\$7,595
YTD Offerings	\$120,481
YTD Expenses	\$92,976
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$27,505
YTD Per Capita: \$2,341 (11% of \$21,636)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>March 19, 2017 (3rd Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 9:15a Lenten Bible Study – Lib. 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib. 12:00p Confirmation Class returns from Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg – VAN 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR 3p-7p Youth Group Movie (Beauty and the Beast - AMC) – VAN</p>	<p>March 20, 2017 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:45p-5:30p M. Pease - FH 7:00p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>March 21, 2017 <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:00a Sr. Fellowship Lunch – FH depart 12:00p for Sr. Fellowship Trip - VAN 3:30p Lenten Bible Study – Mtg Rm @ Meadow Lakes 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Session Mtg – Lib. 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>March 22, 2017 7:00p Bell Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Mtg – Lib.</p>
<p>March 23, 2017 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise</p>	<p>March 24, 2017 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office</p>
<p>March 25, 2017</p>	<p>March 26, 2017 (4th Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 9:15a Lenten Bible Study – Lib. 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 2p-5p Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony – FH 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH 6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp–Yth Rm</p>

