

**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.)

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 31, 2010 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE  
“Wachet Auf”  
(Sleepers, Wake!)  
J. S. Bach  
Dan Trent, Guitar

INTROIT  
“O Give Thanks Unto the Lord”  
Donovan Klotzbeacher  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP  
The Rev. Rosanna Anderson  
Give thanks to God with all your heart.  
**We come full of awe at God’s marvelous works.**  
Give thanks to God with all your mind.  
**We come to learn God’s wisdom and righteousness.**  
Give thanks to God with all your strength.  
**We come to live in God’s mercy and grace.**  
Let us worship God with all that we are.

HYMN #430 (Hymnal)\* “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*  
**Mighty God, surely awe for you is the beginning of wisdom. But we want to trust in our own knowledge. Lord Jesus, defeat the doubts that trouble us. Eternal God, the Scriptures tell us that you spoke to your people through Moses and the prophets. But we doubt that you speak today. Lord Jesus, defeat the doubts that trouble us. Holy God, we hear the stories of Jesus casting out demons. But we doubt that you hear our prayers for healing. Lord Jesus, defeat the doubts that trouble us. Forgive our doubts, and teach us with authority, that we might spread your fame! 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 ✨		Cathy Vogen
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 1: 1-3	Janice Parker Pew Bible pg. 1
ANTHEM	<i>"I feel the winds of God"</i> (Kingsfold)	<b>John Ness Beck</b> The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Pew Bible pg. 192
SERMON	"Before the Beginning"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

## THE RESPONSE

HYMN #398 (Hymnal)*	<i>"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Anderson
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory	<i>Minuet in G and Bouree in Em</i>	<b>J. S. Bach</b> Dan Trent, guitar
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #196 (Songbook)*	<i>"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>"Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir"</i> (Old Hundredth)	<b>Henry Purcell</b> Organ

## \*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will take place immediately following the morning worship service today January 31, 2010 in the Sanctuary.

**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](mailto:MusicMomNJ@comcast.net)).

**Please Note: We no longer provide nursery care during the Sunday School hour. Childcare during worship remains unchanged.**

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 today are given by Rebecca Young in thanks for all God's blessings.

**Head Ushers** are Janice Parker and Diane and Jeff Yeager.

**After Church Greeters** are Abby and Anne Gordon.

**Coffee Hour** will not be held today due to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

#### **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; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Jim Walcott and Mildred Watts.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirroto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Bev and Craig Gilbert's daughter-in-law, Beth; Jane Hovland's son-in-law, Michael Dolci; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Karen Moser's friend, Nancy Tancredi; 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 (75<sup>th</sup> 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 Menten (9<sup>th</sup> 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:** Adam Martin on February 2. **Happy Birthday!**

#### **~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~**

**Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)**

**Bible Study series led by Bob Kane: "Who Are You?"**  
The final class is next Sunday, February 7 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 will be facilitated by church member, 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](mailto:cwcollector@aol.com) or Clifford Anderson at [clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu](mailto:clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu).

**Special Retreat Opportunity For Women:** The Fourth Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on April 9-11 still has a few openings! There is a good group of women from our church attending and we would love to have more. The weekend promises to be a time of building relationships, growing in our faith and having fun. The cost is \$90.00. Registration forms may be obtained in the church office or by contacting Joanne Petto or Anne Gordon for further details.

#### **~~ 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](mailto: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 spots 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.

#### **~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~**

**A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** Greystone Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City had watched its membership dwindle and its enthusiasm wane. But after a mission study in 2005, the congregation committed itself to reconnect with its changing neighborhood and cultivate the mission field right there. Basing their service on "Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide" Greystone concentrated on relationships with Christ and their neighbors. They rejoiced in sharing the gospel, becoming neighbors to those around the church, hosting picnics and games on the church lawn. But their goal is also personal transformation, gaining new awareness of what it means to be Christ's faithful disciples. Greystone is learning daily what it means to live into Christ's promise: "Remember, I am with you always to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20)

**HEARTS** were touched and purses opened when we heard Dr. Richard Levandowski speak about and show pictures of Haiti last Sunday. Our two "retiring" offerings collected over \$4000. Thanks to all who contributed. The need continues and gifts are still welcome. You may contribute cash or checks made out to our church which will then be sent on to PDA. If you prefer to send your money directly, you can make it out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and send to that name, PO Box 64370, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Mark the check DR 00064. Or, if you like, you may call (800)872-3283 and make your gift over the phone.

#### **~~ OTHER NEWS ~~**

**Program on Haiti on February 3 at The Cranbury Woman's Club Meeting** - In keeping with the current interest in and concern about Haiti and its citizens, the Woman's Club of Cranbury announces that Virginia Wolf will speak at its 12:30 p.m. February 3 meeting in the church Fellowship Hall. Virginia has traveled in Haiti and has a daughter, Dr. Katie Wolf, who is establishing a hospital on the island. Virginia's talk will include a film and an opportunity for questions. She will not deal so much with the current crisis as with Haiti's geography, history, and medical situation. Dessert will be served and guests are welcome.

~~ 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**

February 1, February 4, February 8, February 11

**UPCOMING EVENT**

Senior Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 12 noon for another interesting program sponsored by the Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Commission. Soup, dessert and a beverage will be served. At 1:00 p.m., we will welcome back Mr. Douglas Aumack who will present a slide show on the history of Raritan Landing, and will explain archaeological methods used in the excavation of this historic area. Doug will then teach us the steps involved in such an archaeological dig, exhibiting tools used and artifacts uncovered. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list need to preregister by February 16 by calling Connie Bauder or the church office.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

The good news: This year's Stewardship Campaign has concluded and yielded committed pledge support to the 2010 Budget of about \$370,000.

The bad news: Session has struggled with the hard decisions necessary to develop a balanced budget that reflects a cut in spending of about -6%. While the vast majority of all budget line items shared in the cost savings and financial support from the endowment was held steady, Session made the difficult decision to significantly reduce denominational support (aka "*per capita*"). Historically, our congregation has paid the total assessment for denominational support as part of operating expenses based on total pledge and plate income received from our congregation. Through your generous response to our request last year, approximately \$7,000 was raised toward the total assessment of \$24,000. This year, however, due to continuing budget pressures, our 2010 Budget is able to cover only \$4,500, a fraction of the total assessment. Our Church will only be able to pay that amount of the total assessment that is raised through this offering, plus the amount that has been currently budgeted regardless of the total assessment.

Accordingly, your continued generosity is very important in order to avoid a precipitous drop in financial support to our denomination. Look for a letter (via email or postal service) as a reminder to participate in this important operating expense of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Counting Teams: 1/31 (Team #3) - 2/7 (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.

Ushers Guild: If you are interested in joining the Ushering Guild, please contact Caren Anuszewski at 587-8883 or at [ccrab91@optonline.net](mailto:ccrab91@optonline.net). **Ushers, please remember to pick up your ushering packets in the Narthex.**

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

**Youth Group January Activities**

**1/31** 2:00p-4:00 p.m. Youth Group meet for Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center (Thanks to parent chaperones!)

**February Activities**

**2/7** 10:30 a.m. worship with the SOUPer Bowl of Caring Offering and 11:30 am Hoagie Sale Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip - No evening activity

**2/14** 6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group "Bring a Friend on the Fourteenth"

**2/21** 6:30-8:00 p.m. Service Project: Make Soup for Senior Fellowship

**2/28** 2:45-6:00 p.m. Polity & Pizza at the Hightstown First Presbyterian Church

~~ CALENDAR ~~

**January 31, 2010 - February 7, 2010**

<b>Sunday 31</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 9:15a Kids in Communion-Sanctuary 10:30a Worship <b>11:30a Annual meeting of the Congregation</b> 2:00p-4:00p Youth Group meet for Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
<b>Monday 1</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 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
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:00a Women's Club set-up-FH/Kit 12:30 Women's Club meeting-FH/Kit 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 4</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p - 6:15p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:00p-10:00p First Aid training-FH 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday 5</b>	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 6</b>	9:00a-12(noon) Session Retreat-McK Rm/Kit
<b>Sunday 7</b>	<b>(SOUPer Bowl of Caring)</b> 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/ Communion and Ordination & Installation and communion followed by coffee hour 11:30a Youth Hoagie Sale Fundraiser 11:45a Library Committee - Library NO Youth Group NO Cranbury Men's Bible Study