

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✦

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27: 57-66

Stan Dickerson
Pew Bible pg. 33

ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

Randall Thompson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 1-15

Pew Bible pgs. 33-34

SERMON

"The Easter Message"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

"Morning Has Broken"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Mitchell

Glory to you, O God! On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and vindicating his sinless life. Glory to you, O Christ! For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the way to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit! You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever!

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice!

Hallelujah!

You raised the dead, and brought us from death to new life!

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

You confounded your guards and executioners, and filled your followers with joy!

Give us joy in serving you by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

You proclaimed good news to the women and disciples, and brought salvation to the whole world!

Direct our daily living as your new creation.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and is the Lord of life from the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people toward the full stature of Christ, showing his love and justice in all our words and actions. We pray through the risen Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever and who taught us to pray,

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

"Thine is the Glory"

George F. Handel

Bell Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

"The Day of Resurrection!"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Postlude on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Noel Rawsthorne

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".

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 John and Brenda Kirkenir.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

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; Gretchen Stults; 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: Sam Smith on April 15; Joan Eiker on April 17 and Don Winchell on April 20. **Happy Birthday!!**

new member CLASS

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

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday**, on **Sunday, April 23** beginning at 12:00 p.m. 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.

CHOIR

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

Mark Your Calendars!! 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 Klotzbeacher 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. 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

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 now through mid-July 2017 by going online to <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/firstprescranbury>. 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 or Cassandra Khazem at ckhazem@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP–NO Youth Group tonight, 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



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

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 has been closed for our Easter vacation 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 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

Annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters (April 30): Today, we are celebrating Easter, rejoicing in the birth, life, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no more appropriate time than now to think ahead to helping do what Jesus constantly did, do what we can to see that the hungry are fed. And one way we can help is to take part in the Bread for the World Annual Offering of Letters on April 30 in Fellowship Hall. There, we can sign letters to our Senators and Representatives, urging them, as members of Congress, to help end hunger.

We should urge them to support several programs that help struggling, hungry people: SNAP, which provides millions of eligible low-income individuals and families with financial assistance to purchase nutritious food; WIC, a supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children; PFDA programs that provide improved nutrition and food security, access to safe water, and sanitation, better farming techniques, and

agricultural productivity, access to education and medicines and much more. This is a beneficial worldwide program which has resulted in the more thriving children and fewer of their deaths; and EITC, the earned income tax credit and the refundable portion of the child tax credit (CTC) which have moved more people out of poverty in the United States than any other program, aside from Social Security. Sign your letters on April 30 and make your voice count for a moral budget.

OUTREACH

Save the Date! *UrbanPromise* International’s African Gospel Choir will give a community concert on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for music, rhythm and celebration – bring your friends, neighbors, and family members! Punch and cookie reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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 17-NO CLASS, April 20, April 24 and April 27

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/16 (Team #2) – 4/23 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 4/9/17
Weekly Offering	\$9,174
YTD Offerings	\$150,621
YTD Expenses	\$136,931
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$13,690
YTD Per Capita: \$2,800 (13% of \$21,636)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>April 16, 2017 (Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday) 7:00a Easter Sunrise Service led by our Youth Group - Courtyard 10:30a Easter Worship Service followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Easter Worship Service</p>	<p>April 17, 2017 CPNS/Church Office Closed 7:00p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>April 18, 2017 <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Session Mtg – Lib. 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>April 19, 2017 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>April 20, 2017 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 10:00a-3:30p Sr. Fellowship Trip (Princeton Chapel) - VAN 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>April 21, 2017 8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office</p>
<p>April 22, 2017 9:00a – 3:00p Women's Club (Bea Davison)</p>	<p>April 23, 2017 <u>9:00a Annual Pancake Breakfast-FH</u> 10:30a Worship followed by B&G Workday 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 5:30p-8:30p Mercer Area Scout Recognition Dinner – FH/Kit 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH 6:30p–8p High School Yth Grp</p>