

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
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“By waterside in Babylon”

Johann Pachelbel
Organ

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

“Stand Together”

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Brett Butler

We are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. So it is with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek.

There is neither slave nor free.

We are all given the same Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord is with us—

to preach good news to the poor;

to proclaim freedom for prisoners;

to give sight to the blind;

to release the oppressed;

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

This is the time of the Lord’s favor.

Today in Jesus Christ this Scripture is fulfilled. Thanks be to God!

HYMN #417 (Hymnal)*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Blessed are you, O Lord, our great God, for your word is perfect and true. We confess that we have been inattentive to your word. We have disregarded its warnings, and failed to partake of the life, the wisdom, and the joy of its enduring light. Forgive us, O Lord, and clear us from every hidden fault, that we many be blameless in your sight. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE* ✨

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✨

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 39-52

Mrs. Janice Parker

Pew Bible pg. 59

ANTHEM

“Wonder-Full World”

James Thiem

Cherub and Young Worship Choirs

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 14-21

Pew Bible pg. 61

SERMON

“Jesus Goes to Church”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #276 (Hymnal)*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Stephen Crocco

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

“Little David, play on your harp”

arr. Philip Kern

The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #420 (Hymnal)*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Threefold Amen in G

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

La Tromba

François Couperin
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

will take place immediately following the morning worship service
on Sunday, January 27, 2013 in the Sanctuary.

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.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

There will be **no coffee today** due to the Annual Meeting.

Greeters are Linda Campbell and Earl Davison.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Pat Bohrs; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Pelto; Rev. Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; and Walter Wright.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Pat Demers' son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Arlene Duran's daughters, Catherine Lepp and Jennifer Tuffy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carol Kane's friend, Joy Barclay; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Pastor Lou Mitchell's mother, Elizabeth; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes' friend, Will; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Mary Szczepanik's mother, Dorothy; and Loida Wilson's friend, Colleen Cahill Brunskill.

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!**

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Adult Education (9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)

On Sunday, February 3, Pastor Lou will continue his adult education series on Romans, which is considered by many to be the most important book in the Bible. This is an ongoing series—don't hesitate to join in—Pastor Lou will summarize (we actually haven't gotten too far into the book as there is so much to discuss from each verse!) so you can catch up quickly—even if you haven't attended any of the sessions. We meet in the Library at 9:15 AM.

Family FunDay was a great success—125 lunch bags containing a ham/cheese sandwich, orange, juice, chips, cookies, and a wonderful insert with a grace and beautiful decorations, were delivered to our friends at TASK. All participants were happy to have participated in a service project as President Obama asked all Americans to do to honor Dr. Martin Luther King. In addition to our work, we enjoyed games with Earl Davison and music and stories with Gaylord French. Thanks to them, Anne Gordon, our TASK Coordinator, Alaina Waters, our craft facilitator, Waleska Rodriguez, who took pictures, and the entire Committee and Pastor Steve who worked so hard on this event. Especially thanks to the kids and parents who came out and worked and played!

This week at CPNS, the children will enjoy a special musical presentation of "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs. It's just one of the many ways we teach our children about music appreciation and the arts.

Our 2013-2014 registration continues with registration for our siblings and church members and will continue with the general public on February 1. As you research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

New for 2013-2014, we will be offering a Kindergarten program which can be combined with our enrichment classes for either a half day or full day program. We are so excited to be able to offer a developmentally appropriate academic Kindergarten program. One that will include small class sizes, and individualized instruction; in addition to the many other successful attributes of CPNS.

Please call or stop by for details on any of our programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In Mexico, the mission worker considers it an honor to worship in the Lirio de los Valles Church, to serve with the faithful and to give witness to the power of the gospel working in and through them. Sister Amelia del Pozo, who died last year began the first Presbyterian worship in her home 27 years ago. Today over 80 people find spiritual shelter at Lirio de los Valles and this (to unseeing eyes) "insignificant" congregation is starting two congregations and supporting the development of a third congregation three hours away in an effort to provide a home for many other thirsty souls.

Sandy Recovery News: We all have been touched and concerned by the devastation that this Megastorm inflicted on so many families in the New Jersey and New York area. The Mission, Service and Grants Committee recommended to Session that we give a grant of \$2,000 to a church congregation in need. The Session voted to add the Christmas Eve offerings to this and \$5,000 will be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, NJ. This church was selected after speaking with the Sandy Administrative Liaison at Monmouth Presbytery and receiving information about churches that had great need and were not being helped at that time. Rev. Hoffarth at Sayreville said that nine families in their congregation lost their homes in the storm. We are so pleased to be able to reach out to them and help them rebuild their lives with our donations.

The Long Term Recovery Group of Monmouth Presbytery (LTRG's) needs volunteers to coordinate, provide expertise and management skills, answer phones, fill out forms, and enter data, and all the other things that concerted efforts require. The time involved is the volunteers' choice; all that can be asked is that it is given freely and with energy.

If any of our congregation finds that they have a calling to contribute to this much needed effort, they can call Walt Vincent of the Sandy Recovery Team (an Administrative Commission of the Presbytery of Monmouth) 609-448-1697 or the Team Sandy administrative liaison, Rev. Mary-Lynn Morrison at 609-815-1280, or send an email to sandyrecovery@monmouthpresbytery.com.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

The Monday morning Women's Bible Study will no longer be meeting in the church. We will continue our bible study meeting on Tuesday mornings at member homes. If you are interested in joining the Women's Bible Study group, please contact Vicki Waciega at Waciegas@comcast.net or call (732)742-9235.

Women's Retreat - get away, relax and grow! Please join us on the Annual Women's Retreat, **Friday, April 12 through Sunday, April 14, 2013** at Camp Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center.

The theme this year is **Feeding the Soul**. We will be using the book **Spaghetti for the Soul** by Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro in our group discussion. The goals for the retreat are for women of faith to connect with a larger community of women, gather together, have fun, relax and enjoy the beauty of Camp Johnsonburg. There will

be opportunities to boat, hike, go horseback riding, enjoy yoga, participate in an art project and take the Leap of Faith.

We will share our meals together in our cabin and in the dining hall. The cost is \$100.00 and check should be made out to Monmouth Presbytery. Retreat registration forms may be obtained in the church office. Contact Anne Gordon or Rosellyn Cassidy for more information.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

January 28, January 31, February 4, February 7,
February 11, February 14, February 18, February 21,
February 25 and February 28

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 1/27 (Team #2) and 2/3 (Team #3)

2013 Pledge Envelopes: The 2013 pledge envelopes are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Please pick-up your pledge envelopes; otherwise the cost of mailing them is \$2.50 each. Thanks!

Denominational Support: Part of being Presbyterian is understanding the connectional nature of our denomination, and celebrating the strength that is achieved in the interrelationships among congregation, presbytery, synod and General Assembly. These interrelationships in our denomination provide a sound structure that allows us to go places we could not otherwise get to alone.

Session is asking for your help in supporting our ministry by covering the cost of our "per capita" assessment as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The amount of this assessment is \$35 per active member. The per capita is paid for all active members, including youth who have been confirmed.

We hope you will see the importance of contributing your portion of the per capita apportionment. Remember, it is based on the number of members, not the number of families. We encourage you to make your contribution toward this important operating expense of the Presbyterian Church, USA. You can drop your contribution in the offering plate or forward it to the Church office. Please note on your check it is for your per capita assessment (per capita envelopes are available in your pledge envelope box) so we may properly acknowledge your support.

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Ushers - The 2013 ushering packets are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Souper Bowl of Caring: The Youth Group Annual Super Bowl Hoagie Fundraiser will be on Sunday, February 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The funds raised will support the Summer Youth Mission Trip.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 27, 2013 - February 3, 2013

Sunday 27	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by the Annual Meeting 4:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts-FH (GC) 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 28	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 29	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 30	9:15a CPNS Snowman Movie-FH 1:00p CPNS Snowman Movie-FH 7:30p Bell Choir 7:30p-9p Boy Scouts (Mercer Area Advancement)-Lib. (JK)
Thursday 31	9:15a CPNS Snowman Movie-FH 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:00p CPNS Snowman Movie-FH 3:00p Piano Tuning - FH 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 1	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:00p Mission Dinner - FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 2	8:30a -3:00p CPNS Special Person's Day-FH/Classroom/Kitchen (SNOWDATE) 6:00p Mission Dinner - FH/Kit
Sunday 3	(Souper Bowl of Caring) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:30a Youth Group Hoagie Fundraiser - FH 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn