

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
Children & Youth Sunday
March 10, 2019 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Arioso

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

Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K & Kindergarten Sunday School

Come and worship,

Young and old!

Come and worship,

Stranger and friend!

Come and worship,

With song and prayer!

Come and worship

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit!

HYMN #399 (Hymnal)*

“God Welcomes All”

1st time: choir sings

2nd time: congregation sings

3rd time: men sing

4th time: women sing

5th time: everyone together sings

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

1st – 4th Grade Sunday School

Holy God, you make it simple: be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, patient, loving, forgiving, peaceful and thankful. And yet, we still get it wrong. Forgive us. Put your Spirit in our hearts and help us to live like Jesus in words and actions, especially in this Lenten Season. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

God's love is big—

Bigger than our mistakes!

God's love is big—

Bigger than our regrets!

God's love is big—

Bigger than our pains!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN #582 (Hymnal)* *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me”*

THE PEACE*

5th – 7th Grade Sunday School

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Listen to the Word of God:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

Who alone does great wonders,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

Who by understanding made the heavens,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

Who spread out the earth on the waters,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

Who made the great lights,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

The sun to rule over the day,

God's loving kindness endures forever.

The moon and stars to rule over the night,
God’s loving kindness endures forever.
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
God’s loving kindness endures forever.
And rescued us from our foes,
God’s loving kindness endures forever.
Who gives food to all flesh,
God’s loving kindness endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
God’s loving kindness endures forever.
This is the Word of God,
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

High School Sunday School

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible pg. 201

SENIOR SERMONS

Compassion
Kindness
Humility
Quiet-Strength
Patience

Megan Mavoides
Morgan Mavoides
Katie Stewart
Elise Root
Ryan Vandenberg

RESPONDING

HYMN #726 (Hymnal)*

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Confirmation Class

There will be time for personal prayer and reflection. Use this time to write down a prayer you would like someone else to pray for during Lent on your Lenten Bookmark. At the end of this time, we will sing together “Sanctuary” and the Confirmation Class will collect your prayers.

HYMN #701 (Hymnal)*

“Sanctuary”

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Save me, O God”

(Ps. 54:1)

“Doxology”

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

Prayer of Dedication*

Confirmation Class

Francis W. Snow

The Chorale

HYMN #754 (Hymnal)*

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BENEDICTION*

High School Seniors

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary in A Minor

Geo. F. Handel

Organ

***STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

Thank you for supporting and loving us, and letting us grow and learn through worship leadership. We are grateful!

Yours in Christ,

The Children and Youth of The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

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 Pastor 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 is hosted by the Deacon. What will it be, Pink or Blue? Join us during Coffee Hour today to celebrate Caroline, George and Big Brother Nathan and the upcoming arrival of Baby Blankson. The color of cake will reveal the sex of the newest addition to our church family.

Head Ushers are Stan & Helen Dickerson and the Confirmation Class.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Rose Eller; Carol Fisher; Dani Franke; Joan Fraser; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; Justin Keve; Cassandra Khazem; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Charles Patterson, Jr.; Charles Patterson, Sr.; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Rae Ellen Smith; Hennie Sushereba; and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Linda Campbell's friend, Christine; Barbara Connors' mother, Ann; Helen Dickerson's mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes' father, John; Eileen Keve's extended family, Arthur & Paula; Carol Kientz's cousin, Steve; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Karen Lovaglio's friend, Antwon; Anita McManus' sister, Nancy; Karen Moser's friend, Andrew; Art Ryba's sister-in-law, Patricia; Loida Wilson's cousin, Charo & friend, Kathleen; Agnes Winchell's sister, Aniko; and Walter Wright's daughter, Mary Alice.

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 Daune Arsnow at deersnow@verizon.net. 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: Wilma Shimer on March 12; Jean Nostrand on March 13; Marie Perrine and Margaret Lawson on March 16; and Pat Scott on March 17. **Happy Birthday!**

CHOIR NEWS

Ringers Wanted: If you want to join the Bell Choir or find out more information, please contact George Andrews at (212)222-8264 or email him at george@andrewsmusic.com. Youth are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Study Luke this Lent! Join us for a Lenten Bible Study on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. in the Library (**March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15**). We will be using *Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C* by N.T. Wright. If you would like to buy the book and follow along with daily devotions, you can find it online or call the church office to request a copy for \$10. This book offers daily devotions you can do at home, and we will study particular passages together on Mondays.

Sunday School: Children are invited to Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Library, followed by Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School (VBS): Join us on June 24 through June 28 for VBS – To Mars & Beyond! You can register at <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstPresCranbury>.

Youth Group (Sundays): There is NO Middle School and High School Youth Groups tonight!

Book Club! Join us for our next book club meeting on **Monday, March 25** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. We will be reading *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. Pastor Hannah Lovaglio will be our discussion leader.

CPNS

We hope you had a chance to join us in fostering kindness each day and "Spread Kindness Like Confetti". We would love your help decorating the halls of CPNS, just look for our kindness posters and record your acts of kindness on one of the nearby post it notes.

If you are able please join us on Wednesday, March 13 in the church library for "Coffee and Conversations With Janice" beginning at 9:00 a.m. We always have a great time sharing our thoughts and ideas about so many things including our children. Light refreshments are also served.

This past Wednesday, the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School was closed for a professional development day. Our dedicated teachers continue to learn about best practices in the field of early childhood as we maintain the professionalism that early childhood so deserves. Making sure we stay current in this ever changing field helps promote developmentally appropriate academics in a Christian environment. In addition to educating our teachers we are having a parent education night in April for our families of CPNS, our church family, and families in our surrounding community. Please save the date, Monday, April 8 in the evening. More details to follow.

The registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Please let your friends and neighbors know about CPNS. We want everyone to take advantage of giving their children a developmentally appropriate academic, Christian preschool experience.

DEACONS

The church has a long standing tradition of delivering meals to our members in need including those suffering from illness or celebrating the joyous birth of a child. We need your help keeping this promise. Consider preparing an extra meal to help our fellow members. Meals can be dropped off at the church office. Please label the dish with your name, date, food description and heating instructions. Thank you! Caring Cuisine Deacons.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

TASK stands for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and it is truly an amazing, positive place! Our church family and friends have been serving meals at TASK for over 30 years! We are truly partners in caring for Trenton's neediest residents. One day each month (the first Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.), we serve the evening meal to about 150 patrons. Anyone who is over the age of 13 is welcome to join us, just let the church office know you want to serve. In addition, we deliver donations of clothing, books, magazines, large size food and cleaning products,

bagged lunches, hygiene products and wrapped plastic utensils. Donations may be placed in the TASK closet in the “mailbox room” across from Fellowship Hall. By serving meals and donating to TASK you are helping God transform the lives of patrons and perhaps your own! How beautiful is that? Here is the link for TASK: www.trentonsoupkitchen.org.

OTHER NEWS

Cross Pendant: The beautiful cross which hangs in our Sanctuary is now available for the first time as a pendant. The original cross was designed in the 1950s by Hugh Logan, one of our parishioners, and then carved and gilded in the Vatican.

The pendant is an exact molded replica of this cross, and measures 1 1/4” long, and is available in any metal of your choosing. It is only available by custom order directly by you from the Jewelry Design Gallery, which is located inside ShopRite on Rte. 130 in Hightstown where any of the salespersons can help you with your order, or by calling them at (609)371-1800. It will take 2-3 weeks to create your piece. The price for a silver cross is \$59, plus tax, and in gold the price is \$350, plus tax. You can also customize the finish to be shiny or antiqued. When you call, just identify yourself as a member of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, as this cross is only available to us. If you have any questions, need help, or would like to see the pendant, see or call Joan Smith at (609) 655-1905, or email at joankeenesmith@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

Lenten Challenge: This Lent, we invite you to commit to **40 Acts of Kindness**. It may not be always easy to show kindness. This is from one of the prayers hanging above Mother Teresa’s bed, saying: *If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.*

Dinner for Eight: What better time than now, to gather, with our church family for an evening of fellowship and good food. Please join us for Dinner for Eight. We are looking for guests and hosts or hostesses for this semi-annual event. Sign up today at a table located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Carol Fisher at (609)655-5153.

Church Name Badges – Available Soon!! The Outreach Committee invites you to sign-up to purchase a magnetic name badge to wear to church services, meetings and events. You may have seen members of the Outreach Committee wearing their name badges. Sign-up at coffee hour with any Committee member or email Audrey Smith at aud123abc@aol.com to place your order. Please be sure to give us the spelling of your name the way you want it to appear on your name badge. The badges cost Outreach \$7 each – any contribution you might wish to make would be great!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

We run senior exercise classes in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays with instructor Judith and Thursdays with instructor Helen. If you are interested in joining either of these exercise classes you must be over age 55 and reside in Cranbury Township or a member of the congregation. Please call (609)395-0897 and leave your contact information and the church office will have the instructor call you.

Sr. Exercise Schedule: March 11, March 14, March 18, March 21, March 25 and March 28

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **March 14 and March 28** at 11:00 a.m. Knit or crochet along with us. We need to prepare an inventory of shawls so they are ready whenever needed by one of our Pastors or one of the Deacons. We'd love to welcome you into our group. While we knit together, we enjoy our fellowship time together – so will you!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Pledge Envelopes: Your 2019 pledge envelopes are available to pick up in Rm 1.

Counting Teams: 3/10 (Team #1) – 3/17 (Team #2) – 3/24 (Team #3)

Month Ended 2/28/19

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| YTD Offerings | \$52,126 |
| YTD Expenses | \$57,600 |
| YTD Net Income/(Loss) | (\$5,474) |
| YTD Per Capita | \$2,142 (8% of \$25,960) |

WORSHIP

We need volunteers to Usher! If you have questions or would like to usher, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-9176 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Congregational Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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)799-1724 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

Lay Readers: The Lay Reader schedule for January through June 2019 is posted in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for, and would welcome, any new Readers to our group. Any questions please contact Joan Fraser.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 10 (1st Sunday in Lent/Children & Youth Sunday)

9:00a Children & Youth Sunday Practice (Sanctuary)

10:30a Children & Youth Worship Service followed by coffee hour

4p-5p Webelos Mtg (McK Rm)

March 11

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

1:30p Lenten Bible Study (Lib)

7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

March 12

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

11:00a Sr. Fellowship set-up (FH/VAN/Kit)

12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program (FH/Kit/VAN)

3:30p Children's Choir

7:00p Outreach Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Upstairs Church Office)

7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

March 13

9:00a Session Material Due

9:00a-10a “Coffee & Conversation with Janice” (Lib)

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)

11:30a Women’s Club set-up (FH) and 12:30p Program

7:30p Bell Choir

March 14

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

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

7:30p P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p The Chorale

March 15

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

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

March 16

March 17 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

9:15a Sunday School

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

11:45a Library Cmte (Lib)

3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)

4p-5p Webelos Mtg (McK Rm)

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)

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

4:30p-8:30p Scouts Blue & Gold Night (FH/JY)