

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

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The order for the 10:30 a.m. service begins on page 4 of this bulletin.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2010 8:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“That Easter day with joy was bright”

Roger C. Wilson
Organ

INTROIT

“Easter Call to Worship”

Ralph L. Grosvenor
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

The Lord is our strength and our song and has become our salvation.

Exultation and victory resound among God’s people.

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

We shall not die, but live, and declare God’s mighty deeds.

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of power and might, we stand before the empty tomb with awe, pondering a love that is stronger even than death. Can that love save us? Can it forgive our sins and heal our hearts? Can it really be so? It’s a day of new beginnings, so we pray that, by your Spirit, we might start afresh. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is raised from the dead, defeating sin, once and for all, for all and even for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 1-12

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 90

ANTHEM

“Come ye faithful, raise the strain”

R. S. Thatcher
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 36-49

Pew Bible pg. 91

SERMON

“Easter Preparations”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

“Morning Has Broken”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Anderson

Glory to you, O God! On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and vindicating his sinless life. Glory to you, O Christ! For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the way to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit! You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever!

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice!

Hallelujah!

You raised the dead, and brought us from death to new life!

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

You confounded your guards and executioners, and filled your followers with joy!

Give us joy in serving you by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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Direct our daily living as your new creation.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and is the Lord of life from the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us..

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people toward the full stature of Christ, showing his love and justice in all our words and actions. We pray through the risen Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Jesus shall reign”

Benton Price

Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*
Prayer of Dedication*

“Doxology”

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

“The Day of Resurrection!”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Twofold Amen

Dresden
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

“Hallelujah”

Geo. F. Handel
Organ

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Linker/McFadden
Bell and Brass Choirs

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(Roger Suttmeier, keyboard)

Arr. Doug Benton
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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 the beautiful Easter flowers given in memory, in honor, or as a gift of gratitude. Please see insert.

Head Ushers for the 8:30 a.m. service are George Arsnow, and Rick and Nancy Norland and for the 10:30 a.m. service is Mike Kasper.

After Church Greeter for the 10:30 a.m. is Gail Geijer.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Deacons.

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; Helen Myer; Evelyn Norland; 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: Lola Madsen on April 10. **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 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	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; We will not meet tonight but will resume next week. 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 began 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: The Brookwood Presbyterian Church's Brookwood Community Learning Center (BCLC) is committed to educational excellence and justice. BCLC seeks to provide an alternative program for students who, as a result of academic challenges, socialization issues, frequent suspensions, or expulsions, would otherwise be served through home instruction, home schooling, or not at all. BCLC provides these students and their families a safe learning environment which allows them the opportunity to reach their full academic potential. BCLC started with twenty-four students and now serves fifty to seventy students. The majority of the students pass the statewide proficiencies and several students have become the first members of their families to attend college.

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 (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

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: 4/4 (Team #4) - 4/11 (Team #1)

~~ 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 \$500 was given toward our Youth Mission Trip 2010 to "Missions 101" at Ocean Grove. We sincerely appreciate your generous support!

Youth Group Activities

- April 3 (Saturday) 3:00 p.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 11 6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Discussion on the Meaning of Easter
- 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 18 Youth Group 6:30-8:00 p.m. Go for ice-cream at Gil & Bert's and games at village Park- bring cash!
- April 24 (Saturday) Service Project: Spruce Up J'burg Day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 25 No evening activity due to Saturday's service project

Save These Dates!

- 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 ~~

April 4, 2010 - April 11, 2010

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
Monday 5	CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 6	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a-10:30a CPNS - Library 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Room 1 7:15p Christian Ed. Meeting-Church Office (upstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting- Lib. 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 7	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 5:00p Women's Club set-up-FH/Kit 7:00p Women's Club Meeting-FH/Kit 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 8	7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 9	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 4:00p Presbyterian Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 7p-9:30p The Cranbury Coffee House-FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 10	9:00a - 12(noon) B&G Workday All Day Presbyterian Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 3:00p -6:00p Eagle Scout of Honor - FH
Sunday 11	(Home Communion Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/communion followed by coffee hour 1:00p Presbyterian Women's Retreat returns from Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn