

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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“The Gift of Love”

Traditional English Melody
Youth Ensemble

INTROIT

“I will extol thee, O God”
(Psalm 30)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd – a shepherd who will guide us to springs of the water of life. And there God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

HYMN #123 (Hymnal)*

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

You have shown us love, O God. In Jesus, you have shown us love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Loving others is difficult. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love in a manner that allows us to share love generously with others. 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Caroline Margaret Hackett
daughter of Steven W. and Kristen K. Hackett
sister of Robert and Katherine
born on September 4, 2009

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

Robert Kerr (Grandfather)

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Caroline the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

The Apostles' Creed (Blue Hymnal, pg. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 44-49

Lil Conley
Pew Bible pg. 91

ANTHEM

"All people that on earth do dwell"

Thomas Tallis (1515-1585)
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1: 1-8

Pew Bible pg. 118

SERMON

“Where Is Your Here?”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #111 (Hymnal)*

“*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*”

~~MINUTE FOR MISSION~~

~~“Legacy”~~

~~Courtney Brown~~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Anderson

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“*Here I Am, Lord*”

Schutte-Larson
Youth Ensemble

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“*Doxology*”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #104 (Hymnal)*

“*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Fourfold Amen

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary

William Croft (1678-1727)
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 in loving memory of my husband, Jack Huff, by Jane Huff.

Head Ushers are Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

Coffee Hour is hosted today by Martha's Circle.

Youth Ensemble members are Jenna Cody (flute), Andrew Kasper (clarinet), Abby Gordon (trombone) and Roger Suttmeier (piano).

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; Edgar Lawson; Helen Myer; the Norland family and friends due to Evelyn Norland's death; Jen Probasco; 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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Anne Taylor on April 28 and John Bloom on May 1. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

May 2-16 Peer-Led Bible Study in Room 1
May 23 Book Signing & Presentation by John Grigg

Dr. John Grigg, a scholar of Early American religious history, will speak at a special adult education and book-signing event during Sunday school on May 23 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Professor Grigg's new biography of David Brainerd, *The Lives of David Brainerd: The Making of an American Evangelical Icon* is considered the definitive work and highly recommended by Dr. Mitchell.

Oxford University Press has offered to make Dr. Grigg's book available to us at 50% off the list price (currently \$65) for our event. If you would like Pastor Rosanna to add your name to the list for a copy, please let her know at firstpresap@comcast.net as soon as possible.

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 can be found during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS Registration is now open! Registration will conclude on May 28. Forms are available in several locations, including the church office, CPNS cubbies near Janice Parker's office, and on the church website.

To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! If you're available to help in any way, please sign up on your registration form or contact one of the directors listed below.

Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader
Oversee Decorations or Photography
Assist with Snacks or Decorations

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Claudette Guy (409-8553) or Janet Wheeler (655-8313).

~~ 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 offering a summer program in July. Please call or email for further details. We look forward to hearing from you! **P.S.** Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about us as well.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE~~

Annual Women's Tea

May 16, 2010 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Rosanna P. Anderson, G.G.

"Gems and Jewels from the Bible to Bling"

All ladies are invited, and to make it more fun, be a hostess, decorate your table to the "nines" and let's have a wonderful afternoon. See signs in the Fellowship Hall and on the bulletin board. Sign-up real soon, the time is coming - real soon. Be the hostess with the mostess or a guest, it's your choice. BUT sign up in Fellowship Hall this Sunday during Coffee Hour.

REMEMBER!!!! Our deadline for tables is **May 9, 2010** - that's May 9. Questions: call Doreen 609-860-2805 or email dor5@comcast.net.

~~ 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 began today, April 25 in the church library. Our next class will be on 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: Thanks to grants from the Presbytery of Mackinac, the Presbytery churches have been able to devise unique and needed ways to serve their varied populations. For instance, The Church of the Straits in Mackinaw City has been serving an aging population that is challenged by the often brutal weather. To enable those persons to remain linked to the church, the church developed a website that allows those who cannot attend worship to hear the sermon online. In addition, a CD copier was purchased so a deacon can take copies of the worship service to the nearby assisted living center. A phone tree system was established to inform members of pastoral and program activities. And another congregation served young families who had limited resources and used a bus to reach agencies that offered assistance. But often the bus tokens were beyond the means of these families. So now, free tokens are distributed each week at the bus stop at the church parking lot.

SKEET'S PANTRY NEEDS A FEW GOOD HELPERS

The need for our Cranbury Pres "Skeet's Pantry" is continuing to grow - we provided food for about 170 people this month. Donations of food are always welcome and we hope you will continue to give what food you can to this important community mission of our church.

But we also need a few more pairs of hands to help serve at our monthly food pantry. We especially need some strong hands and arms to help folks get the food to their cars, and help us set up the bags of groceries and fresh veggies in our Fellowship Hall. We just need your help one morning a month - the 3rd Friday of each month from 8:15am to 11:15am. If you can join our Skeet's Pantry team on the 3rd Friday, we will welcome you with open arms and our community will benefit from your helping hands. Just let us know if you can respond to this need - call either Jane Huff (609/395-0756) or Flo Kremann (609/490-1140) so that we know if and when you're available. THANKS!!!

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

PRINCETON SEMINARY BOOK SALE

Donate Your Used Books: The Annual Princeton Theological Seminary Used Book Sale will be on May 7 - 10 and they need your old books! All book donations will be accepted through Tuesday, May 4. For donations of fewer than five boxes, donors may drop off books labeled "Book Sale" at the Whiteley Gymnasium lobby. All money raised supports seminary libraries abroad in building library collections in their own languages. Let's help them reach their goal of raising \$45,000!

The **WOMEN'S CLUB OF CRANBURY** will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post secondary education. The student should demonstrate a commitment to community involvement.

The application can be obtained through school Guidance Offices, the Women's Club website at Cranbury.org, and at the Cranbury Public Library. The completed application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2010 to the following address:

The Women's Club of Cranbury Scholarship Committee
PO Box 414, Cranbury, NJ 08512

~~ 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 26, April 29, May 3, May 6

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Your first quarter pledge statements have been mailed or are available for pick up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. Please review your statement and inform George Smith of any corrections that are needed. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the mission and ministries of our Church.

Counting Teams: 4/25 (Team #3) - 5/2 (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 ~~

Youth Group Activities

April 25 Youth Group 6:30-8:00 p.m. Discuss plans for your roles in Children & Youth Sunday on June 6

SAVE THE DATE!

May 2 Car Wash for the Youth Mission Trip 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Join us right after worship for our car wash fundraiser for the mission trip! All youth are needed for this project, and all donations will be gladly accepted! We appreciate your support!

Register Now for the Middle School Retreat!

May 14-16 (Friday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.) Middle School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Connected 24/7"

~~ CALENDAR ~~

April 25, 2010 - May 2, 2010

Sunday 25	9:15a Inquirers' Class - Library 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/Baptism followed by coffee hour 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group - FH 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 26	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 27	9:00a Bulletin Material 7:30p AA - McKnight Room 7:30p Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday 28	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Lib 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 29	10:00a Senior Exercise 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 30	Adult Retreat (VAN) 7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 1	Adult Retreat - VAN
Sunday 2	9:15a Inquirers' Class - Library 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/communion followed by coffee hour 11:30a-1:30p Youth Group car wash fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip 11:45 Library Committee - Library 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn