

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
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
April 21, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"Music for Easter"

arr. by Wesley Hanson
The Brass 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

"The Lord is My Strength and My Song"
(Ps. 118:14)

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Come, see the tomb where he was laid.

Come, touch the stone that was rolled away.

Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

Come, worship God!

HYMN #232 (Hymnal)*

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of new life, forgive us when we would rather mourn the old. God of resurrection, forgive us when all we can see is death. God of faithfulness, forgive us when we are certain that we are alone. Forgive us, God of mercy. Make us aware of the depth of your grace, that we might respond with lives of faithfulness. Amen.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pgs. 176-177

ANTHEM *The Gateway Carol* Ralph E. Marryott
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-12 Pew Bible pg. 90

EASTER HOMILY "A Matter of Life and Death" Rev. Marie Branigan

HYMN #234 (Hymnal)* *"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *"Joyful, Joyful, Christ Is Risen"* arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
The Bell Choir

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #526 (Hymnal)* *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You have promised us a new creation of peace and joy, where the wolf and the lamb will dwell together and no one will hurt or destroy on your holy mountain. 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.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Early on the first day of the week, Jesus' disciples went to his tomb, only to find it empty. There they discovered that he had risen indeed. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord give us new hope in the life of the world to come, when you will conquer every enemy—even death itself. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER "Our Father..."
(Unison – The Chorale/Congregation)

Albert Hay Malotte,
arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN #157 (Hymnal)* "I Danced in the Morning"

RESPONSE* Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Christ Arose”

writ. by Robert Lowry,
arr. by Pat Bohrs
The Brass Choir

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

Diane Smith

November 17, 1946 – April 15, 2019

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11: 25-26

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”.

Children are welcome in worship! Worship materials for children 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. Children are also invited to come forward for the children’s message, and nursery care is available throughout the service. Find the way to worship that works best for your 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, George Conley, Margie Conley, Anne Gordon, Ken Gordon, KY Huang, Michael Lovaglio and Craig Vandenberg.

Flowers today are the beautiful Easter flowers given in memory, in honor and/or as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people.

Coffee Hour is hosted by John and Brenda Kirkenir. Please join us as we celebrate Don Winchell’s 90th Birthday!

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeters are Kay Gartner and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Judy Duke’s soon to be son-in-law, Peter; Linda Ferguson’s daughter-in-law, Kristin; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Don Winchell on April 20. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday next Sunday, April 28** 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. Looking forward to a productive day.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Study Luke this Lent! Join us for the last Lenten Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke, Easter Monday (April 22) at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

There is **No Sunday School or Youth Group** today, April 21. Happy Easter!

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>.

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 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 Klotzbeacher (Mrs. K at 732/521-2026).

CPNS

CPNS will be closed for our Easter Vacation which began on Friday, April 19 and we will return to school on Monday, April 29. We hope you had a chance to attend one of our Easter Programs. The children once again were amazing. They really have a way of making you smile.

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

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

April - Skeet's Pantry: Here's the list of the foods we REALLY NEED:

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! THANK YOU!

Can you help us? Our church supports this worthwhile organization. NAMI Mercer is proud to join the national effort encouraging education and understanding to replace the stigma of mental illness with hope.

NAMI Walks of Mercer County is being held at Educational Testing Service in Princeton on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. NAMI Mercer raises awareness and provides essential education, advocacy and support group programs at no cost for people living with mental illness. Pat Demers is Team Captain for Demers Walk On! Please join the Walk or donate to support Pat via check or at https://www.namiwalks.org/participant/Pat_Demers_2019

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

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!

Save the Date: UrbanPromise International's African Gospel Choir will give a community concert on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for music, rhythm and celebration – bring your family, friends and neighbors!

SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us for Senior Breakfast Club on **Thursday, April 25** at 8:30 a.m. at The Cranbury Inn. Our speaker will be Leslie Handler, an award winning syndicated columnist for Senior Wire News. Ms. Handler freelances for such publications as *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *WHYY*, and *HuffPost*. Her presentation is called "learning to love the color gray". In addition to her writing, Leslie Handler gives inspirational and humorous talks based on her book with proceeds going to NAMI Mercer where she is a board member.

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

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

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **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: 4/21 (Team #3) – 4/28 (Team #4) – 5/5 (Team #1)

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

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 21 (Easter)

NO Sunday School

7:00a Easter Sunrise Service (Village Park Lakeside)

10:30a Easter Worship and Communion Service followed by coffee hour

NO Youth Grp

April 22

CPNS/Church Office Closed

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

April 23

CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours (9a-1:00p)

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

7:00p Deacons Mtg (FH)

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

April 24

CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours (9a-1:00p)

7:30p Bell Choir

April 25

CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours (9a-1:00p)

8:30a Sr. Breakfast Club at the Cranbury Inn

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

7:30p The Chorale

April 26

CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours (9a-1:00p)

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

April 27

Town-wide Garage Sale

April 28

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour

12:00p B&G Workday (All Areas)

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)



EASTER FLOWERS – 2019

Given By:

*Vicki Bain
Alan and Barbara Balcomb

Connie Bauder
Pat Bohrs
Pat Bohrs
Pat Bohrs
Betty Borgeson
Barbara and Arthur Danser
Pat and Bob Demers
Jean E. Dvorak
Linda Ferguson
Joan and Gordon Fraser

Gaylord French
John and Kay P. Gartner
John and Kay P. Gartner
Anne and Ken Gordon
Ruth Jost
Andrew Jost, Jr.
Mary Lou Kerr
Don Klotzbeacher
Heidi and Cabot Knowlton*

In Memory, Honor, Gratitude of:

*In memory of Dennis Bain
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Balcomb and
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Thomas
In memory of my parents, Margaret and Milton Huber
In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Hagerty
In honor of Mr. Judson Hagerty
As a gift of gratitude to all the church musicians
In honor of my son, Stewart Adams and family
In honor of our children
In memory of Gretchen Haverkamp Stults
In memory of Ruth, Julius and Walter Dvorak
In honor of my children and grandchildren
In memory of Gordon & Hilda Fraser and
Charles & Winifred White
In memory of Marlene French
In memory of John and Mary Gartner
In honor of Louis and Lillis Stockwell
In honor of Anne's parents, Lois and Byron Dugdale
In memory of my parents, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kovacs
In memory of my parents, Andrew and Clarissa Jost
In memory of Louis and Blanche Delfino
In memory of Dawn M. Simpson-Klotzbeacher
In memory of The Rev. Wendy Thode*

Given By:

Margaret Lamb (Bodmer)

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Patrick Thomas and Jack Finn Lovaglio

Barbara Mortensen

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Karen and Norman Moser

Karen and Norman Moser

Leah Wagner Moy

Leah Wagner Moy

Leah Wagner Moy

Janice Parker

Marie Perrine

Marie Perrine

Arthur and Gloria-Jean (McKenrick) Ryba

Pat Scott

Pat Scott

Barbara Sears

Rae Ellen and Samuel Smith

Mary B. Speer

Mary B. Speer

Hennie Sushereba

Jim and Debbie Taylor

Annie, Ted and Betsy Thode

Doris Wiegartner

Walter Wright

In Memory, Honor, Gratitude of:

In memory of Pat and Barry Lamb

In memory of Dick and Jackie Bodmer

As a gift of gratitude to our Oma, Karen Lovaglio

In memory of my son, Scott Mortensen

In memory of my husband, Clifford Mortensen

In memory of loved ones

In honor of our children, Ted Kenny and Dawn Winkler

In memory of Richard and Helen Wagner

In memory of Freda and Jack Schassberger

In memory of Rev. Dr. Dan Ogden

*As a gift of gratitude to our teachers at
the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School*

In memory of Henny B. Perrine

In memory of Madalyn Frizini Perrine

*In memory of Ernest, Jeanne and
Richard McKenzie*

In loving memory of Dick Scott

In honor of my children and grandchildren

In memory of my mother, Charlotte Stockham

In memory of our loving family

In memory of my aunt, Mary Blakely

In memory of my uncle and aunt, William and Sara Blakely

In memory of Theodore Sushereba

As a gift of gratitude to God for our family

In memory of The Rev. Wendy White Sushereba Thode

In memory of Bob and Sam Wiegartner

In memory of my parents, Marcus and Alice Wright