

*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

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *March* June Nixon
Organ

INTROIT *"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Rosanna Anderson
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN #89 (Hymnal)* *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praise. While our voices give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Lord, save us. Hosanna! 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 ✚ Pastor Lou
#88 (Hymnal)
Palm Parade *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 29-40 Peter Miller
Pew Bible pg. 83

ANTHEM	<i>Carol for Palm Sunday</i>	F. Broadus Staley The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 23: 13-25, 44-46	Pew Bible pgs. 88-89
SERMON	“The Cross of Christ”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Lift High the Cross”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson

OFFERINGS AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING Offertory	<i>Pastorale</i>	Richard Shephard Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Anderson
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HYMN #91 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”</i>	
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BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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POSTLUDE*	<i>Processional</i>	Colin Hand Organ
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*** ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

We give thanks to God for the births of

Colin Gregory Olchvary
on March 18, 2010
son of Karen and Peter Olchvary

Juliana Lee Collins
on March 21, 2010
daughter of Scott and Jenni Collins
sister of Elli and Margaret

“See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.” I John 3:1

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 the Toplin family in loving memory of their aunt, Gail R. Nielsen and mother, Thelma C. Hill. Flowers are also given by Jim and Debbie Taylor in honor of their families.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

After Church Greeter is confirmand, Kendra Sullivan.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Sheree Dunnett; Kim Hafner; family and friends of Willie Mae Martell due to her death; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Dawn Simpson-Klotzbeacher; 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; David Geijer's, friend, Mark Zakalux; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Dorothy Musson on April 1. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ~~

Spring Workday is coming!!!

Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon)

Please come out and help
your B & G Committee spruce up our church.

Your help in landscaping, painting, minor repairs and cleaning
will be greatly appreciated.

We have a variety of projects for everyone.

Some projects we need help with include: outside ground care
including sweeping and flower bed fixing up, kitchen and
appliance cleaning, basement cleanout, painting, window and
wall cleaning as well as some general handyman tasks.

If you have a specific project or need that you would like taken
care of please let your B & G Committee know.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to this
wonderful fellowship opportunity.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

April 4 Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)
April 11 Peer-Led Bible Study in the Library
April 18 All Church Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
April 25 Peer-Led Bible Study in Room 1
April 25, May 2, May 16 Inquirers' Class in the Library

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.

ADULT SPRING RETREAT: April 30 - May 1 at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corner, NJ

Would you like to enjoy 28 hours of caring fellowship and spiritual growth? Then set aside April 30 and May 1 and join us for the Annual Adult Spring Retreat! Bob Gregory will lead us this year. Our theme will be 1 John 3: 11, "We should love one another." The retreat begins on Friday evening with dinner followed by singing, fellowship and a vespers service. On Saturday, we will have Bible study, discussion, and the Lord's Supper, returning home after dinner. Not only is this retreat a wonderful time of spiritual renewal, it is a great way to really get to know other people in our church family.

The Fellowship Deaconry welcomes us each year with delicious home-cooked meals, beautiful blooming spring scenery, and a quiet comfortable place to relax. Sign-ups will begin during coffee hour on March 21. Additional information on Fellowship Deaconry and costs will be available at that time. Transportation will be available in the church van. For more information, call Dorothy Klotzbeacher at (732) 521-2026, Cathy Vogen at 799-9317 or Barbara Santoro at 395-0697.

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.

~~ INQUIRERS' CLASSES ~~

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church? Please call the church office at 395-0897 and let us know you want to participate. Classes are on April 25 and May 2 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The Inquirers' Class breakfast will be on May 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the new member recognition during our worship service. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: An interesting story comes from Lesotho. In a small orphan care center in Maseru it was the first of the year and school fees for older children were due, sixty children needed new shoes, and twenty-five needed new uniforms, babies were running out of formula, and the cupboards were almost bare. One hundred and fourteen children would go hungry if God didn't do something fast. And then something wonderful happened. On the sixteenth of January a gift was wired into the local account--a huge gift--more than enough to meet all those needs. And from where did that money come? A one-day visitor, an artist, had taken a picture of two of the little ones, painted it, printed, and sold it. And now, one year later, she sent the proceeds to provide for their needs and those of the others in the center--just when they needed it-- God's perfect provision and perfect timing!

SPRUCE UP JOHNSONBURG - Mission in Action

Calling all people who love Camp Johnsonburg or anyone who wants to get to see and experience this beautiful place!

On **Saturday, April 24** members of our church are heading up to Camp Johnsonburg for a day working on projects ranging from sweeping tent platforms and erecting tents and tent cabins, moving beds and picnic tables, cleaning cabins, painting, clearing trails and around buildings, wood splitting, repairs to benches in several of our outdoor program areas, and many more projects to be determined. No matter what your skills and talents, there will be plenty to do.

This event is a perfect way for individuals or families to support the camp. We can assign parents with younger children to age appropriate projects that will be led by Johnsonburg staff or volunteer leaders. We welcome you bringing extra tools and equipment along such as brush clearing tools, rakes, shovels, etc.

Please contact Anne Gordon (agordoncpc@comcast.net) or Pastor Rosanna Anderson (firstpresap@comcast.net) by **April 17** if you want to be a part of this terrific mission trip. Reservations are required. There is no charge for this event. Van transportation and lunch will be provided.

~~ 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

March 29, April 1, April 8, April 12, April 15
April 19, April 22, April 26, April 29

Upcoming Event

Senior Fellowship will meet on **Thursday, April 15**, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a brown bag lunch; cold drinks and cookies will be served. At 11:35 a.m., we will depart for Princeton Chapel in order to hear the finalist of The Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. Following the concert, we will visit the Princeton University Library to see an exhibit of old books containing photographs and etchings of famous authors. Also exhibited will be the death masks of authors like William Shakespeare, Virgil, Rudyard Kipling, and Sojourner Truth. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list need to **preregister by April 8** by calling Connie Bauder or the church office 395-0897.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 3/28 (Team #3) - 4/4 (Team #4)

~~ 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.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Our most enthusiastic thanks to all the individuals and families who baked and bought and donated to help make last Sunday's youth group Bake Sale a success. Over \$400 was given toward our Youth Mission Trip 2010 to "Missions 101." We sincerely appreciate your generous support!

Youth Group Activities

March 28 Tonight: Field trip to "Palms to Passion" service of worship led by the Princeton Seminary Choir at Miller Chapel at 7 p.m. (meet at the church parking lot at 6:15 p.m., return at 8:45 p.m.)

Save These Dates!

- April 3 (Saturday) 10-11 a.m. move Chairs to Village Park for the Easter Sunrise Service (Dunkin' Donuts and hot chocolate provided)
- April 4 Meet at Village Park at 6:30 a.m. to set up chairs, Co-Lead Easter Sunrise Service from 7-8 a.m.
- April 10 (Saturday 9-10:30 a.m.) Spring Work Day at Church
- April 16-18 (Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 3 p.m.) High School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Connected 24/7"
- April 24 (Saturday) Service Project: Spruce Up J'burg Day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- May 14-16 (Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 3 p.m.) Middle School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Connected 24/7"

~~ CALENDAR ~~

March 28, 2010 - April 4, 2010

Sunday 28	(Palm/Passion Sunday/OGHS) 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 6:15p-8:45p Youth Group field trip to "Palms to Passion" @ Miller Chapel 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 29	CPNS Closed 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir-Sanctuary 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 30	CPNS Closed 9:00a Bulletin Material 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 31	CPNS Closed 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Lib 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 1	(Maundy Thursday) CPNS Closed 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p - 6:15p TASK (VAN) 7:30p Combined Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary
Friday 2	(Good Friday) CPNS Closed Church Office Hours 9:00a-12(noon) 12:15p Community Service at the Cranbury Methodist Church 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 3	10:00a-11:00a Youth moving chairs to Village Park for Sunrise Service
Sunday 4	(Easter) 6:30a Confirmands and Youth Group meet at Village Park 7:00a Sunrise Service @ Village Park 8:30a Worship 9:15a No Christian Education 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour