

***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**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 9, 2017 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *March & Chorale: "Daughter of Zion"* **Geo. F. Handel**  
(*Judas Maccabaeus*) Organ and The Chorale

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 Who Comes in the Name of the Lord"*  
Written by **Jo D. Andrews, arr. by George Andrews**  
Children's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Virginia Goss  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
Let us worship God.

HYMN #89 (Hymnal)\* *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSIOIN (In Unison)\*  
**Eternal God: Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed him as king, or gone before him in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble and for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us and give us such trust in you that we may proclaim in word and deed, Hosanna in the highest, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✠

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 1-11

Joan Fraser  
Pew Bible pg. 23

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Palm Parade

HYMN #88 (Hymnal)

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

ANTHEM

*“Jacob’s Ladder”*

**African American Spiritual**  
**arr. by Joel Matthys**  
Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27: 45-54

Pew Bible pg. 33

SERMON

“A Whole New World”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

HYMN #102 (Hymnal)\*

*“Were You There?”*

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.**

#### OFFERINGS AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Offertory	<i>"Behold the Lamb of God"</i>	<b>Geo. F. Handel</b>
	<i>(John 1: 29)</i>	Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

HYMN #92 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</i>	
RESPONSE*	<i>Chorale Amen</i>	
BENEDICTION*		The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>“Christ lag in todesbanden”</i>	<b>J. S. Bach</b> Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**Walter A. Keve, Jr.**  
 September 6, 1938 – April 4, 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

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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”.

**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.

**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.

**Hearing devices** are available for your convenience in the narthex.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by the Children’s Choir.

**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; Paul Furchak; Cyndi Girardet; Tyler Katsoff; Eileen Keve and family due to the passing of her husband, Pete; 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:** Peg Hagerty on April 9 and Jane Siebert on April 12.  
**Happy Birthday!!**

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

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**Would you like to become a member of our church?** If so, we invite you to attend the upcoming New Member Classes scheduled for Sundays, April 30 and May 7 at 9:15 a.m. and May 14 at 9:00 a.m. The classes will meet in Room 1. This will be a time to meet members of the church; to explore what Presbyterians believe and what you believe; to learn more about the life of First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury; and to consider if you would like to become a member of this congregation.

Please call the church office at 609-395-0897 if you have any questions and to register for the class.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

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**Building & Grounds could use your help!** In an effort to revitalize the McKnight Room we have removed the existing ceiling and are reinstalling a new one on **April 15 - 8:00 a.m. in the McKnight Room.**

We need approximately 6 hard workers to carry ceiling tiles and help install grid. No special talent needed just helping hands. Please **contact George (609) 395-0513** if you would like to help. You do not need to be available all day but can arrange for arriving throughout the day. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

## **CXOIR**

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Join our Youth Band! **5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Adult Retreat!!!** Imagine yourself enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ while deepening your faith along with others from our church family 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.

**Book Club!** The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **Wednesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 at the church. We will discuss the book "*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*" by Susan Cain.

### **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 (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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 16.**

**VBS 2017 Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God!** Please mark your calendars to join us from July 24 through July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an amazing Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience! Cokesbury's Hero Central VBS will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes to discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central has epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help children discover their strength in God! VBS Hero Central is designed to introduce a child to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Registration will be available on-line mid-April 2017 through mid-July 2017. We are ramped up with excitement for VBS 2017!! Pastor Hannah and Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to make VBS Hero Central 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](mailto:firstpreshannah@comcast.net) or Cassandra Khazem at [ckhazem@gmail.com](mailto:ckhazem@gmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUP**–No youth group tonight, April 9 or on Easter Sunday, April 16.

### **THE GIVING WALL**

*Support our Youth Group Committed Fund*

The Youth Group has created a giving wall to support our summer youth mission trip and beyond! We invite you to check out the giving wall in the Fellowship Hall. Take an envelope off the board and return it to the church office with the amount of money indicated by the number on the envelope (or more) – every donation counts, from \$1 - \$150! In each envelope, you'll find a letter about our summer mission trip and a picture of a mission trip participant to pray for while we're away. **Thank you for your generous support!**

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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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**

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The children really enjoyed bringing the "good news" of Easter to life in our Sanctuary with an Easter Parade and songs of celebration for our family and friends. Thank you to everyone that came and got to enjoy this special celebration. CPNS will be closed for our Easter vacation beginning Monday, April 10 and will return on Tuesday, April 18. We wish everyone many Easter Blessings!

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](mailto: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**

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**Annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters:** As we think ahead to that Sunday morning when we have the opportunity to sign letters to Senators Booker and Menendez and Representative Bonnie Watkins urging them, with the rest of Congress, to help end hunger, our thoughts turn to Washington where a budget has been presented by the President, a budget which will be much considered, discussed, and eventually voted on. As Christians, we should remember that "a budget is more than a financial document--it is a moral document, too. It is a statement of our nation's priorities and values. Our federal budget should be measured on how it treats the most vulnerable people among us". In the coming weeks you will be reading about programs that must be protected to assist the most vulnerable among us.

## **OUTREACH**

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**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**

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

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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**Counting Teams:** 4/9 (Team #1) – 4/16 (Team #2)

	<b>Week Ended 4/2/17</b>
Weekly Offering	\$9,657
YTD Offerings	\$141,447
YTD Expenses	\$127,622
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$13,825
YTD Per Capita: \$2,728 (13% of \$21,636)	

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><b>April 9, 2017 (Passion/Palm Sunday)</b>            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.</p>	<p><b>April 10, 2017</b>  <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9a to 1p</b>            10:00a Senior Exercise            7:00p Brass Choir            7:30p Cong. Life Mtg-Lib.            7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg.-FH            8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p><b>April 11, 2017</b>  <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9 to 1p</b>            9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office            3:30p Lenten Bible Study – Mtg Rm @ Meadow Lakes            4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary            7:30p Stewardship &amp; Fin.-Church Office            7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p><b>April 12, 2017</b>  <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9 to 1p</b>  <u>9:00a Session Material Due</u>            3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmte Mtg-ML Mtg Rm            7:00p Bell Choir            7p Boy Scouts Mtg–McK Rm</p>
<p><b>April 13, 2017 (Maundy Thursday)</b>  <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9a to 1 p.m.</b>  <u>9 Bulletin Assembly-Church Office</u>            10:00a Senior Exercise  <b>10:30a</b> Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service  <b>7:30p</b> Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary            8:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)</b>  <b>CPNS/Church Office Closed</b>  <b>7:15p</b> Meadow Lakes Tenebrae Service of Shadows</p>
<p><b>April 15, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>April 16, 2017 (Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday)</b>  <b>7:00a Easter Sunrise Service</b> led by our Youth Group - Courtyard  <b>10:30a Easter Worship Service</b> followed by coffee hour  <b>11:00a Meadow Lakes Easter Worship Service</b></p>