

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.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Preludio & Allegro

Geo F. Handel
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

"Let all who enter here draw nigh to God"

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, we are God's children now;

when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #104 (Hymnal)*

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; 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

Luke 24: 36-48

Kylie Vandenberg
Pew Bible pg. 91

ANTHEM

“Plenty good room on the glory train”

Kirby Shaw
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

II John

Pew Bible pg. 242

SERMON

“Embodied: Getting Physical”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #106 (Hymnal)*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bread for the World

Mrs. Pat Demers

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

“Ever Faithful, Ever Near”

Franklin Ritter
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

“The Day of Resurrections!”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen
(Lancashire)

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Lord, Thee I love with all my heart” **Johann Ludwig Krebs**
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.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Dick Scott by his wife, Pat, children, Rick, Linda, Debbie, and Ed and grandchildren, Lauren, Samantha and Ben.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Personnel & Administration (P&A) Committee in honor of the staff.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Judson Hagerty; Beatrice Mabutho; Karen Moser; Charlie Patterson; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Don Winchell and Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Margie & George Conley’s, future daughter-in-law, Trish; CPNS family, baby Nicholas & family; Pat Demers’ husband, Bob & step-son, Peter; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Linda Ferguson’s sister, Patty & daughter-in-law, Kristin; Joan & Gordon Fraser's friend, Sally; 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 & daughter, Nancy & son-in-law, Bob; Flo Kremann’s son, Ronnie; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; Ann Mooney’s sister, Mary; Karen Moser’s friend, Sue VonChun; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's sister-in-law, Patricia; Doris Wiegartner’s nephew, Steven (Staff Sergeant USAF); 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Faith Sarafin and Sam Smith today, April 15; Joan Eiker on April 17; and Don Winchell on April 20. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday**, on **Sunday, May 6** beginning at 12:00 p.m. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will provide lunch for those helping during the workday 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.

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.

Youth Group meets tonight! Middle School and High School Youth Groups will meet together tonight for a birthday party 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Yardsale Fundraiser! The Youth Group is participating in the town-wide yard sale on Saturday, April 28, and would graciously accept any items you'd like to donate to their cause. So clean out your closets and your basements, and bring donated items (that you think will sell) to the church in April. Please organize drop-offs with Pastor Hannah ahead of time. Proceeds will support their Summer Mission Trips to New York City and Lorain County, Ohio.

Book Club: Meets again Monday, April 22 at 7:30 in Room One. This month, we're reading *Reclaiming Conversations* by Sherry Turkle. In it, renowned media scholar Sherry Turkle investigates how a flight from conversation undermines our relationships, creativity, and productivity—and why reclaiming face-to-face conversation can help us regain lost ground.

Mark your calendars!!! Adult retreat coming up in May: Imagine yourself relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey while deepening your faith along with others from our church family.

Our upcoming Annual Retreat is just weeks away and will take place this year on May 4 and May 5. We are blessed to have Loida Wilson as our leader. Loida will be leading us in a study on the Gift of Encouragement based on the book *Silver Boxes*. Scripture tells us to ‘...encourage one another and build one another up...’ (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and to ‘...consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...’ (Hebrews 10:24). Join us as we reflect on how we as Christians can show love and encouragement to our brothers and sisters. This is sure to be an uplifting weekend!

This year marks the 31st 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. And for those who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again. Look for the sign up table in upcoming weeks during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. Barbara Santoro will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please call Dorothy Klotzbecher (Mrs. K) at (732)521-2026.

CPNS

CPNS teachers, families, and children have returned from our Easter vacation and look forward to our last few months of the 2017-18 school year. We received our 10-day window visit notification for our onsite rating visit from William Paterson University. This visit reviews what CPNS does to provide a high quality early childhood education to the children and families of our church and local community. It is part of our participation in Grow NJ Kids, the New Jersey Quality Initiative.

Registration for the 2018-2019 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.

DEACONS

Coffee Hour – New Procedure! Anyone who signs up for Coffee Hour will have a Deacon helper if they want a Deacon helper. There are two sign-up lists; the first is to sign-up to be a Coffee Hour Host. The second is to volunteer to bring a plate of cookies or crackers or the like to help the host. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or email her at frannymag58@aol.com.

Save the Date! Our Annual Strawberry Festival will be on Saturday, June 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Look for further information and ticket pricing in upcoming bulletins.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome! If you are looking for a church home, we would love for you to be a part of our congregation. Our new member class began today, April 15, and continues on April 22 and April 29 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The new member recognition will be on May 6 during the Worship Service. Pastor Lou Mitchell will lead these sessions. This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of our church. We are a congregation which offers members of all ages opportunities to join in fellowship and grow in their faith. Please call the church office at (609)395-0897 and let us know if you want to participate or if you have any questions.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

Skeet's Pantry: Your generosity continues to make all of the patrons and volunteers of Skeet's Pantry very happy, indeed. The kindness of our congregation and community enabled us to give over 80 families at our March food distribution.

Now we're gearing up for our mid-April food distribution, and, as usual, we especially need:

Peanut Butter; Grape Jelly, Pasta (all varieties welcome), Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Tuna Fish, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup

OTHER NEWS

The **Women's Spring Retreat**, scheduled for April 20-22 promises to be a fun weekend of fellowship with other women with engaged worship, small group discussions, hiking, boating, zip line, delicious meals, massage, campfire, star watching and lots of laughter. Lodges are furnished with new comfy mattresses (Tempur-pedic, no less) and fresh bed linens. Retreat fee is \$160 per person; private rooms are available for \$180. For more information and to register online visit www.campjburg.org.

Spruce Up Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is a fun filled day of service! Put your faith in action, meet new people, and work with others as you assist the camp staff in preparing the facilities for summer. There is a job for every age and ability. Lunch is included. More information about projects and what to bring will be provided when you register at www.campjburg.org. Contact Anne Gordon for carpooling options at (609) 409-7885 or agordon321@outlook.com.

2018 Summer Camp Brochures are available now from Pastor Hannah or register your child for summer camp on the Johnsonburg website at www.campjburg.org.

OUTREACH

Save the Date! Urban*Promise* International's African Gospel Choir will give a community concert on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for music, rhythm and celebration – bring your family, friends and neighbors.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 16, April 19, April 23, April 26 and April 30

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/15 (Team #2) – 4/22 (Team #3)

	Month Ended 3/31/18
YTD Offerings	\$105,776
YTD Expenses	\$129,307
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$23,531)
YTD Per Capita	\$2,331 (11% of \$21,978)

Per Capita: Commit yourself to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation”

Do we want our Presbytery to innovate and remain vital in their community? Your per capita funds “Vitality Grants” that are matching grants to churches in Monmouth Presbytery to help finance innovative and experimental worship service styles, community programs or other initiatives to help further the mission and ministry of our congregations.

Please consider contributing your per capita of \$37/member!

WORSHIP

Flowers: If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any given Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one(s), please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-2000 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

Lay Readers Needed: We are looking for lay readers from 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)480-2000 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 15, 2018

9:15a Sunday School

9:15a New Member Class (Lib)

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

11:45a Library Committee (Lib)

11:45a-12:15p Youth Band

5p-7:00p Middle/High School Yth Grp birthday party (FH)

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

April 16, 2018

10:00a Senior Exercise

7:00p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

April 17, 2018

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:30p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

April 18, 2018

7:00p Bell Choir

April 19, 2018

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing (FH)

10:00a Senior Exercise

6:30p-8p Youth Group Garage Sale Sorting (Yth Rm-Downstairs)

7:00p Eagle Scout Court of Honor Practice (FH)

7:30p The Chorale

April 20, 2018

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution (FH)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

4:30p Historical Society mtg set-up (FH/Kit)

6:30p Historical Society Mtg. (FH/Kit)

April 21, 2018

9:00a-12:00p Mini Session Retreat (Lib)

3:30p Middle School Lock-In: 30 Hour Famine (All Areas/VAN)

April 22, 2018

9:15a Sunday School: Practice

9:15a New Member Class (Lib)

10:30a Worship w/Baptism followed by coffee hour

11:45a-12:15p Youth Band

2:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts Prep(Kit/GC)

3:00p Eagle Scout Court of Honor (FH)

3:30p Middle School Lock-In: 30 Hour Famine Ends

5:30p Boy Scouts Dinner(FH/Kit/GC)

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