

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

(✠ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Bagpipe Selections

Traditional
Gordon Fraser

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

“God Created People”

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Butler

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9: 2b; Matthew 4: 16)

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #417 (Hymnal)* *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression. (Isaiah 9: 4) **Amen.**

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Janice Parker

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Mitchell

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Samantha Andrews, Kate Banks, Stephen Banks and Tresea Hall. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

NM: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

NM: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

NM: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe 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.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: 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.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

NM: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in

your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 1-4 Stephen Kim
Pew Bible pg. 638

ANTHEM “*Word of God Speak*”
Young Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4: 12-23 Pew Bible pgs. 3-4

SERMON “The Long Search” Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #485 (Hymnal)* “*To God Be the Glory*”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Louis Mitchell

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 *The Song of Peace* Olaf C. Christiansen
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* “*Doxology*”
Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #442 (Hymnal)* “*The Church’s One Foundation*”

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Bagpipe Selections* Traditional
Gordon Fraser

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

will take place today immediately following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall followed by our "Winter Picnic".

**Childcare will be provided during the Annual Meeting.

Visitors! We hope 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; or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red "friendship pad".

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. 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.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Coffee Hour today will be our Annual Meeting followed by our Winter Picnic hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Mary Lou Kerr.

Head Usher is Bob Kane.

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 call the church office at (609) 395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Sue Britton; Liz Callaway; Rose Eller; Craig Gilbert; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; Mark Sasso; Doris Wiegartner and Agnes Winchell.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Betty Borgeson's brother-in-law, Bill McInnis; Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay & family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Ken & Dina Ellsworth's son, Will; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius & Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder & great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Leah Moy's friends, Irene & Marty Goldberg; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family; and Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

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 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: Mark Sasso on January 27 and Hannelore Kritikos on January 30. **Happy Birthday!**

ADULT EDUCATION

Please join Brett Butler for a program entitled *The Contagious Depiction of War and Violence in Young Adult Fiction: How Can the Gospel Message of Love and Peace be Realized in a Culture that Craves Blood?* This program begins at 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Room 1 on Sunday morning.

Martha Circle will be held in the library at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3. Rose Eller will continue to lead us in the study of "The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy". Please, all women of the Church come out and join in our fellowship and study. We will explore the links between the Old and New Testaments and learn about the salvation of all people through Jesus Christ.

CPNS

Registration for the school year 2014-2015 has begun. Our currently enrolled students were able to register beginning on Monday, January 13, 2014. Church members and siblings were able to register on January 21. The general public can register any time after February 1. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our CPNS and encourage them to contact us. We would be happy to show them our school and tell them about all the wonderful learning opportunities that we have each and every day.

It's never too late to join our CPNS family. If you are not currently a CPNS student or are attending kindergarten for a half day program, you are also welcome to participate in any of the enrichment classes that fit into your schedule. Our winter/spring session of enrichment classes begins in February. Many of our CPNS students are already registered, but if you haven't registered your child or want to add more enrichment classes, we still have openings, it's not too late. We also have a few openings in our regular classes as well. Details can be found on our website, www.cranburypres.org or please call Janice at 609 655-8663.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer: The small congregations in Cherokee Presbytery in Georgia make a big impact on the lives of their communities by giving what they have. They have helped neighbors see, hear, feel, and taste the love of God: retired teachers launch GED programs and afterschool programs; members establish food and clothing banks; men, women and children collect food items for local charities; health workers and volunteers open medical and dental clinics; gardeners establish community gardens; and loving people lend their hands to pack weekend meal bags to fill the backpacks of students in need. One congregation gave a portion of its property to serve the broader community by converting it to a downtown park for everyone to enjoy. Another church constructed a community center on church property which is filled every day with local basketball teams and Boy Scout meetings.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

DINNERS FOR EIGHT, sponsored by the Outreach Committee, encourages new comers and members of long standing to get together to enjoy conversation over a meal. Whether singles, couples, long-time members or new members, please join us by signing up on Sunday January 26, February 2, or February 9 at coffee hour in Fellowship Hall following worship.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting this Sunday. The dinner will be held on Saturday, March 29. Hosts are especially needed who can accommodate eight people for dinner. They will provide the home, beverage and entree. The other six people will provide the hors d'oeuvres, salad and dessert. Your host/hostess will contact you in February or March.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule

January 27 and January 30, February 3, February 6, February 10, February 13, February 17, February 20, February 24, February 27

Upcoming Events

Senior Fellowship has rescheduled their January program for Wednesday, January 29 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday, February 11 at 12:00 noon, Senior Fellowship will have a program in Fellowship Hall presented by Dr. David E. Mulford titled "The First Ladies of Our Presidents". Some of our presidents came from prominent families, but most rose from humble origins. We will hear about our presidents with a focus on stories about their wives, and the strong role some of the presidential wives played." Dr. Mulford is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served churches in NY, NJ, and FL. He has degrees from Colgate, Princeton Theological Seminary and Drew. He continues a life-long interest in the American Presidency and has spoken to civic clubs, college classes and has taught courses at adult education programs and elderhostels. He spoke to us last March and we enjoyed his talk very much.

Please bring a brown bag lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided. **If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend this program please pre-register with the church office at 609-395-0897 by February 7.** Please leave your phone number so that we can call you if the weather or the roads are bad.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 1/26 (Team #2) - 2/2 (Team #3)

Stewardship Update: The Annual Stewardship Campaign for our church is nearing an end. With a number of contributions still coming in, we have received pledges of about \$349,000, which is about 73% of what is necessary to maintain our current budget. Your support is very important to reach our goal and will help immensely in continuing to support the missions and ministries of our church in 2014. Please consider making a pledge commitment as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the pews in church or the Church office can mail you one.

The Bible tells us that our giving is an expression of something bigger and more profound than our church. Our missions and ministries make a difference in our community and around the world. Any and all pledges are important.

WORSHIP

USHERS: 2014 Ushering packets are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

CALENDAR

January 26 2014 – February 2, 2014

Sunday 26	9:00a New Members Class Breakfast-FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship w/New Member Recognition followed by the Annual Mtg 11:30a Annual Meeting and Winter Picnic - FH 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 27	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 28	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Deacons – FH 7:00p Presbytery Meeting – Toms River 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wed. 29	11:00a Sr. Fellowship set-up – FH/Kit/VAN 12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program– FH/Kit/VAN 6:00p-8:00p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:30p-7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting–Rm 10 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 30	10:00a Senior Exercise 6:00p Mission Dinner set-up/prep – FH/Kit 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 31	CPNS Closed 8:30a-3p CPNS Staff development– CR/McK Rm/Kit 9:00a Mission Dinner set-up/prep – FH/Kit 6:30p Mission Dinner – FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Rm
Saturday 1	8a–3p CPNS Special Person’s Day– (SNOWDATE) 6:30p Mission Dinner – FH/Kit
Sunday 2	(Souper Bowl of Caring/Scout Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CR/Lib/McK Rm/FH) 10:30a Worship w/Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service w/Communion 11:30a Youth Group Hoagie Fundraiser - Kit 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:00p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:15p Boy Scouts (GC) – FH/KIT 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn