

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* arr. Dan R. Edwards
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.)

INTROIT *“Be Still and Know that I Am God”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
The law of the Lord revives the soul;
the word of God makes the simple wise.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #308 (Hymnal)* *“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; 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

Psalm 19

Ron Perry
Pew Bible pgs. 498-499

ANTHEM

“Lord, I trust Thee”

Geo. F. Handel
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 2: 13-22

Pew Bible pg. 93

SERMON

“Righteous Anger!”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“In the Garden”

arr. Bill Ingram
Bell Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #98 (Hymnal)*

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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

Please come forward by the center aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*

“Lift High the Cross”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach
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.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

Communion Servers are Bea Davison, Joan Fraser, Matt Rhodes and Janet Wheeler.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Fran Stewart.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Rose Eller & family due to the passing of her sister, Louise; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; family & friends of Dee Wahlers due to his passing; 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; 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 or email Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com. 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.

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

Sunday School: Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Mark your calendars for our next Celebration Sunday, March 25 from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.! It's a Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!

Youth Group - Sky Zone! Middle School and High School students meet in the church parking lot **TODAY** at 2:00 p.m., return around 5:30 p.m. Fill out your Sky Zone waivers (on the Sky Zone website) and church permission form, and let Pastor Hannah know you're coming.

Lenten Bible Study: Adults, join us Wednesday nights during Lent (**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 Sundays' sermons.

This month's Book Club meets on March 26: Join us from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 1. We will be discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. This novel focuses on the journey of the Handmaid Offred in the Republic of Gilead. She serves in the household of the Commander and his wife. Offred can remember a time when she lived with her husband and daughter and had a job, before she lost even her own name. Despite the danger, Offred learns to navigate the intimate secrets of those who control her every move, risking her life in breaking the rules in hopes of ending this oppression. This novel explores a broad range of issues relating to power, gender, and religious politics.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED! Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or email her at frannymag58@aol.com.

CPNS

This week we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss, which gives us another opportunity to celebrate our love of books. This year for our "Celebration of Books" in addition to our many classroom activities we want to remind you that we have a CPNS book swap. Anytime, children and their families are encouraged to bring in a "pre-loved" children's book. You are always welcome to join us in the celebration. If you are interested, we ask that you leave the book on our CPNS bookshelf under our CPNS panda bulletin board for another family to enjoy. Then you and your child should take the time to browse through the books left by other families and take one home to read! Please feel free to swap books as many times as you would like! We hope you enjoy this opportunity to share the love of books with your children and continue to read to them often.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker 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

Skeet's Pantry Gets Ready for Easter! Yes, it's an early Easter this year and our Pantry will be providing Easter "goodies", including hams, for our families in need. Our WISH LIST, though, remains focused on the traditional foods we put in the family bags each month, so we continue to ask that you add to your shopping list the following:

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE,
CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX and PANCAKE SYRUP

If, in addition, you would like to share some Easter “goodies” with our families, we would welcome donations of Easter candy and Easter Egg dye or other Easter children’s items. THANK YOU!!!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Lenten Challenge: Anne Frank said *“How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”* You are changing the world one day at a time as you continue working on your 40 days of kindness challenge. Thanks for caring and keep on making a difference in someone’s life.

Lunch or Dinner for Eight: It is time again to gather, with our church family for fellowship and good food. **Please join us 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 at our new location outside of 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: March 5, March 8, March 12, March 15, March 19, March 22, March 26 and March 29

Senior Fellowship: 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

Counting Teams: 3/4 (Team #4) – 3/11 (Team #1)

| | Month Ended 2/28/18 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| YTD Offerings | \$81,896 |
| YTD Expenses | \$81,475 |
| YTD Net Income/(Loss) | \$421 |
| YTD Per Capita | \$1,576 (7% 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

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 4, 2018 (Third Sunday of Lent)

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

1:00p-6:00p Court of Honor (FH/Kit)

2:00p-5:30p Youth Group: Sky Zone Trip (VAN)

March 5, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise

1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)

7:00p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

March 6, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:30p Children's Choir

7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (Lib)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p MS&G Mtg (FH)

March 7, 2018

12:30p Woman's Club Mtg (FH)

7:00p Bell Choir

7:00p-8:30p Lenten Bible Study - Library

March 8, 2018

8:30a P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:30p The Chorale

March 9, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Assembly (Church Office)

March 10, 2018**March 11, 2018 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Youth Group (Yth Rm)

6:30p-8p High School Youth Group (Yth Rm)

6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (FH)