

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

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

April 8, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“An Easter Celebration”

R. Williams-Benton

(Organ: Roger Suttmeier)

Bell Choir

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

“Christ the Lord is Risen Again”

Geistliche Lieder, 1533

Arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher

The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

This morning we shout with joy, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 your love that is stronger even than death. Today is 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 #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Rosanna and Dawn Michaud

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-10

Bob Kane
Pew Bible pg. 114

ANTHEM

“Since by man came death, by man came also the Resurrection”
(Messiah)

Geo. F. Handel
(1685-1759)
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1: 15-20 and II Corinthians 5: 16-17

Pew Bible pgs. 200 and 181

SERMON

“A New Creation”

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.

You proclaimed good news to the women and disciples, and brought salvation to the whole world!

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 (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

“Because He Lives”

William Gaither

(Piano: Joanne Hughes; Organ: Roger Suttmeier) Bell and Brass Choirs

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #118 (Hymnal)*

“The Day of Resurrection!”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

“Christ lag in Todesbanden”

J. S. Bach

Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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:

The Flowers in the chancel today are the beautiful Easter flowers given in memory, in honor and/or as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people.

Head Usher is Loida Wilson.

After Service Greeters are Paul and Janet Furchak

Coffee hour is hosted by the Kirkenir family.

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; Liz Callaway; Everett Campbell; Lil Conley; Bub Danser; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne; Mildred Watts and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin's daughter, Cindy; Phyllis Dyke's co-worker Jovina Mintz's son; Joan Fraser's friend, Joyce Stempel; Paul and Janet Furchak's friend, Diana Facher; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Monty and Peg Hagerty's friend, Carole Reed; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter, Nancy Varga; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Martin Goldberg; Linda Protinick's mother, Jane Hand; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Joan Smith's friend, Mary Lou Valente; Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart and Cathy Vogen's aunt, Dani Ratkelis.

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: Lola Madsen on April 10 and Samuel Smith on April 15. **Happy Birthday!!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

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

- April 15** (the week following Easter Sunday) Dr. Gretchen Hull will have as her topic Luke 24 - "After the Resurrection" at 9:15 a.m. in the Library.
- April 22 - May 27** Join Spencer Bruno in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. on "The Meanings Behind the Gospel Miracles."

Come out and join the Adult Education class to participate and to understand fully these events which are the basis of our beliefs as Christians. We can provide Bibles—you don't have to bring anything, you do not have to say anything--just listen, we promise no one will ask you any questions. We just encourage everyone, especially parents dropping off their youngsters for Sunday School, to come to these presentations.

Annual Adult Retreat - It's that time of year again - no, I'm not talking about springtime, although spring has sprung with all of its beauty and splendor! The time of year I'm excitedly referring to is our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat which will take place this year on April 27 and 28. What a wonderful time of year to spend in the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey!

Our theme for this year's retreat is "*Jesus: the true Fruit of the Spirit*" and will be led by Elyse Casimir. Elyse will lead us on this spiritual journey into the life of Jesus and how He is the perfect example of the Fruit of the Spirit. Elyse will give us a fresh glimpse into the life and walk of Jesus and help us to examine how abiding in Him we can better keep in step with the Spirit and in our walk with Jesus in our daily lives.

This year marks the 25 year anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like, now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again. This event promises to be uplifting with a great message and a wonderful, insightful leader. Elyse Casimir is a Cranbury resident, mother of five and grandmother of four, and the leader of two local bible studies one of which is held in our church.

Sign-ups will continue over the next few weeks. Look for the sign-up table during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbeacher (Mrs. K) or call her at 732-521-2026.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Fran Stewart and the congregational life committee are looking for someone who is willing to be in charge of coffee hour in the summer. Fran will be away for most of the summer and will not be able to co-ordinate coffee hour during this time. Summer coffee hour is somewhat casual and really should be called lemonade hour. Fran is willing to help recruit volunteers but will not be here to be in charge after Memorial Day. If you are interested, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or frannymag58@aol.com.

~~ CPNS ~~

Our CPNS families will be enjoying their Easter vacation this week. We will be returning to school on Monday, April 16. We look forward to celebrating Easter with our families and having some time to rest and relax. We hope everyone has a very HAPPY EASTER! See you all next week.

As you begin to 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.

Our CPNS Summer Program registration has begun and classes are filling up. If you are interested, please register today. Children that are entering our 3-year-old program up to children entering first grade are eligible to attend.

~~ INQUIRERS' CLASS ~~

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church?

Please call the church office at 609-395-0897 and let us know you want to participate. Classes will be on April 22, April 29 and May 6 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The Inquirers' Class breakfast will be on May 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the new member recognition during the worship service. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Easter Sunday! Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen. He Is Risen Indeed! And because of him we can affirm that resurrection is possible in our own lives, our own daily world! There is a brighter side. All is not dark. Christ Is Risen Indeed!

Looking Ahead to Mother's Day - This year our church is giving you the opportunity to help protect and restore the health of women and children in Africa by supporting Healthy Women Healthy Families, a year-round PC(USA) ministry.

In exchange for donations to the Healthy Women Healthy Families, we can honor the women in our families with Mother's Day cards. For example, \$10.00 will pay for both prenatal care and delivery in

the Congo. A clinic visit for a child costs about \$2.00. A \$10.00 donation will provide a mosquito net and malaria prevention education. These beautiful, specially designed Mother's Day cards are on sale now, by contacting Becky Huselid at rhuselid@bhbassociates.com or Anne Gordon at kgordon22@comcast.net. Cards will also be available April 29 and May 6 during Coffee Hour. Please plan ahead and think of honoring all special women in your life with the gift of life.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Annual Women's Retreat: Women of our Church, you are invited to the 2012 Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg, May 4 - 6. Presbyterian women from all over New Jersey gather annually for this special time of fellowship, reflection and renewal. This year's theme is "Accepting that we are Beloved". Many women from our church are already signed up, but there is still space for a few more. The cost is \$100.00 for the entire weekend. Please contact Rosellyn Cassidy or Anne Gordon if you would like to attend. Registration forms are available in the church narthex and office.

Attention softball players! Cranbury United Methodist Church is looking for players to join their co-ed adult softball team that will be playing in a local Church League this Spring. The season runs from April 15 - June 24, and all games are on Sundays at 2pm. For more information, please contact Jim Dixon (609-662-4041, dixonjj13@hotmail.com) from our congregation, or Bill Kesting (609-443-1919, bill.kesting@comcast.net) the team manager.

~~ OUTREACH ~~

After Church Greeters Wanted! We need the help to increase the numbers of After Church Greeters. This only requires a few minutes of your time after our church services. This will provide you with the opportunity to visit with other members of our congregation and is a lot of fun. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Publicist Needed! The Outreach Committee is looking for people to help with publicity by writing press releases for local newspapers and websites. Releases would need to be written approximately 8 times a year. If this is an area you have expertise in or would just like to give it a whirl contact Deanna Anderson at demanderson123@aol.com.

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE - Please mark your calendars for a night of Classical Jazz on Friday, April 13. As you know the coffee house is a venue to showcase local musical talent with musical genres such as Jazz, Folk, Acoustic Rock, String Quartet, Barbershop Quartet, Open Mike, Oldies & Brass Band. The coffee house has been a once every other month event held on the second Friday through June 8, 2012. Our upcoming event will be on Friday, April 13 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., doors open at 7:00 PM. Performing will be the *Cranbury Jazz*, a classical jazz group. This local group has entertained Cranbury during various events and we are so pleased that they will be sharing their beautiful music at our next Coffee House. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity.

Tickets for the March show are \$8.00 per adult, and \$5.00 for children under 12. Refreshments will be available at an additional cost. Just a reminder proceeds less expenses benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Not only do you have the opportunity to relax and listen to wonderful music with friends, but you help those in need in our community. For information about the Cranbury Coffee House or how you can help please go to www.cranburycoffeehouse.com. We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 9 (no class), April 12, April 16, April 19, April 23, April 26, April 30

UPCOMING EVENT: Senior Fellowship is going for a tour on Tuesday, April 17 of the Boehm Porcelain Studio in Trenton. We will have a brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with dessert and cold beverages provided. Boehm Porcelain, one of the world's premier true porcelain manufacturers, designs and produces limited editions of sculptures of birds, flowers and religious sculptures in the same Trenton studios in which they started in 1950. Go to www.boehmporcelain.com to see photos of their creations. Bring a check or credit card as we are offered a 20% discount on purchases we make on April 17 only. Boehm creations are seen globally in museums & galleries including the Met, Hermitage, Smithsonian and 2 rooms in the Vatican. They are also

known for their restorations of porcelain products made by any manufacturer.

If you are not on our call list and you would like to go on this trip please preregister by Thursday, April 12 by calling the church office at 609-395-0897. If you get tired during the walking tour seating is available in the showroom.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 4/8(Team #1) and 4/15(Team #2)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Anyone who was unable to bring the OGHs bank to church this past Sunday, may bring it to Sunday School this coming Sunday, or leave it at the church office. Our response thus far has been good.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

April 8 **Happy Easter!** No evening meeting.
 April 15 5:30-7:00 p.m. **Walk to Gil & Bert's** for ice-cream.
 April 20-22 (Friday 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 2:00 p.m.) **High School Spring Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg** on "Peer Pressure." **No evening meeting.**
 April 29 5:30-7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** discussion and music in the McKnight Room.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

April 8, 2012 - April 15, 2012

Sunday 8	(Easter) 6:30a Confirmands & Youth Group meet at Village Park 7:00a Sunrise Service at Village Park 9:15a No Christian Education 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour No Youth Group No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
Monday 9	CPNS/Church Office Closed 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 10	CPNS Closed 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Room 10 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 11	CPNS Closed 9:00a Session Material Due 11:00a-2:00p Woman's Club General Meeting-FH 7:30p Cemetery Board Meeting- Library 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 12	CPNS Closed 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 13	CPNS Closed 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 7p-9:30p Cranbury Coffee House - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 14	
Sunday 15	8:00a-8:45a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting - Room 1 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group walk to Gil & Bert's for ice cream 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn