

**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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/Christmas Joy Offering**  
**December 12, 2010 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *Prelude on “Winchester New”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
(*On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*) Organ

INTROIT *“Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
(*Ps. 80:1*) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School Classes

This is the season of holy waiting.

**We wait for the time when the desert will bloom abundantly.**

We watch for the day when all God’s people will come together with singing.

**We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.**

Come let us walk in the light of God!

HYMN #56 (Hymnal)\* *“The First Nowell”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\* Rev. Rosanna Anderson  
**Holy God, Righteous Judge, have mercy upon us. We have been proud in the thoughts of our hearts; you would be right to scatter us. We have grasped at worldly power; you could surely choose to bring us down. We have allowed the rich to prosper and the poor to wither away. Have mercy on us, Lord! Remind us of your grace in ages past. Humble us, that we may find our strength in you. Kindle in us love for all you love, that we may join you in your work of mercy, redemption, 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

### CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Art and Gloria-Jean Ryba

#### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Pew Bible pg. 667

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Leader: God is making the final preparation for an amazing thing! This is the Advent of the long awaited Messiah, the bringer of hope, the prince of peace, our leader of love.

**People: We wait, we prepare, we make straight the way.**

Leader: We celebrate the coming of Christ with the lighting of Advent candles.

**People: We are a people of hope, a people of peace, a people of love.**

Leader: At first there was the frail light of a candle called hope, daring to pierce the darkness of despair and sin.

**People: Then there was the candle of peace, the gentle and persistent fire, the one that calls out the violent forces and lets in God's deep and tranquil Spirit.**

Leader: Today we light the candle of love. No other word so adequately captures the spirit and goal of our faith. No other word so beautifully describes what we know of God.

**People: For God so loved the world.**

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. A savior was made in the form of a baby who was born so that we might know God's love.

**People: We gather, then, in Christian love.**

**We give thanks for a love that passes understanding, and we await the dawning of God's pervasive and enduring love once more this Christmas season.**

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, and LOVE

HYMN #9 (Hymnal)

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19: 1-6, 14

Gretchen Stults  
Pew Bible pgs. 498-499

ANTHEM

*"Long ago prophets knew"*

(Piae Cantiones) arr. Lloyd Larson  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pew Bible pg. 2

SERMON

“The Re-enchantment of the World”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

**THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #24 (Hymnal)\*

“*Away in a Manger*”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Kurt Heineman

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Offertory

*A Virgin Pure*

Nicolas Lebegue  
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

“*Doxology*”

Prayer of Dedication\*

Rev. Anderson

HYMN #29 (Hymnal)\*

“*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*”

BENEDICTION\*

RESPONSE\*

*Sixfold Amen*

Donovan Klotzbeacher  
The Chorale

POSTLUDE\*

*Magnificat & Duo*

Jean-Francois Dandrieu  
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 today, December 12, 2010 in order to elect church officers.

**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 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.

**ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES**

**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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~~ 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](mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net).

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~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

**A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** The Synod of the Rocky Mountains, which includes Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado, has a variety of ways to serve. A cooperative effort between two presbyteries provides programs at Highlands Camp and Conference Center near Estes Park a place, incidentally, where I once took my Camp Fire Girls camping! Two other presbyteries are working together on a new church development in Idaho. But farther from home, two other presbyteries have a significant partnership with the Presbytery of Zimbabwe. Teams from the Denver Presbytery and Zimbabwe have spent time in one another's presbytery.

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**GUATEMALA DINNER FUNDRAISER**

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.

**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 Flowers** in the chancel today are given by Beverly and Craig Gilbert in loving memory of their daughter Cynthia.

**Head Usher** is Lil Conley.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Doreen Grand-Jean and Carron Kohn.

**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; Rev. Joanne Petto; 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; Amy Dixon's stepmother, Maria Hutton; 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; Nancy Kitelinski, family and friends due to the death of her mother; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; and Leah Moy's aunt, Vera Wagner.

**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 Mentis (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:** Carol Sprout on December 13. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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

~~ SKEET'S PANTRY ~~

Our supply of paper grocery bags is in good shape for now. Thank you for all your help in collecting bags and we'll let you know when the supply runs low.

~~ 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

December 13, December 16

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: 12/12 (Team #4) - 12/19 (Team #1)

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.

**Please Note: Remember to pick-up your 2011 Pledge Envelopes in the Narthex for those who have pledged.**

~~ WORSHIP ~~

**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

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 [crab91@optonline.net](mailto:crab91@optonline.net)

**Christmas Eve Services**

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

**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 [crab91@optonline.net](mailto:crab91@optonline.net)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

Dec. 12 Vespers worship service 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. followed by practicing Christmas carols until 5:30 p.m.  
Dec. 19 2:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling at the Elms

~~ CALENDAR ~~

December 12, 2010 - December 19, 2010

<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
<b>Monday 13</b>	8:30a-12p CPNS - KIT (DK) 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	8:30a-12p CPNS - KIT (DK) <b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance- Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 9:30a CPNS Christmas Story with Pastors-Sanctuary 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 12 (noon) Staff Christmas Luncheon 12:30p-3:15p CPNS Library Committee-Library 1:00p CPNS Christmas Story with Pastors-Sanctuary 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 16</b>	8:30a Senior Breakfast Fellowship at the Cranbury Inn <b>9:00a Session Material Due</b> 9:30a CPNS Christmas Story with Pastors-Sanctuary 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:00p CPNS Christmas Story with Pastors-Sanctuary 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6:30p-7:30p Cub Scouts-McK Rm (KE) 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)-Library 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday 17</b>	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 18</b>	
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b> 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:10a Sunday School Sing-Along - Sanctuary 10:30a Worship followed by the Annual Christmas Luncheon 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 4:00p-6:00p Boy Scout Meeting-Library 2:30 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Caroling at the Elms 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn