

***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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 5, 2010 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*“Ring Praises Unto Thee”*

**Valerie Stephenson**  
Bell Choir

INTROIT

*“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel”*  
*(Luke 1: 68-69)*

**Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Joanne Petto

This is the season of holy waiting.

**We wait for the One on whom the Spirit of the Holy God rests.**

We watch for the One who judges with righteousness and decides with equity.

**We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.**

Come let us walk in the light of God!

HYMN #8 (Hymnal)\*

*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**God of righteousness and justice before you, who can stand? We, whose lives are comfortable, who turn our eyes from the poor and deny our debt to them—we are the ones who must repent. From greed, violence, and systems that oppress, Lord, help us to turn. Wash us, that we may be clean. Tend to us, that we may bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. Inspire us to prepare your way. 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**

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

The Vandenberg family

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:2-5a

Pew Bible pg. 865

“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.”

Leader: *The season of Advent continues. Thousands of years of waiting for the Messiah are commemorated by the lighting of four candles.*

**People: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, signs of God’s love and symbols of our faith.**

Leader: *We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.*

**People: Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**

Leader: *Today we will light the candle of peace.*

**People: This light, too, must brave the great darkness.**

Leader: *In an age when people seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth knows the sorrow of war, we light a fire called peace.*

**People: Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all - that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

Leader: *Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.*

**People: In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candles of peace and hope.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE AND PEACE

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!

O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease.  
Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

John Sprout

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 11: 17-33

Mr. Sprout  
Pew Bible pgs. 173-174

ANTHEM

“Advent Carol”

Arr. Hal Hopson  
Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3: 8

Pew Bible pg. 3

SERMON

“The Re-enchantment of Worship”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Comfort now my people”

Geneva, 1551, arr. John Ferguson

The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication\*

Rev. Petto

HYMN #5 (Hymnal)\*

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** [The Minister continues.]

*God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God’s service. Then, this response:*

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #49 (Hymnal)\*                      *"Once in Royal David's City"*

BENEDICTION\*

RESPONSE\*                                      *"Amen"*                                      **Danish  
Bell Choir**

POSTLUDE\*                                      *"Allein Gott in der Hoh' Sei Ehr"*                                      **Andreas Armsdof  
Organ**

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

<p><b>A Congregational Meeting</b> has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 worship service on December 12, 2010 in order to elect church officers.</p>
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**New Adult Education Series**

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**"The Sermon on the Mount" with Gretchen Gaebelein Hull**

Please join us in the church Library on Sunday mornings through December 19. 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.

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**ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES**

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**Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn.** 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](mailto:clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu).

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~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

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**CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE**

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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 is being held this year every other month on the second Friday through June 10, 2011. Our upcoming event will be on Friday, December 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Performing will be Laurie Davis our own Children's choir director and CPNS teacher. She will be singing two sets, the first for children of all ages and in the second more adult contemporary music will be performed. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity.

Tickets for the December show are \$5.00 per person, one price for everyone. If you have children that would like to sit on the floor (there will be space in front of the stage), please bring a blanket. Child friendly refreshments, dinner, or light snacks and coffee for the older children (parents) will be available at an additional cost. (Please go to the Coffee House website for the link to Cranbury Delights to reserve a dinner for you and your guest).

Through the effort of a small task force we have been able to make this night happen. However, your help and support will be what will make this program a continued success. Remember the proceeds less expenses benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacons' Benevolent Fund.

For information about the Cranbury Coffee House or how you can help please go to [www.cranburycoffeehouse.com](http://www.cranburycoffeehouse.com). We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

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~~ CPNS ~~

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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](mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net).

**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.

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

**The Communion Servers** are Alan and Debi Mara Danser, Martha Donovan, KY Huang, Flo and Andy Kremann, Chris Welch and Don Winchell.

**The Flowers** in the chancel today are given in memory of Edward G. Trenkle by Jason Trenkle, Debbie Mara and Alan Danser.

**Head Ushers** are Caren Anuszewski and Mike Kasper.

**After Church Greeters** are Jack and Sue Britton.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Barbara Danser.

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**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.

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**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; Phyllis Dyke's brother, Lou Scirroto; 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; Nancy Kitelinski, family and friends due to the death of her mother; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; and Leah Moy's cousin, Dan Ogden; and the West family and friends due to the death of their son, Lawrence (Larry) West.

**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 (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), Dr. Mitchell's son-in-law; Thomas Mentes (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:** Marion Sutton and Don Jo Swanagan on December 12. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

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**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** During this Christmas season we celebrate God's awesome love in the birth of his Son; His greatest gift to us all. God's love compels us to recognize His image in all those around us. It compels us to reach out to others in charity, and grace. Our church family can reach out this Christmas season by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Our Offering will help the families of both active and retired ministers and other church workers who have dedicated their lives to serving us. Now it is our chance to serve them with our gifts. Our Christmas Joy Offering will help these individuals and families to meet unexpected needs, or help make ends meet. The Offering will also help students at racial ethnic schools and colleges to develop their gifts and recognize their calling to serve God and their communities. We will be collecting the Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 12.

In Christ, Dina Ellsworth

**A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** We travel to Puerto Rico today, to educate ourselves a bit about the Mission Council of Southwest Presbytery. A committee has been searching for ways to serve the community. Three years ago these Presbyterians began serving a wholesome meal one Sunday a month under a bridge to homeless people, drug addicts, and low-income senior citizens. The women of the presbytery have chosen three projects of mission: a home for helping women drug addicts rehabilitate, its counterpart for men, and a home that serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Each Presbyterian Women's group is responsible for food, clothes, cleaning items, and personal hygiene articles for one of these projects every month. As they deliver these items on visits to the facilities, the women share in fellowship the Word of God and befriend the inmates.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS HAVE ARRIVED**

Wreaths may be picked up at the Gordons' home (127 North Main Street, Cranbury). Please don't forget to check your name off the list when you take your wreath.

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**GUATEMALA DINNER FUNDRAISER**

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Our sixth 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 28 and on Saturday, January 29 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 classical music. The entertainment for Saturday is soon to be announced. 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. The tickets 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

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~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

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**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**

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December 6, December 9, December 13, December 16

**UPCOMING EVENT**

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Senior Fellowship will have our 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**

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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.

**UPCOMING EVENT at the Cranbury Senior Center**

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On Friday, December 10, please join us for luncheon at noon to be followed by The First Presbyterian Church Brass Choir under the direction of Pat Bohrs. This all will take place at the Cranbury Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome.

YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday, December 6. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people; the program is open to all.

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~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

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Counting Teams: 12/5 (Team #3) - 12/12 (Team #4)

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

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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.

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~~ WORSHIP ~~

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

**FLOWER OPENINGS AVAILABLE:** We have openings for flowers for January 2011- January 2, January 23 and January 30. If you are interested, please call Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

**USHERS' GUILD**

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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](mailto: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?

Vespers Service- Sunday, December 12  
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Services - Friday, December 24  
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](mailto:ccrab91@optonline.net)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

**Youth Group Activities**

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 ~~

**December 5, 2010 - December 12, 2010**

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b> 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 <b>VAN</b> 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
<b>Monday 6</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 4:00p Sr. Fellowship clean up/set-up for Christmas Luncheon - KIT/FH 7:00p CPNS Board Christmas Party-Lib 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 8:00a Sr. Fellowship - KIT 10:00a Sr. Fellowship - FH 11:00a Sr. Fellowship - <b>VAN</b> 12(noon) Sr. Fellowship Christmas Luncheon - FH/KIT 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 8</b>	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scout District Meeting-FH/Kit. 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 9</b>	4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6:30p Dinner and Chandelier cleaning 7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday 10</b>	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 6:30p Coffee House - FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 11</b>	7p-9p Scout Holiday Concert - FH (JY)
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>(Christmas Joy Offering/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b> 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by a Congregational Meeting 4:00p Vespers - Sanctuary 4:00p Youth Group and Confirmands attend Vespers service 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn