

**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**

**First Sunday After Christmas  
December 27, 2009 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *“Une vierge pucelle” and “Puer nobis nascitur”* **Nicolas Lebegue**  
Organ

INTROIT *“Father, we praise Thee”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Dr. Louis Mitchell**

Rejoice in God! Marvel at all that God has done!  
**Our eyes have seen the glory of God, made know to us.**  
Rejoice in God, Creator of all that has life.  
**Our eyes have seen the love of God, come to us in a baby.**  
Rejoice in God, giver of redemption and grace.  
**Our eyes have seen God’s redeeming love, alive in Jesus.**  
Rejoice in God, the Spirit of peace and grace.  
**Our eyes have seen the power of God, at work in changing the world.**  
Let us worship God together.

HYMN #41 (Hymnal)\* *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*  
**God, you call us to celebrate in fullness the salvation you have brought to us in Jesus, your Son. You remind us through the witness of Simeon and Anna that Jesus is our light and shows us your glory. Yet we hear this story as ancient, and do not make it our own. O God, forgive us. Place your Son in our arms and show us our salvation. Join our voices with those of Simeon and Anna, that we may sing your praise to all who will hear and be bearers of your good news. 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 ✚		Pastor Rosanna
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 49:1-13	Sharon DeMarco Pew Bible pg. 679
ANTHEM	<i>“The Gallery Carol”</i> (Rejoice and be Merry)	<b>English arr. by Dovovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:21-40	Pew Bible pgs. 59
SERMON	“New Adventures in the Christmas Season”	Rev. Anderson

### **THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #48 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Dr. Mitchell
OFFERINGS AND CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING Offertory	<i>“Noel en Musette”</i>	<b>Louis Claude D’Aquin</b> Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Dr. Mitchell
HYMN #51 (Hymnal)*	<i>“See Amid the Winter's Snow”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	<b>Donovan Klotzbeacher</b> The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>Voluntary</i>	<b>Maurice Greene</b> Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**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)).

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.

**Please Note: Beginning Sunday, January 3 we will no longer be providing nursery care during Sunday School. Childcare during worship remains unchanged.**

**We thank those who are serving today in these ways:**

**The Flowers** in the chancel today are the beautiful Christmas poinsettias. They have been given to the glory of God, in memory, in honor or as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people.

**Head Ushers** are Ginny Swanagan and Ken Ellsworth.

**After Service Greeters** are Carolyn Barlow and Carol Kane.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Larry White and 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 395-0897.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Church members with special needs:** Marge and John Bloom; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Ruth Davison; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte; Diane Smith; Elsie Sutton; Jim Walcott and Mildred Watts.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Phyllis Dyke's sister, Joyce Lepore & brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul & Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Hovland's son-in-law, Michael Dolci; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's friend, Mary Andreko; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; 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!

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### ~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

**Adult Sunday School:** Come and join us in the library at 9:15 a.m. for friendly conversation on the Book of Colossians.

#### Bible Study series led by Bob Kane: "Who Are You?"

January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7

In this new series, explore the nature of God's covenants in the Old and New Testaments and how they relate to your life today.

### 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. **Please note: we will not be meeting on January 1.**

**Martha Circle Women's Bible Study: First Monday of the Month, 1:30 p.m. in the Library** All women are welcome to attend! Our study for the year is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, the new Horizons Presbyterian Women's Bible study. Join us for fellowship, Bible study and prayer, with the discussion led by Rose Eller. She can be reached at 655-9175.

**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 new 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). **Please note: we will not be meeting tonight and January 3.**

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### ~~ CPNS ~~



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.

In addition to our regular classes, we also offer enrichment programs for any child whether enrolled in CPNS or not. You may have a child attending a Cranbuddies program or even a local ½-day kindergarten program that you would like to enrich their learning opportunities. We welcome everyone! To receive registration information, please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at [cpnschool@comcast.net](mailto:cpnschool@comcast.net) or check the CPNS portion of the church website.

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

**A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** In years past, our church has presented a Wednesday afternoon program for children. The First Presbyterian Church of Belen, New Mexico has such a program they term ASK, After School Kids. This program begins with a student-led service that includes music and Scripture readings. They offer recreation, snacks, a Bible lesson, tutoring, board and card games, arts and crafts, and later a light meal which is much appreciated by the children and their families. The children, even though they may have never attended a church service, feel that this church is their church. Along the way they get the message, as one elementary student said, "God is with me, and has a plan for my life."

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### GUATEMALA TRIP 2010 MEETING

This year's trip is from July 9 - 16, Friday to Friday. As a church member your only cost of the trip will be your airfare which typically is around \$500.00 - \$600.00. There are no skills required, just a set of hands and the willingness to serve the Lord. Some of the projects we will work on could include children's ministry, dental and medical clinics and building construction.

An **informational meeting has been set for January 5, Tuesday at 7:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall at the church. If you cannot make this meeting and are interested in traveling with us this year, please e-mail me at [geolive60@aol.com](mailto:geolive60@aol.com) or call me at 609 395-0513.

Yours in Christ, George Conley

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### FIFTH ANNUAL GUATEMALA GOURMET DINNER FUNDRAISER

Our fifth annual gourmet dinner to support our Guatemala mission is quickly approaching. Don't miss the wonderful opportunity for church fellowship, entertainment and a delicious meal. There are a limited number of tickets being sold, so buy them today.

We will be serving dinner on Friday, January 29 and on Saturday, January 30 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be serenaded by a String Quartet and on Saturday you will be entertained by our very own Don Klotzbeacher and company along with a Barbershop Quartet. The cost of the meal will be \$50.00 per person (remember this is a fundraiser). You may want to attend both evenings to experience the variety of entertainment being offered. We will be selling only a limited number of tickets, so plan on buying your ticket early. They are on sale now and will be available during coffee hour (see Lil or George Conley) or call the church office.

We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon or stuffed chicken as your main entrees along with all the trimmings and a delicious desert to top it off with.

Checks can be made payable to The First Presbyterian Church (tax deductible) memo: Guatemala dinner. Any amount above the \$50.00 fee will be greatly appreciated.

Please save this date, we are counting on you for our success in this project.

George Conley, Guatemalan Team  
(609) 395-0513

~~ 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

January 4, January 7, January 11, January 14

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

God has blessed our church with a long and productive history, but the support of the missions and ministries requires significant financial resources. Session has begun the process of developing a realistic budget for 2010 that we believe responds to God's call to our Church. Pledge support we receive during this Stewardship season is critical to these discussions to enable Session develop a balanced budget. If you have already turned in your pledge, thank you. If you are procrastinating (Commitment Sunday was November 15), please turn in your pledge forms as soon as possible. Thank you

**Please note: remember to pick-up your 2010 Pledge Envelopes in the Fellowship Hall.**

Counting Teams: 12/27 (Team #2) - 13/27 (Team #3)

Stewardship Offerings Update to December 13, 2009

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$8,366	\$365,758
Amount needed to meet our obligations	\$7,038	\$370,900
Collection for Historical Records	\$20	\$1,120
Christmas Joy Offering	\$325	\$465

~~ 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 deep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

**Flowers** - The following dates are open for people to place flowers in the chancel, **January 3, 24 and 31**. Please contact Diane Smith at your earliest convenience.

**USHERS GUILD:** If you are interested in joining the Ushers Guild, please contact Caren Anuszewski at (609)587-8883 or [ccrab91@optonline.net](mailto:ccrab91@optonline.net). Ushers please remember to pick up your ushering packets in the Narthex.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

**TONIGHT** 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group Christmas Party and gift exchange.  
**1/3** No Youth Group  
**1/10** 6:30p-8:00p Youth and Parent Meeting with sign-ups for mission trips, etc...  
**1/17** 6:30p-9:00p Youth Group attending Martin Luther King Service, St. Paul Lutheran (East Windsor)  
**1/24** 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group - FH  
**1/31** 2:00p - 4:00p Youth Group Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center

~~ CALENDAR ~~

<b>Sunday 27</b>	9:15a No Christian Education 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 6:30 - 8:00p Youth Group - Christmas Party, Gift Exchange NO Cranbury Men's Bible Study
<b>Monday 28</b>	CPNS Closed Church Office Hours 9:00a-2:00p 8:00p Al-Anon - Room
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	CPNS Closed Church Office Hours 9:00a-2:00p 9:00a Bulletin Material 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 30</b>	CPNS Closed Church Office Hours 9:00a-2:00p 7:30p Boy Scouts Leaders' Meeting-Library
<b>Thursday 31</b>	(New Year's Eve) CPNS Closed Church Office Hours 9:00a-12 noon
<b>Friday 1</b>	New Year's Day CPNS Closed Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday 2</b>	
<b>Sunday 3</b>	(Epiphany Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/ communion followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library No Youth Group No Cranbury Men's Bible Study