

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

5th Sunday in Lent
April 2, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *"Medley on the Cross"* **arr. Patricia Sanders**
Bell Choir

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.)

MINUTE FOR DEACONS Janice Luffey

INTROIT *"O praise the Lord, all ye nations"* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 117: 1-2)
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Virginia Goss
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who trust in Christ will never die.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #467 (Hymnal)* *"How Great Thou Art"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
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 Hannah
SCRIPTURE	John 11: 1-16	Dina Ellsworth Pew Bible pg. 104
ANTHEM	<i>"Take and receive, O Lord"</i>	David Wehr The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	John 11: 17-44	Pew Bible pg. 105
SERMON	"Do You Believe This?"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"</i>	arr. Jason Krug Bell Choir and Flutist, Leah Moy
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Lovaglio
HYMN #98 (Hymnal)*	<i>"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"</i>	

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*

"Lift High the Cross"

RESPONSE*

*Choral Amen
(Crucifer)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

J. S. Bach
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Lola Madsen

April 10, 1925 – March 26, 2017

“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.”

John 11: 25-26

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.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

Communion Servers are Deanna Anderson, Daune Arsnow, Gail Geijer, Charles Ill, Andrew Jost, Ruth Jost and Jean Randazzo.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Linda Ferguson, Carol Fisher and Charlie Ill.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Heidi Knowlton.

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; family and friends of Lola Madsen due to her passing; Beatrice Mabutho; 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, brother-in-law Joe & niece, Diana; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Pat Scott's niece Brenda; Nancy Stewart's friend, Joan; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Elsie Sutton on April 4 and Peg Hagerty on April 9. **Happy Birthday!!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday, on Sunday, April 23** beginning at 12:00 noon. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be hosting coffee hour/luncheon to get us energized for fellowship and fun as we tackle some projects around the church. Anyone staying to help can dress down for Worship.

There is a variety of jobs that we would like to complete this Spring. These include some outside and inside clean up and some repairs and maintenance items. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there. We are very thankful for any and all help in maintaining our church building and property.

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Join our Youth Band! **5th through 12th Graders** bring your instrument and practice with us in the Sanctuary on **Sundays, April 30, May 7 and May 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

We will perform the Prelude in Worship on Sunday, May 21!

(Attendance at all practices and at the performance is required to be in the band.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

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**. Telling the story of God's love through scripture, music and art led by the Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates.

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. 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 her 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

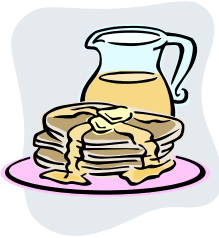
Celebration Sunday! Join us **April 9** from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for an intergenerational morning of Christian Education in the fellowship hall. We'll hear and study the Palm Sunday story, hunt for Easter Eggs, and have crafts for all ages (from 2 – 102!).

YOUTH GROUP – bring your highs and your lows!

5:30-6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

6:30-8:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Please join us in Fellowship Hall for our **Annual All Church Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 23, 2017** beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will enjoy Pancakes, Quiche, Sausage, Coffee and Orange Juice.

Sponsored by: The Congregational Life Committee

CPNS

Join us for our Easter Parades. We will be celebrating Easter on Wednesday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. The children will be bringing the "good news" of Easter to life with an Easter Parade and songs of celebration to our family and friends.

Spring has finally arrived and Summer is just around the corner. CPNS is offering a summer program for two weeks in June and two weeks in July. Our program will be based on our developmentally appropriate CPNS curriculum and taught by our own CPNS teachers. Each day will be a new adventure filled with music, literacy, art, science and math. The registration form can be found on our website. Feel free to call Janice 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.

OTHER NEWS

Adult Bible Study: Please join an adult Bible study at Bob Kane's home on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. We are studying the 10 promises of God with a Shelia Walsh DVD. Each promise is a separate study so missing one week isn't an interruption. Mitra Kelly is the leader for this series and Bob is the facilitator. Call the Kane's for more information at (609) 799-1106. This Bible Study is open to all and includes members from a variety of churches.

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 FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 3, April 6, April 10, April 13, April 17-NO CLASS, April 20, April 24 and April 27

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/2 (Team #4) – 4/9 (Team #1)

	Week Ended 3/26/17
Weekly Offering	\$8,789
YTD Offerings	\$131,790
YTD Expenses	\$115,649
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$16,141
YTD Per Capita: \$2,623 (12% of \$21,636)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>April 2, 2017 (5th Sunday in Lent) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 9:15a Lenten Bible Study – Lib. 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Communion Service 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH 6:30p-8p High School Youth Group–Youth Room</p>	<p>April 3, 2017 10a Senior Exercise – FH 10:45a CPNS Easter Parade Rehearsals – Sanctuary 1p P&A Committee Meeting – Church Office (upstairs) 1:30p Martha’s Circle – Library 7p Brass Choir 8p Al-Anon – McKnight Room</p>
<p>April 4, 2017 9a Bulletin Material Due for 4/9, 4/13, 4/14 and 4/16 9:30a Staff Meeting 10:45a CPNS Easter Parade Rehearsals – Sanctuary 1p Outreach Committee Meeting – Library 3:30p Lenten Bible Study – Meadow Lakes 4:15p Children’s Choir – Sanctuary 7p CE/ Youth Ministry Meeting – Library 7:30p AA – McKnight Room 7:30p MS&G Meeting - FH</p>	<p>April 5, 2017 11a CPNS Easter Parade – Sanctuary 7p Bell Choir 7p Women’s Club Meeting – FH</p>
<p>April 6, 2017 10a Sr. Exercise – FH 11a CPNS Easter Parade – Sanctuary 2:30p TASK – VAN 7p Worship Committee Meeting – Library 7:30p B&G Meeting – Library 7:30p The Chorale</p>	<p>April 7, 2017 9a Bulletin Assembly – Church Office</p>
<p>April 8, 2017 12p – 2p Easter Egg Hunt set-up</p>	<p>April 9, 2017 (Passion/Palm Sunday) 9:15a Celebration Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45a Library Committee Meeting–Lib 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Youth Group–FH 6:30p-8p High School Youth Group–Youth Room</p>