

**Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church**  
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the  
Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**February 18, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

**PRELUDE**

*Adagio Cantabile*  
(Sonata VIII)

**Ludwig van Beethoven**  
Piano

**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**

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised” **Donovan Klopbeacher**  
(Ps. 145: 3) **The Chorale**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
God’s promise is for all generations;  
**God’s covenant is with every living thing.**  
Let us worship God.

Jae Hwang

**HYMN #263 (Hymnal)\* “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

**PRAAYER OF CONFESSTION (In Unison)\***

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; 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

Mark 1: 9-15

Megan Mavoides  
Pew Bible pgs. 34-35

### ANTHEM

*“God is a Spirit”*  
*(John 4: 24)*

Alexander Kopylov  
The Chorale

### SCRIPTURE

I Peter 3: 18-22

Pew Bible pgs. 234

### SERMON

“Sign of the Cross”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

## THE RESPONSE

### HYMN #492 (Hymnal)\*

*“Baptized in Water”*

### LITANY FOR LENT AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Lovaglio

Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives, and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert, and the beckoning power of constant activity, and the vain promises of achievement,

**God, we turn to you for rest, so we may lay our burdens down.**

Because we still see the broken before the whole, and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task, and the thirst for freedom,

**God, we turn to you for healing, so we may be made whole.**

Because we trust in what we can see, and we are blinded by our prejudices, and we will not admit what we do not know,

**God, we turn to you for truth, so we may stop pretending.**

Because our need to be right exceeds our need for truth, and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded, and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those who go without,

**God, we turn to you for compassion, so we may join your community of caring.**

Because you came among us in Jesus, and breathe life into our souls, and reach out a hand to heal our pain, and take up the cross, that we might be made new, and the world made new through us,

**God, we turn to you for hope, so that we may claim the new life you offer each of us through Christ.**

Because the cross is not the end of the story; as Easter dawns, Christ is alive with the power of your self-giving love.

**God, you are the source of light, hope, and resurrection, in this Lenten season and in every season.**

#### 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

*Devotional Piece No. 32*

Dom Paul Benoit  
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication\*

Mr. Hwang

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)\*

“*Lift High the Cross*”

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Basse de Trompette*

Jean-François Dandrieu  
Organ

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

## **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.

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

**Coffee hour** today is hosted by Jack & Sue Britton and Bob & Carol Kane.

**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 prayer concerns:** Betty Borgeson; Sue Britton; Bill Chermak; Bea Davison; Robert Dyke; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Judson Hagerty; Robb Irving; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Gloria-Jean Ryba; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Dee Wahlers; Larry Wegner; Larry White; Doris Wiegartner; Loida Wilson; Don Winchell; and Ina Zimmer.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** CPNS family, baby Nicholas & family; Pat Demers’ husband, Bob; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Rose Eller’s sister, Louise; Linda Ferguson’s sister, Patty; Patricia Grasso’s mother, Eileen & friends, Barbara, Joanne & Debbie; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana and Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko.

**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 Chain:** If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897; Marie Perrine at (609)426-6244; or email Doris Wiegartner at [doriswieg@aol.com](mailto:doriswieg@aol.com). **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!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Sunday School:** Thanks for a wonderful **Celebration Sunday** this morning! Next week, Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Youth Group:** Middle School Youth Group meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Lenten Bible Study**

Adults, join us Wednesday nights during Lent (2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21) from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for a Lenten Bible Study. Each week we will study the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

**Do you play an instrument?** If so, we would love for you to join our Youth Band! We will have three practices together this Spring and then play in church! Please let Daune Arsnaw know if you are interested at 609/395-0897 or [Daunearnsnow@cranburypres.org](mailto:Daunearnsnow@cranburypres.org).

**This month's Book Club meets on February 26:** Join us from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 1. We will be discussing *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders. This captivating first novel by the best-selling, National Book Award nominee George Saunders is about Abraham Lincoln and the death of his eleven year old son, Willie, at the dawn of the Civil War.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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**Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED!** Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested.

## **CPNS**

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We hope everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day. The children always have fun sharing valentine's cards with their friends at CPNS. It's another way to show others how much we love and care for them.

February is dental health month. Once again, we are blessed to have Dr. White, a local dentist on Main Street, share what children need to know about keeping their teeth healthy. He welcomes all three of our 4/5-year-old classes to his office and also donates children's toothbrushes to all the children attending CPNS.

If you are a church member and have not yet registered your child, please call Janice at (609)655-8663 or email her at [CPNSchool@comcast.net](mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net) for additional information. We are currently registering for our classes and enrichment programs. 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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**Be a Valentine for Skeet's Pantry!** Since February is the month for Valentines and sharing love with others, here's a suggestion: Make Skeet's Pantry and the families we serve YOUR VALENTINES this month. A way to do this comes to mind:

- Donate food to show how much you care for families in need of help. If you prefer to donate dollars, we'll put them to good use by doing the shopping for you.

Here is our **February Wish List** of Food Priorities to help with your shopping:

Laundry Detergent (we're still trying to accumulate enough to give one to each family); Pasta Sauce; Peanut Butter; and/or Tuna Fish

As always, we are VERY grateful for the generosity of our congregation and community. All of us at Skeet's Pantry send loving Valentine wishes to all of you!

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

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The Outreach Committee wishes to congratulate you on the accomplishments you achieved this week on your 40 days of small kindness. Let us assure you that it not only made a difference in your life. It also made a difference in the life of the individuals you reached out to. Be sure to add these accomplishments to your journals. After lent, you will be able to look back on these small deeds with pride. Keep up the good work.

## **SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB**

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Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, February 22** at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. This month, Larry White, will be our speaker. This will be a pictorial tour of our sanctuary building.

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. The cost of breakfast is \$6 payable at the Inn. For information, contact Walter Wright at (609)655-6864.

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** February 19, February 22 and February 26

**Senior Fellowship Event:** Our next program will be Tuesday, February 20, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Bingo game afternoon. This will be a brown bag lunch (please bring your own sandwich). We will provide beverages and dessert. This event required preregistration.

If anyone has any items that would be suitable Bingo prize items that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office in a bag or box labelled Senior Fellowship. Thank you.

We have a wonderful group and hope to see you at one of our programs. If you are interested in our schedule of programs or in joining one of our exercise classes, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 and we will have someone call you.

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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**Counting Teams:** 2/18 (Team #2) – 2/25 (Team #3)

<b>Month Ended 1/31/18</b>	
YTD Offerings	\$57,739
YTD Expenses	\$45,425
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	12,314
YTD Per Capita	\$1,027 (5% of \$21,978)

**Important message from Stewardship & Finance:** Please check to see if your Envelope Number corresponds correctly to the address label on your pledge envelope box. It appears there were a few that were incorrectly addressed. If your label does not match the envelope number in the box correctly, please contact George Smith or the church office.

## **WORSHIP**

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**Lay Readers Needed:** We are looking for lay readers for now through June 2018. We welcome new readers to join our team, and would be happy to see your name for one or two Sundays on the sign-up sheet which may be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Ushers Needed:** We have a number of vacancies to fill on our Ushering Guild. All ages are welcome to participate! If you are interested in joining our ushering team, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-1976 or email her at [cabotk@comcast.net](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net).

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **February 18, 2018 (First Sunday of Lent)**

9:15a-10:15a Celebration Sunday  
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
11:45a Library Committee (Lib)  
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)  
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

### **February 19, 2018 (President's Day)**

CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed  
10:00a Senior Exercise  
7:00p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **February 20, 2018**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
9:30a Staff Mtg  
11:00a-4:00p Sr. Fellowship (FH/Kit/VAN)  
12:00p Sr. Fellowship: Bingo (FH)  
3:30p Children's Choir  
7:30p AA (McK Rm)  
7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

### **February 21, 2018**

7:00p Bell Choir  
7:00p-8:30p Lenten Bible Study (Lib)

### **February 22, 2018**

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn  
10:00a Senior Exercise  
7:30p The Chorale

### **February 23, 2018**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)  
4:30p High School Mission Trip (NYC/VAN)

**February 24, 2018**

9:00a-12:00p Deacons Retreat (FH)  
High School Mission Trip (NYC/VAN)

**February 25, 2018 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
2:30p High School Mission Trip (NYC/VAN)  
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)