

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann
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

“Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving” **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(*Ps. 100:4*) **The Chorale**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you heard the news the women brought?

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Have you heard the story Peter told?

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Let us journey the road of faith together, ready for God to surprise us once more.

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN #246 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Alive!”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

When we lock the doors of our hearts or minds, you burst through with forgiveness and peace. When we are paralyzed by fear, doubt, or anger, you breathe the Spirit on us and clothe us in your strength. When we turn away from the depth of your redemption, you call us back and gift us with joy. Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we commit. Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to confess. Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to forgive, and lead us into your abundant life. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 583

ANTHEM

"In Joseph's Lovely Garden"

Clarence Dickinson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31

Pew Bible pg. 115

SERMON

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #254 (Hymnal)*

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bread for the World

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

Offerande

Flor Peeters
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #623 (Hymnal)*

"I've Got Peace like a River"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Two Versets

Domenico Zipoli
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Beverly Robertson

May 26, 1938 – April 16, 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.

Flowers today are in gratitude to Flo and Andy Kremann from the Deacons.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Ruth Jost and Doris Wiegartner. Please join us as we bid thanks and farewell to Flo and Andy Kremann for their years of service and wish them well in their new home.

Head Usher is Pat Bohrs.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Andy Kremann.

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: Ginny Swanagan on May 5. **Happy Birthday!**



During the month of May, we will be working on creating a **HOT 100 Hymns Chart** for FPCC. You can assist by filling out a My Top 10 list card that will be in next week's bulletin. When compiled the Top 100 will be a guide to combining old favorites with new songs as we praise God together!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday TODAY, 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.

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

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.

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

Annual Adult Retreat: Our upcoming Annual Retreat is next week, 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

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! We all look forward to returning after our Easter break.

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

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.

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 FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: April 29, May 2, May 6, May 9, May 13, May 16, May 20, May 23, (May 27-NO CLASS), May 30

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **May 9 and May 23** 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

Counting Teams: 4/28 (Team #4) – 5/5 (Team #1) – 5/12 (Team #2)

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)
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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 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)

April 29

- 10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
- 7:30p Book Club (Rm 1)
- 7:30p Brass Choir
- 8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

April 30

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:30p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

May 1

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

7:30p Bell Choir

May 2

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN

6:45p Worship Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p The Chorale

May 3

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

Adult Spring Retreat (Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ)

May 4

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May 5

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10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)

4p-5p Webelos Mtg (McK Rm)

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

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