

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

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Verset on "Ave Maris Stella"* **Manuel Rodrigues Coelho**
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 *"The Lord is my strength and my song"* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 118:14) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #104 (Hymnal)* *"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We are foolish and slow to believe the promise of the prophets. We are frightened and full of doubt, even when you stand among us. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our hearts to receive your word, and feed us with the bread of life, the life that death cannot destroy; 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 20: 19-31

Pat Demers
Pew Bible pg. 115

ANTHEM

"This little light o' mine"

arr. John W. Work
The Chorale & Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8 (selected verses)

Pew Bible pgs. 157-159

SERMON

"Collateral Beauty"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #292 (Hymnal)* *"All Beautiful the March of Days"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Toccata

Bernardo Pasquini
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #106 (Hymnal)* *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen (Alleluia No. 1)

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary

Anon. English
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 a light luncheon hosted by the B&G Committee prior to our B&G Workday.

Head Ushers are Pat Bohrs and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Beatrice Mabutho; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Audrey Smith; Diane Smith; the Stults and Haverkamp families due to the passing of 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; Helen Dickerson’s brother, Clifford; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; 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; 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!

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

TODAY is our **Spring Workday** beginning at 12:00 p.m. The Buildings & Grounds Committee is hosting coffee hour/luncheon to get us energized for fellowship and fun as we tackle some projects around the church. 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.



Mark Your Calendars!! This year marks the **30th anniversary of the 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**. This year's theme is telling the story of God's love through scripture, music and art led by the **Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates**. 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 – bring your highs and your lows!

5:30-6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group for outside games!

6:30-8:30 p.m. High School Youth Group: Moana at Mrs. Waciega's House:
3 Red Oak Drive, Plainsboro, NJ. Please arrange to be dropped off and picked up at Mrs. Waciega's house.

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!**

CPNS

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. It's so nice to see the green grass and the many trees and flowers blooming. While we were closed for our Easter vacation we were able to complete the playground enhancements. We used the remaining funds we raised from Mrs. K's Gala that we held last Spring. We just have a few minor things left to complete the project. Look for our dedication in the next few months. In the meantime we hope you will have an opportunity to sit and relax on the bench and enjoy all the enhancements we were able to make to our CPNS playground.

Just a reminder 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. Our Enrichment Program offerings for September have also been announced. All registration forms can be found on our website. Feel free to call Janice at 609 655-8663 or e-mail 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: Remember to join us next Sunday at the Bread for the World table in the Parish Hall and sign letters to Senators Menendez and Booker and Representative Bonnie Watkins, urging them as members of Congress to vote for decisions that reduce hunger. Our country and the world have made substantial progress toward ending hunger and poverty over the past several decades. Worldwide, extreme poverty, has been cut in half over the past 30 years. But more work needs to be done. Nearly 800 million people in the world are still hungry. In the United States 1 in 6 children lives in a family that struggles with hunger. Nations around the world including the U.S. have agreed to work for an end to hunger and related goals by 2030. And there is a growing realization that it is possible to end hunger and extreme poverty by 2030. Let us, through our Offering of Letters, urge Congress to make funding decisions that put our country and the world on track to achieve this goal of ending poverty and keeping people hunger free.

Camp Johnsonburg Spring Women's Retreat, April 28-30, 2017. Join women of all ages for a weekend of reflection, rejuvenation and recreation led by Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia! Activities include large and small group sessions, hiking, boating, zipline, engaging worship, cooking demonstrations, campfire, starwatch, fellowship and laughter. All of this will create a memorable weekend not to be missed! The cost is \$150 and includes two nights and meals. For more information and to register online visit www.campjburg.org.

MUSIC



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.)*

OUTREACH

Save the Date! Urban*Promise* 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 24, April 27, May 1, May 4, May 8, May 11, May 15, May 18, May 22, May 25, and No class on May 29.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/23 (Team #3) – 4/30 (Team #4)

	Week Ended 4/16/17
Weekly Offering	\$10,215
YTD Offerings	\$153,790
YTD Expenses	\$143,682
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$10,108
YTD Per Capita: \$2,800 (13% of \$21,636)	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>April 23, 2017 <u>9:00a Annual Pancake Breakfast-FH</u> 10:30a Worship followed by B&G Workday and Luncheon 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 6:30p–8:00p High School Yth Grp at Mrs. Waciega's home</p>	<p>April 24, 2017 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>April 25, 2017 <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>April 26, 2017 7:00p Bell Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Mtg–Lib.</p>
<p>April 27, 2017 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 10:45a Website Cmte Mtg.-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>April 28, 2017 Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ (VAN) 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office</p>
<p>April 29, 2017 Annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ (VAN) 8:30a Garage Sale – Courtyard (Outreach)</p>	<p>April 30, 2017 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 9:15a New Member Class – Lib. 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp–FH 6:30p-7:00p Youth Band Practice 6:30p–8:00p High School Yth Grp–Yth Rm</p>