



The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

Christmas Vespers

December 13, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

Prelude “Children’s Medley” **Traditional**
Youth Ensemble

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” **arr. Lloyd Larson**
Brass Choir and Piano

“Angels We Have Heard on Heard on High” **French Carol**
Bell and Brass Choirs and Piano

Bidding Prayer Dr. Louis Mitchell

Minister: Beloved in Christ, be it at this Christmas-tide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God and the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

People: But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all His people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church He came to build, and especially in this our congregation. And because this would rejoice His heart, let us remember, in His name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in this Lord Jesus we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ Himself hath taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer (Spoken by All)
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.

§ Processional Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” **Blue Hymnal, No. 41 & 42**

The Prophecy **Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1-3** Joan Fraser, Narrator
Brass Choir “And the Glory of the Lord” **Handel-Thomas**
The Chorale “Long Ago, Prophets Knew” **Personet Hodie, arr. Lloyd Larson**

The Annunciation **Luke 1:26-33**
Youth Ensemble “Medley for Advent” **Prichard-Jones**
Children’s Choir “Medley for Christmas”

The Nativity of the Lord **Luke 2:1-7**
Children’s Choir “The Birth of our King” **Laurie Davis**
The Chorale “Still, Still, Still” **Austrian Carol, arr. Ruth Artman**

The Angels **Luke 2:8-14**
Brass Choir & Piano “The First Noel” **arr. Paul Cook**
Bell Choir “Angels Singing, Noels Ringing” **Judy Phillips**

The Shepherds **Luke 2:15-20**
§ Congregational Hymn “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” **Blue Hymnal, No. 59**
Bell Choir, w/Tam & Flute “Pat-A-Pan” **Burgundy Carol**

The Three Kings **Matthew 2:1-6**
Bell Choir & Tom-Tom “We Three Kings” **arr. Cynthia Dobrinski**
The Chorale “Torches, Torches, Run With Torches” **John Joubert**

The Star **Matthew 2:7-12**
The Chorale “O Wonderous Star” **Larry Shackley**
Bell Choir “Star of the East” **Amanda Kennedy**

Light of the World **John 1:1-5, 14, 16**
Brass Choir “Go Tell it on the Mountain” **arr. Don Schaeffer**
The Chorale “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” **J.S. Bach**

§ Congregational Hymn “Joy to the World!” **Blue Hymnal, No. 40**

§ Benediction Dr. Mitchell

Postlude “In Dulci Jubilo” **J. S. Bach**
Organ

(§ - Congregation is invited to stand)

~~ *Choirs* ~~

The Bell Choir

Patricia Bohrs, Director

Carolyn Barlow, Lil Conley, Peg Hagerty, Debbie Konrad, Ann Olsson, Pat Scott, Mary Ellen Szczepanik, Michele Till, Robin Toplin, Cathy Vogen, Becky Young and Ina Zimmer. Percussion: Alexander Vogen and Flutist: Ellie Suttmeier.

The Brass Choir

Patricia Bohrs, Director

Allan Boyce, Bob Briggs, Monty Hagerty, Henry Holland, Bill Keller, Julius Martell, Chris Perrine, Luke Sickle, Dave Stewart, Roger Suttmeier and Ed Szczepanik.

Children's Choir

Laurie Davis, Director

Emily Ellsworth, Alicia Kasper, Hunter Miller, Taylor Miller, Michelle Ochoa, Lillian Santoro, Gwen Shilling, Biagio Toto and Cole Toto.

The Chorale

Donovan Klotzbeacher, Director

Richard Craig, Martha Donovan, Judy Duke, Jean Dunham, Jean Dvorak, Elaine Fitzgerald, Mark Hughes, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Dawn Simpson-Klotzbeacher, Mary Speer, Ross Trube, Carol Vandercher, Larry White and Becky Young.

Youth Ensemble

Patricia Bohrs, Director

Abby Gordon, Andrew Kasper, George Stewart and Ellie Suttmeier

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & VESPERS

NARRATOR:	Joan Fraser
ANGELS:	Corey Henderson, Mackenzie Henderson and Frances Janovitz
MARY AND JOSEPH:	Emily Olsson and Steven Senko
SHEPHERDS:	A.J. DeMarco, Paul Michaud and Peter Stewart
WISEMEN:	Scott Collins, Matt Rhodes and Blasé Toto
INNKEEPER:	Guy Williams
DIRECTORS, COSTUMES AND CASTING:	Anne and Ken Gordon
PAGEANT ASSISTANT:	Paul Venanzi
LIGHTING:	George Conley, IV
USHERS:	Vicki Bain and Linda Cody
SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:	Nic Baverov, Kay Gartner, John Gartner, Norma Keller, Carlene Reyes, Barbara Sears, Dale Smith and Ginny Swanagan
NARTHEX GLASS CASES:	Joan Smith
OUTDOOR CRECHE:	Ed Konrad, Art Ryba, Rick Scott, Paul, Sam and Bob Venanzi

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:00 PM Children's Service - Please remember to have your child bring his or her own bell!

8:00 PM Family Service - featuring beautiful Christmas music.

11:00 PM Candlelight Service Communion, a Cranbury tradition. In this candlelight service, we celebrate the Lord's Supper and conclude by lighting individual candles for the Christ child while singing "Silent Night".