

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Arioso

Alexander Schreiner
Organ

INTROIT

*“Lord, I Cry Unto Thee”
(Psalm 141: 1-2)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

This is the season of waiting with expectation.

We wait for the day when swords will be transformed into plowshares.

We watch for the day when the ways of war will be exchanged for the ways of peace.

We wait in hope for the Light of the World to appear.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

HYMN # 1 (Hymnal)*

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always wait and watch for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us. Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambitions rooted in selfish desires gain our attention. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct. We hear your promises, Lord, but do not dare to trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and prepare us for your appearing, so that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. 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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Rhodes family

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:14

Pew Bible pg. 636

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: Christians around the world begin today to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyful and hopeful throng in lighting Advent candles, symbols of faith and signs of God’s love.

People: We gather as a people of hope.

Leader: Christian people around the world stand today in anticipation, as we look forward to celebrating the miracle of Christ’s birth, the good news that astounds us anew each year.

People: Our hope springs anew from God’s beautiful vision.

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope, based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have perceived God’s promised Son and his great gift. Therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

People: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we trust that the promised One will return again. God is among us, and soon we will see a new creation on earth. We thank God for making us a people of hope.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1: 3-11

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 196

ANTHEM

“Save Me, O God”

Francis W. Snow
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13: 1-31

Pew Bible pgs. 50-51

SERMON

“Thanking God at All Times”

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

THE RESPONSE

HYMN # 148 (Hymnal)*

“At the Name of Jesus”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Mitchell

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Auf meinen lieben Gott”

Bach-Hanff
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Mitchell

HYMN #141 (Hymnal)*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Fourfold Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

March

Flor Peeters
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service
on December 12, 2010, for the purpose of electing church officers.

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).

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 in loving memory of Bob Shimer from the family.

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

After Church Greeters are the Gordon family.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Confirmation class.

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 Bloom; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Kim Hafner; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Jen Probasco; Dawn Simpson-Klotzbeacher; Russ Richardson; Don Jo Swanagan; Anna Wahler; Dietrich Wahlers; and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Carolyn and Brent Barlow's daughter and Ina and Richard Zimmer's daughter-in-law, Joelle Zimmer; Sue and Jack Britton's daughter Amy Langsdale and her family; the West family and friends due to the death of their son, Lawrence (Larry) West; Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul and Janet Furchak's daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Barbara Hannon's sister-in-law, Patricia Hannon; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Eileen Keve's brother, Tom McErlean; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; and Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden.

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 Bartlotto (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; Robert F. Davison (US Army), Earl and Bea Davison's grandson; Adam Frick (US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen's cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75th 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), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Mentis (9th 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!

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

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

New Adult Education Series

"The Sermon on the Mount" with Gretchen Gaebelein Hull
Please join us in the church Library on Sunday mornings through December 12. Ms. Hull is the author of *Equal to Serve: Women and Men Working Together Revealing the Gospel*, Baker Books, 1998. Participants should read Matthew chapter 7.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn. WE WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT. All men are invited to join us as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith in the *Book of Confessions*, Part I of the Constitution of the PC(USA). Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ today. For more information, please contact Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

~~ CPNS ~~



As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, consider CPNS. In addition to our regular classes, we also have our 4/5-year-old class with the enrichment component. This class will meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. On one of those days, each week, an enrichment teacher will join the class along with the teacher and assistant teacher; will provide the children with the enrichment program that they specialize in. Each week during the month there will be a different enrichment class. One week it will be Art & Literacy, one week it will be Science & Math, one week it will be Music & Movement and one week will be another enrichment class yet to be determined. Each child will have the opportunity to experience all of our enrichment programs on a limited basis, but only pay for a 4-day afternoon class. The theme and the activity of the enrichment classes offered in the 4 day class will be different than the enrichment class itself.

We also offer our Mommy's Morning Out on Friday mornings for those children who are not ready for our 2 1/2-year-old program but ready for our 3's the following year.

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 problems, to love reading and writing, and most of all love to learn.

Please call Janice Parker at 609-655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER: The Presbytery of Baltimore has been the fortunate recipient for several years of an anonymous gift of \$50,000 which is to be used for mission work within the community. Many worthwhile projects have flowed from this gift, such as the Emergency Relief/Mission Capacity program which includes community Christian education and youth programs, a mobile lunch cart that provides job training for homeless people, and a presbytery-wide program to raise funds for hunger. With hunger at the center of the presbytery's mission programs, the churches have partnered with others in the presbytery to open food pantries or to start dining programs. This gift helps to build bonds between congregations and their communities and build up church infrastructures so they are able to do God's work through mission rather than just fund mission.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Wreaths may be picked up at the Gordons' home (127 North Main Street, Cranbury) beginning on December 4.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: The Senior Fellowship exercise class is keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on it, please call the church office.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

November 29, December 2, December 6, December 9
December 13, December 16

UPCOMING EVENT

Senior Fellowship will have their Christmas Party on December 7 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall for all of those people who have preregistered to attend.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to have this Senior Fellowship program and especially to those who volunteer to help with the Christmas party.

CRANBURY SENIOR CENTER EXERCISE PROGRAM

Low Impact Seated Chair Exercises. Increase your mobility and flexibility while using little effort on THURSDAYS 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Senior Center. To sign up, call Phyllis at (609) 409-8533. The class is limited to 20 people.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 11/28 (Team #2) - 12/5 (Team #3)

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In case you missed it, November 7 was Commitment Sunday. This was the day when your Stewardship pledge for 2011 was due. We know you want to pledge. We need you to pledge. We are asking you to pledge. Please pledge. While you are at it, consider increasing your pledge so we can reduce our dependence on endowment income in order to pay the bills and thereby re-direct this income to long-term mission giving and other wonderful ministries of our church. Please contact the church office if you need another pledge card. When you get one, turn it in during worship service. We appreciate it.

~~ WORSHIP ~~

LAY READERS WANTED! If you are interested in being a Scripture reader in worship, please sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

USHERS' GUILD

Do you have an extra hour or two that you could share four or six times a year? Would you like to help the church? Would you like to be part of a great team?

The Ushers' Guild is looking for new members. Every week the ushers provide an invaluable service before, during and after worship on Sunday.

Every Sunday the members open the shutters, put out the sidewalk signs, greet parishioners, distribute bulletins, collect the offering, clean up and tidy the church after the service

If you are interested or need more information, contact Caren Anuszewski, Ushers' Guild Coordinator, at (609) 587-8883 or email her at ccrab91@optonline.net

Vespers and Christmas Eve Services

Would you like to help usher one of these four beautiful worship services for this year's Advent and Christmas season?

Vesper's Service
Sunday, December 12th
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Services
Friday, December 24th
5:00 p.m. - Children's Service
8:00 p.m. - Family Service
11:00 p.m. - Communion Candlelight Service

Sign-up sheet available in the Narthex or contact Caren Anuszewski, Ushers' Guild Coordinator, at (609) 587-8883 or email her at ccrab91@optonline.net

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

TODAY Happy Thanksgiving! There is no evening meeting.
Dec. 3-5 (Fri. 5:00 p.m. - Sun. 2:00 p.m.) Middle School Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg.
Dec. 5 5:30 - 7 p.m. Youth Group in the McKnight Room.
Dec. 12 Vespers worship service 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. followed by practicing Christmas carols until 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 5:30 - 7 p.m. Christmas Caroling!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 28, 2010 - December 5, 2010

Sunday 28	(1st Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom
Monday 29	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 30	9:00a Bulletin Material 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 1	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 6:00p Women's Club set-up-FH 7:00p Women's Club Meeting-FH 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 2	10:00a Senior Exercise 11:30a-3:00p CPNS Directors Meeting-LIB/Kit 2:30p - 5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:00p Boy Scouts Mtg.-Rm 1 (JK) 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 3	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5:00p Middle School Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 4	All Day Middle School Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg (VAN)
Sunday 5	(2nd Sunday of Advent) 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 2:00p Middle School Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McKnight Rm 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn