

***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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2019 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in C Minor*

**James Hook (1746-1827)**  
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 the words of my mouth”*

**Donovan Klotzbecher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the season of Lent, we lay down our heavy burdens,  
**for the weight of the world is not ours to carry, and the life of the church is not ours to save.**  
Repent and believe,  
**for the calling of Christ leads us to follow, and the grace of God offers us transformation.**  
Let us worship God.

HYMN #165 (Hymnal)\*

*“The Glory of These Forty Days”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the light of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS\*  
HYMN #581 (Hymnal)\* *"Gloria Patri"*  
THE PEACE\*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

On behalf of the Session we present: **Hudson William Pagano son of Stephen Pagano, IV and Kate Pagano brother of Vera Pagano born on May 23, 2018** to be baptized.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS & SPONSORS:

(Kate and Stephen) Do you desire that Hudson be baptized? **I do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child? **I do.**

(Kimberly and Kyle) As sponsors, do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Hudson to be a faithful Christian? **I do.**

QUESTIONS TO BAPTISED MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Will we help Hudson remember that God loves him and that we love him? **We will.**

Will we share the stories of Jesus with Hudson? **We will.**

QUESTION TO ADULT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:\*

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Hudson by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH\*

(Parents and Sponsors) Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Hymnal, pg. 35)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

The Lord be with You

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

HYMN #188 (Hymnal/Remain Seated) *“Jesus Loves Me!”*

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Anne Gordon  
Pew Bible pgs. 180-181

ANTHEM

*“God so loved the world”*

**John Stainer**  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible pg. 61

SERMON

*“Just Say Yes”*

Rev. Marie Branigan

## THE RESPONSE

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-  
 2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, The world be-  
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol-low, Though none go  
 4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-

cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low  
 hind me, the cross be-fore me, The world be-hind me, the cross be-  
 with me, I still will fol-low, Though none go with me, I still will  
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Je - sus— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 fore me— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 fol - low— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 Je - sus?— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

[ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS]

## 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

*"I call to thee, Lord Jesus"*

Anton Neunhaber  
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\*

*"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication\*

HYMN\*

*"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

1. Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, He had to  
2. We must walk this lone - some val - ley, We have to  
3. You must go and stand your tri - al, You have to

walk it by Him - self; O, no - bod - y else could walk it  
walk it by our - selves; O, no - bod - y else can walk it  
stand it by your - self, O, no - bod - y else can stand it

for Him, He had to walk it by Him - self.  
for us, We have to walk it by our - selves.  
for you, You have to stand it by your - self.

RESPONSE\*

*"May the road rise to meet you"*  
(Old Irish Blessing)

Denes Agay  
The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Choral Improvisation in A*

Sigfrid Karg Elert  
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 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 Pat Bohrs and Loida Wilson.

**Head Usher** is Alan Danser.

**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; Hennie Sushereba; and Doris Wiegartner.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes’ father, John; Carol Kientz’s cousin, Steve; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Karen Lovaglio’s friend, Antwon; Michael Lovaglio’s friend, Kyle; Anita McManus’ sister, Nancy; Karen Moser’s friend, Andrew; Art Ryba’s sister-in-law, Patricia; Doris Wiegartner’s friend, Tyler; 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](mailto: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:** Pat Scott on March 17. **Happy Birthday!**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Study Luke this Lent!** Join us for a Lenten Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. in the Library (**March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15**).

**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):** Middle School Youth Group meets tonight from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., followed by High School Youth Group from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**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**

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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.

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, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rev.

Hannah Lovaglio and Dr. Janice Parker will be sharing information about raising a reader and writer, technology and young children, kindergarten readiness, spiritual development and how preschoolers learn. Please join us, light refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided.

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**

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**Coffee Hour:** 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](mailto:frannymag58@aol.com).

## **OTHER NEWS**

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We would like to thank the church congregation for the wonderful ways and roles they played, making those beautiful moments for our family last Sunday. The amazing flowers, food and fun and above all every thoughtful gift from the various committees mean the world us. And again, thanks to the Deacons, for the pink/blue coffee hour is such a joyful memory that our family will forever cherish.

God Bless You All, Caroline, George, Nathan and Baby William

## **OUTREACH**

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**Lenten Challenge:** This Lent, we invite you to commit to **40 Acts of Kindness**. Share this YouTube video from Noah and the Whale, 'Give a Little Love'. It shows that kindness is contagious. I hope everyone will find the video touching and enjoy the song. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0abYKwRWIU>

**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](mailto: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 BREAKFAST CLUB**

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Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, March 28** at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. The program will be about a Harbor Pilot. It will be presented by Captain Ron Perry and Bob Kane.

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 Fritz Hager at (609)655-2787.

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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

## **SMALL GROUPS**

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**Prayer Shawl Group:** Join us in Room 1 on **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!

**Religions of the World...** our focus is to increase our knowledge and understanding of the religious faiths in our community.

**On Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 till 12:00 p.m.,** we would like to extend an invitation to all interested church members to attend an educational presentation on Muslims in America and Contributions of the Arabic Culture to the World, in Fellowship Hall. This presentation will be followed by a question and answer

period. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Loida Wilson at [loidawilson@comcast.net](mailto:loidawilson@comcast.net) or call her at (609)947-3348.

**In late April**, there will be a visit to the Mosque on Old Trenton Rd.... **date to be advised.**

**Additional Interfaith Knowledge Sharing..... sponsored by Chesterfield Baptist Church on March 31 at 4:00 p.m.** for those who are interested: “Town Teach-In” will be held at Chesterfield Baptist Church, 209 Matthews Lane, Chesterfield, NJ. Please join us for a lively discussion of the Hindu faith tradition. Following the discussion there will be a time to enjoy some chocolate cake, cookies, homemade pies, beverages and each other’s company. Please invite friends.

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## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**Pledge Envelopes:** Your 2019 pledge envelopes are available to pick up in Fellowship Hall.

Counting Teams: 3/17 (Team #2) – 3/24 (Team #3) – 3/31 (Team #4)

### **Month Ended 2/28/19**

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

**Per Capita:** Commit yourself to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” Part of being Presbyterian is understanding the connectional nature of our denomination, and celebrating the strength that is achieved in the interrelationships among congregation, presbytery, synod and General Assembly. These interrelationships in our denomination provide a sound structure that allows us to go places we could not otherwise get to alone. Please consider contributing your per capita of \$40/member!

## **WORSHIP**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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### **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)  
4:30p-8:30p Scouts Blue & Gold Night (FH/JY)  
5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)  
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

### **March 18**

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)  
1:30p Lenten Bible Study (Lib)  
7:30p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **March 19**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
9:30a Staff Mtg  
3:30p Children's Choir  
7:30p AA (McK Rm)  
7:30p Session Mtg (Lib)

### **March 20**

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)  
7:30p Bell Choir  
7:30p Mercer Area District Mtg (McK Rm)

### **March 21**

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)  
6:30p-7:30p Wolf Pack (McK Rm/EK)  
7:30p The Chorale

### **March 22**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

### **March 23**

### **March 24 (3rd Sunday in Lent)**

9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
5:00p-6:30p Joint Middle School and High School Yth Grp