

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn
Organ

INTROIT

“Forever”

Chris Tomlin
Children’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

O Lord, we yearn to take refuge in you.

Open our minds to receive your Word.

O God, we long to ease the troubles of our hearts.

We lift our hearts to you, Lord.

O God, we are eager to learn your path of faithfulness.

We dedicate ourselves again to your call.

O Lord, we seek to travel your journey of steadfast love.

We give you our very lives.

O God, we listen for your word: “You are my beloved.”

We belong to you completely.

HYMN #263 (Hymnal)*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Eternal God, you are our help and our salvation; for you we should wait all day long. You call us to a time of examination and preparation, but we resist, full of our own agendas. You alone know how impatient we are with others, with ourselves and with you. Have mercy on us, O God. Slow our pace. We pray in the name of your Beloved Son, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP (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.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨		Cassi Waciega
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 1: 1-3	Geneva Stiglic Pew Bible pg. 1
ANTHEM	<i>"I want to Live"</i>	John Denver Children's Choir
SCRIPTURE	Romans 8: 28-39	Pew Bible pgs. 58-159
SERMON	"Before the Beginning, Part III"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS		(See Insert)
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>"Ecce quomodo moritur"</i> (<i>Lo, the righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart</i>)	Jacob Handl The Chorale
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Lift High the Cross"</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>"Now unto Him who is able"</i>	David Morris The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Allegretto</i>	William Boyce Organ

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

(Elders) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

(Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept ***George Arsnow, Jack Britton, Sue Britton, Pat Demers, *Jean Dunham, Arlene Duran, Rose Eller, Charlie Ernst, *Michael Kasper, Carol Kientz, John Kirkenir, Lucille Kirkenir, *Lori Kleppe, Heidi Knowlton, Andrew Kremann, John Sprout, *Kirstie Venanzi and *Dietrich Wahlers** as Elders and Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

(*to be ordained)

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

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. [the prayer continues]

PRONOUNCEMENT OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

(Many thanks to those who have completed their term as active officers.)

Elders: Alan Danser, Marie Perrine, Robert Gregory, Carlene Reyes and Robert Tyndall

Deacons: Daune Arsnow, Jane Hovland, Brenda Kirkenir, Karen Moser and Craig Vandenberg

Visitors! We hope that you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Childcare providers for the infant nursery are Linda Protinick and Taylor Panconi. The toddler nursery is staffed by Bob and David Mills. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! "Worship bags" containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel are given by Mr. Stanley Stults in loving memory of his family. Flowers are also given by Sonja and Mark Bianchi in loving memory of Sonja's mother, Erna Dirksen.

Head Ushers are Bill and Sheree Dunnett and Brian and Gina Moore.

After Church Greeters are confirmands, Katherine Gerberich and Charlie III.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Joan Brown and Jane Hovland.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, or 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 contact the church office at 395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge and John Bloom; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Dorothy Swec; Jim Walcott and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; the Meizenis family on the death of Jeannine's father; Dawn Michaud's father, Frank Thomas; Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden; and Cathy Vogen's father-in-law, Don Vogen.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community.

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 remember family & friends in our nation's service: Colonel John Bartolotto (US Army), Elsie & Russell Sutton's son-in-law; Lt. Nick Brunetti (USMC), Tracey Yeager Brunetti's husband and Jeff & Diane Yeager's son-in-law; Adam Frick (US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen's cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75th Ranger Regiment), Janet & Paul Furchak's son; Colonel Martha Lenhart (US Army), Jim & Barbara Cox's daughter-in-law; Greg McAvoy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer's grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army Specialist), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Mentes (9th Cavalry Troop), Pat & Bill Leonard's son-in-law; Major Douglas Miller (US Air Force), George & Audrey Smith's nephew and Anna Wahler's grandson; Tony Paschall, Ann and Ted Zimmerman's step-grandson and Colonel Daniel Shanahan (US Army), Leslie Vandenberg's cousin.

- 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!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

Today through March 21 "Lift Up Your Heart: Prayer" with Rev. Rosanna Anderson in the Library: Join Pastor Rosanna for a five week Lenten series on prayer. We will discuss prayer in the Bible and experience a variety of prayer practices from the riches of the history of the Christian tradition.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Transitions Networking Group: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Room 1. This is an opportunity to connect with others going through job change and sharing information about jobs, opportunities and resources. It will feature expert speakers and guests, and provide Scripturally-based resources focused on career and life changes. Everyone is welcome to attend. The group is facilitated by Charlie Ernst and sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Coffee and donuts/fruit will be provided.

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn: All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our study on *The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

VBS STANDS FOR ... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School is back again this year with another fun and exciting program! The week-long VBS morning program is scheduled for **August 2 - 6**. This year's theme is "SonQuest Rainforest." Stay tuned to the bulletin and church website for more details. Please call Claudette Guy (409-8553) or Janet Wheeler (655-8313) with any questions. Come along and get caught up in the excitement of VBS!

~ CPNS ~



We are currently registering for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net to find out more information. As a Christian Nursery School our goal is to guide your children in the appropriate ways to get along with others, to be self-confident and respectful individuals, to make decisions, to be creative, to solve math problems, to love reading and writing, and most of all to love to learn.

We are also registering for our winter/spring enrichment programs. We offer Art & Literacy, Science & Math, Music & Movement and the Power of Play along with Mommy's Morning Out for children not yet in our school. You don't need to be enrolled in CPNS to attend these programs. Register today, several classes are already filled. We look forward to hearing from you! **P.S.** Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about us as well.

~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: Africa is a continent blessed with rivers: the Nile, Congo, Zambezi, and Niger are among the largest in the world. And yet over half of Africa's population--300 million people--do not have access to safe, clean water enabling them to live healthy lives. Missionaries from the PC(USA) work closely with those affected in this way, designing programs to address this situation and many others. We are assured that the love, care, gifts and skills that flow from these many mission workers in Africa are amazing. There are 60 long-term mission personnel serving in this far-away continent, plus many more who are serving various short term assignments. Each of these persons reaches out in faith, a flow of living water that comes from a believer's heart. And that kind of living water is helping to bring the living water needed for life to all in the continent.

HAITI - The need continues and gifts are still welcome. You may contribute cash or checks made out to our church which will then be sent on to PDA. If you prefer to send your money directly, you can make it out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and send to that name, PO Box 64370, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700. Mark the check DR 00064. Or, if you like, you may call (800)872-3283 and make your gift over the phone.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO HELP HAITI: This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary flautist Lisa Johnson and some of her students will perform here in the sanctuary in a benefit program for Haitian relief. Johnson, a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts with a Masters degree from the Manhattan School of Music, is both a virtuoso performer and a dedicated teacher with students both here in New Jersey and Manhattan. She has been an assistant in master classes with Sir James Galway, and she has recorded with the Riverside Church choir and on the CRI label. Ms. Johnson has toured Hong Kong, Singapore and been a featured entertainer on Cunard ships in Africa, South America, Hawaii and New Zealand on the Caribbean, Mediterranean seas.

A free-will offering will be collected at the close of the program - with ALL of the proceeds going to PC(USA) Disaster Relief for Haiti. It promises to be a wonderful concert. Please join us!

~ OTHER NEWS ~

Thank you for your love and concern, which was so beautifully shared through your prayers, calls, cards, and meals! The Gospel is proclaimed within the life of this church family and

this community, which is the first step to the rest of the world. "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world." Romans 1:8

Blessings, Pastor Joanne

The Kleppe family wants to thank the congregation for their wonderful support of the Valentine's Day Blood Drive for our friend Tom Cullen. We had a very successful blood drive! The Cullen family was overwhelmed by the caring and support of our church community.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~~

We will be meeting at the Cranbury Inn at 8:30 a.m., February 25 with entertainment provided by Karl Dentino Ragtime Blues Guitar. He will be playing minstrel-style guitar blues from the 1920's and 1930's. All are welcome at these monthly breakfasts.

If you wish to attend and have not done so, please notify the church office at 395-0897, so that you can be contacted. For information, contact Stan Dickerson at 443-6388 or Walter Wright at 799-1179.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown. We are keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on it, please call the church office.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

February 22, February 25, March 1, March 4

UPCOMING EVENT

Senior Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 12 noon for another interesting program sponsored by the Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Commission. Soup, dessert and a beverage will be served. At 1:00 p.m., we will welcome back Mr. Douglas Aumack who will present a slide show on the history of Raritan Landing, and will explain archaeological methods used in the excavation of this historic area. Doug will then teach us the steps involved in such an archaeological dig, exhibiting tools used and artifacts uncovered. Preregistration is required for this program.

SENIOR CENTER EVENT

On Friday, February 26, please join us for luncheon at noon to be followed by "The Power of Positive Thinking" presented by Middlesex County Department of Health at the Cranbury Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome. YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday, February 22. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Your per capita assessment is due! Please use your initial offering envelope or the per capita envelopes in the pews "to pay your 'share' of the per capita assessment. Per capita is \$35 per active member (including confirmed youth). Thank you for your generous support of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Reminder: If you intend to make a designated gift to one of our missions or ministries, please help us keep accurate records. While you are welcome to place your gift in the offering plate, please place your contribution in a separate envelope from your pledge offering and clearly mark the envelope and the check with how the contribution should be used or classified. While our counting teams strive for accuracy in recording all gifts received in the offering plate, it is very easy to overlook a notation on the memo line of a check and your contribution could be inadvertently misclassified. Thanks!

Counting Teams: 2/21 (Team #2) - 2/28 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to take advantage of our nursery if you have children age 5 and under. If you prefer to keep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

FLOWER OPENINGS: On Sundays, March 14 and March 21 there are flower openings available. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith at 890-0822.

USHERS GUILD: If you are interested in joining the Ushering Guild, please contact Caren Anuszewski at 587-8883 or at ccrab91@optonline.net. Ushers, please remember to pick up your ushering packets in the Narthex.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

The Youth Group would like to thank the congregation for supporting the youth hoagie sale fund raiser. We raised \$345 which will help support the summer youth mission trip. The Super Bowl of sharing effort raised \$178 for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). The Youth Group would also like to thank Al Johns Pizza & Sub Shop of Princeton Junction for their support and providing the hoagies. The Youth Group and Youth Ministry Committee would like to thank all of you for your generosity and support. God Bless all of you!

February Activities

- 2/21 TONIGHT 6:30-8:00 p.m. Service Project: Make Soup for Senior Fellowship
- 2/28 Exciting New Plans: Attend "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at WWPHS North from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 person.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

February 21, 2010 - February 28, 2010

Sunday 21	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Room) 10:30a Worship w/Ordination and Installation followed by coffee hour 1:00p-3:00p Set-up for Concert benefiting Haiti - Sanctuary 3:00p-5:00p Concert benefiting Haiti-Sanctuary 5:30p-6:30p Mentor dinner with Confirmands- FH 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group making soup for Senior Fellowship - FH/Kit 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 22	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McKnight Room
Tuesday 23	9:00a Bulletin Material 10:00a Senior Fellowship set-up-FH/KIT 10:30a-1:00p CPNS Teachers reading at Barnes & Noble - Hamilton 12(noon) Senior Fellowship Soup lunch and Presentation-FH/KIT 7p-10p CPR Training - Room 12 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 24	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Lib 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 25	8:30a Senior Breakfast Fellowship at the Cranbury Inn 10:00a Senior Exercise 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room 7:30p Eagle Scout Review - Lib
Friday 26	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Room 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 27	9:00a-1:00p NJ Civil War Meeting - McKnight Room
Sunday 28	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Room) 10:30a Worship w/CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour in honor of the CPNS Board 2:30-5:30p Youth Group trip to "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at WWPHS North 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McKnight Room (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn