

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts”

Shaker Melody,
arr. by Kenneth P. Lenz
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

“Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just”
(Ps. 32:1-3)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are, broken and burdened,
and find healing in God’s goodness.

Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
and find purpose in God’s calling.

Come as you are, weary and wary,
and find comfort in God’s embrace.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and worship God with gladness.

HYMN #435 (Hymnal)* *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Forgive us when we ignore your presence: when we place our trust in things that fade away. By your grace, move us to be more faithful disciples. By your forgiveness, empower us to share forgiveness with others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 32 Pat Demers
Pew Bible pg. 506-507

ANTHEM “*Amazing Grace*” Trad., arr. by Cathy Moglebust
Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32 Pew Bible pg. 78-79

SERMON “A Tale of Two Brothers” Rev. Marie Branigan

HYMN #442 (Hymnal)* “*Just as I Am, without One Plea*”

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “*Boundless Mercy*” Spiritual,
arr by Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* “*Doxology*”
Prayer of Dedication*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #517 (Hymnal/Seated) “*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*” (verses 1-3)

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,

and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us. With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father..."

Albert Hay Malotte,

(Unison – The Chorale/Congregation)

arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one, living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #216 (Hymnal)*

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen
(*St. Christopher*)

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Kyrie
(*God the Father Everlasting*)

J. S. Bach
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Holy Week and Easter Service

April 14 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

9:15a Celebration Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt
10:30a Worship w/Palm Parade

April 18 (Maundy Thursday)

7:30p Maundy Thursday Service

April 19 (Good Friday)

12:00p-2:30p Open Prayer
2:30p Good Friday Service

April 21 (Easter)

No Sunday School
7:00a Easter Sunrise Service (Village Park Lakeside)
10:30a Easter Worship Service

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 one of our 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 will be in a small cup in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

Communion Servers are Pat Bohrs, Sue Britton, Stan Dickerson, Fritz Hager, KY Huang, and Kirstie Venanzi.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Heidi Knowlton.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Austin Applegate; Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Rose Eller; Carol Fisher; Joan Fraser; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Sally Giovanos; Judson Hagerty; Scott Kerr; Lucille Kirkenir; Margaret Lawson; Beatrice Mabutho; Charles Patterson, Jr.; Charles Patterson, Sr.; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; and Hennie Sushereba.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Rev. Marie Branigan’s brother, Tom; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Judy Duke’s soon to be son-in-law, Peter; Gordon & Joan Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mark Hughes’ father, John; Mark & Joanne Hughes’, niece, Lauren; Carol Kientz’s cousin, Steve; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Karen Lovaglio’s friend, Antwon; Michael Lovaglio’s friend, Kyle; Anita McManus’ sister, Nancy; Karen Moser’s friend, Andrew & daughter’s friend, Jamie; Art Ryba’s sister-in-law, Patricia; John Ryba & Sharon Marshall’s niece, McKenna; Joan Smith’s brother, Jim; 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. 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 fill out and 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: Peg Hagerty on April 9 and Jane Siebert on April 12. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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 (April 8 and 15).

Sunday School: Thank you Congregational Life for a delicious Pancake Breakfast!

Families and children of all ages are invited to Celebration Sunday next Sunday, April 14, for our Annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt! 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m., gather in the Fellowship Hall for a story, crafts, and the egg hunt! A special appearance will be made by the Easter Bunny!

Register for 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 Monday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. We're reading *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Adult Retreat Coming up in May: Our upcoming Annual Retreat is just weeks away and will take place this year on May 3 and May 4. This year marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Adult Retreat. If you have never attended but are wondering what it's like, now is a wonderful time to find out. For those who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again.

We are blessed to have Loida Wilson as our leader again this year as we gather together in Christian love and fellowship to learn, share and grow. The theme will be, *“Leaning into God during Crisis: Faith vs. Fear”*. We all look forward to relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey while deepening our faith along with others from our church family. This is sure to be an uplifting weekend!

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

Preschool children are learning all the time and they learn by being actively involved in all they do. They are excited and curious about the world around them and we want to encourage their exploration and help them develop their natural curiosity. We need to teach children how to learn for a lifetime of academic success. We want them to get along with others and become enthusiastic learners as well as becoming independent and self-confident individuals.

We are having a Parent Education Night tomorrow for our families of CPNS, our church family, and families in our surrounding community. We will be sharing helpful information regarding how preschoolers learn. Please join us tomorrow, **Monday, April 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall;** Reverend Hannah Lovaglio and Dr. Janice Parker will be sharing information about raising a reader and writer, technology and young children, kindergarten readiness, and the spiritual development of young children. Please join us; light refreshments will be served and child care will be provided. (See the flyer on page 14)

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

DEACONS

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.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

One Great Hour of Sharing is all about sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relieve from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

During this season of Lent, as a church family, let us open our hearts and wallets to support this longstanding, vital mission fundraising effort. The children of our church will be filling fish boxes full of coins and dollars, you can text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10.00, donate on our church website, or write a check to the First Presbyterian Church, with OGHS in the memo line. One Great Hour of Sharing offerings will be dedicated on Palm Sunday.

Now is the time, not tomorrow, not yesterday, but now is the time to give to One Great Hour of Sharing! Our goal is to raise \$2,500. Let us join together to meet our goal and spread God's love! Thank you for your generous support.

Celebrate Easter with An Act of Kindness for Skeet's Pantry: Lent seems just the right time to lend a little extra help to Skeet's Pantry – and to earn one or more of your “40 Acts of Kindness” at the same time! Our shelves are now about 1/3 full (good news), but that means our shelves are about 2/3 empty – bad news for the 80 or more families who are hoping for our help with their Easter and springtime meals.

Here's the list of the foods we REALLY NEED for our Good Friday food distribution on April 19:

GRAPE JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, CEREAL (family size boxes are really great!), PASTA (all varieties) and PASTA SAUCE (all varieties)

Anything you and your family can do to help us fill our shelves with these foods is truly wonderful, and if friends or neighbors offer to add some food to your donation, that would be fantastic! Providing food for those in need on Good Friday will make that very special day in our worship life even more blessed. THANK YOU!

CROP Hunger Walk: If someone is interested in organizing this year's CROP Hunger Walk for our church, please contact Loida Wilson at loidawilson@comcast.net or call her at (609)947-3348.

OTHER NEWS

Save the Date: Johnsonburg Spring Women's Retreat on April 26 through April 28, 2019. Topic is *"Resilience for the Fearfully & Wonderfully Made"* led by Rev. Dr. Tracy Mehr-Muska. For more information and flyer go to: <https://www.campjburg.org/camp/wp-content/uploads/Womens-Retreat-Flyer-2019.pdf>.

OUTREACH

Lenten Challenge: This Lent, we invite you to commit to **40 Acts of Kindness**. Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Kindness is right in the middle of the fruit of the Spirit. Since the fruit of Spirit is from God, we ought to pray to God to endow us the Spirit of kindness, and remember our action of kindness is also a gift from God.

Church Name Badges!! The Outreach Committee invites you to sign-up to purchase a magnetic name badge to wear to church services, meetings and events. 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

Sr. Exercise Schedule: April 8, April 11, April 15, April 18, (April 22-NO CLASS), April 25 and April 29

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **April 11 and April 25** 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. **In late April**, there will be a visit to the Mosque on Old Trenton Rd.... **date to be advised.**

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/7 (Team #1) – 4/14 (Team #2) – 4/21 (Team #3)

Month Ended 3/31/19

YTD Offerings	\$78,100
YTD Expenses	\$86,089
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$7,989)
YTD Per Capita	\$2,702 (10% of \$25,960)

Per Capita: Commit yourself to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together as we seek to discern with one another where it is God is leading us. Please consider contributing your per capita of \$40/member!

WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Readers: Readers are needed for the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service. Please contact Pastor Marie at firstpresmarie@comcast.net or sign-up in the back of Sanctuary or during coffee hour.

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 now 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.

Display Cases: When you get a moment, check out the display cases in the narthex. Leah Moy and Barbara Santoro do a wonderful job of changing the displays each season.

Do you like to read? Check out the (4) shelves of books in the Bell room. Just borrow and return at your leisure. (The room is behind the Bell tables).

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 7 (5th Sunday in Lent)

9:00a-10:00a All Church Pancake Breakfast
9:15a Sunday School @ Pancake Breakfast
9:00a-12:00p Confirmation Retreat
10:30a Worship with Communion
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)
4p-5p Webelos Mtg (McK Rm)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

April 8

9a-12p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Rm 1)
10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
11:00a-7:00p Set-up for Parent Program (FH)
1:30p Lenten Bible Study (Lib)
7:00p-8:30p Parent Education Night (FH)
7:30p Cong. Life Mtg (Lib)
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

April 9

9a-3p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Rm 1)
9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
11:00a Sr. Fellowship (VAN)
12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program (FH/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)

April 10

9:00a Session Material Due

9a-3p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Rm 24/25)

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

7:30p Bell Choir

April 11

9:00a-3:00p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Rm 24/25)

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

7:00p P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p The Chorale

April 12

9a-3p CPNS Parent Teacher Conf. (Lib)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

10:00a Stuffing Eggs (Church Office)

Palm Prep

April 13

10:00a-11a Prep for Easter Egg Hunt

April 14 (Palm Sunday)

9:15a Celebration Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

6p-7p Middle School/High School Yth Grp Service Project

**CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL
PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT**



When: *Monday, April 8, 2019*

Where: *Fellowship Hall at
The First Presbyterian Church
22 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ*

Time: *7:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.*

Presenters: *Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Dr. Janice Parker*

Come join us as we share information about children's development including the importance of a child's spiritual development.

Topics include: Kindergarten Readiness, Technology, Raising a Reader and Writer, Spiritual Development and How Preschoolers Learn

Childcare provided, and light refreshments served

CPNSchool@comcast.net ~ Cranburycpns.org ~ (609)655-8663

