

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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“What Child Is This?”

Traditional English melody,
arr. by Bill Wolaver
Joanne Hughes, Piano

INTROIT

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” **Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690**
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

5th and 6th Sunday School Classes

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, " Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, He is Christ the Lord”.

HYMN #31 (Hymnal)*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

God, you are both tender and mighty—a shepherd we can trust. You call to us and gather us. You feed us and bid us rest in your care. Still we fear the world around us and fail to seek your help when we are lost. Still we struggle foolishly against you—refusing your comfort and ignoring your commands. Renew us and restore us, Lord of hosts. Show us the light of your face, that we may be saved. 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 Hughes family

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible pg. 58

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver the child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Leader: Joy to the world!

People: This is the culmination of our years of waiting.

Leader: We have lit the candles of hope, of peace, and of love. In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

People: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Leader: Let us our songs employ.

People: Let us sing to the glory of God!

Leader: Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope in the prison of despair,

People: Peace in the chaos of life,

Leader: God’s love--graciously, silently, and vulnerably offered.

People: And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY

HYMN #40 (Hymnal)

“Joy to the World!”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38

Stan Dickerson
Pew Bible pgs. 56-57

ANTHEM

*“Every valley shall be exalted”
(Isaiah 40:4)*

John Ness Beck
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1: 18-25

Pew Bible pg. 1

SERMON

“Christmas Spirit”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #27 (Hymnal)*

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Anderson

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Pastorale

Flor Peeters
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Kurt Heinemann

HYMN #38 (Hymnal)*

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*

Onefold Amen

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE*

Trumpet Tune: Called the Cebell

Henry Purcell
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25-26)**

Dawn Marie Simpson-Klotzbeacher

June 27, 1946 – December 11, 2010

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 P.M. Children’s Service - Please remember to have your child bring his or her own bell!

8:00 P.M. Family Service - featuring beautiful Christmas music.

11:00 P.M. 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.”

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

January 9, 2011 Bob Kane will lead a new six week series on the intriguing New Testament epistle "Hebrews" in the Library.

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.

~ ~ 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: I quote a brief story from Venezuela: "I am Jesus Medina. I have been a human rights activist for people living with HIV/AIDS since I was diagnosed as HIV positive, but I did my job blindly because I did not have a relationship with God. One afternoon I met some extraordinary people who were willing to support people living with HIV in my city. I listened to them with some suspicion, but they opened my heart to understand that God has always loved me. My beautiful relationship with God was born. Today I believe that my work would have been more difficult without the help of that group of people, and I recognize God as my Guide and Savior."

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. 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

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 the beautiful Christmas poinsettias. They have been given to the glory of God in memory, in honor and as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people.

Head Ushers are Bill & Sheree Dunnett and Brian & Gina Moore.

Coffee Hour is our Annual Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Congregational Life Committee in honor of Gretchen Stults.

After Church Greeters are Art and Gloria-Jean Ryba.

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; Amy Dixon and family due to the death of her stepmother, Maria Hutton; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Helen Dickerson; Kim Hafner; John Henzler; Don Klotzbecher, Daina-Brie Bollentin and Robert Simpson due to the death of his wife and their mother, Dawn; Leah Moy on the death of her aunt, Vera Wagner; Helen Myer; Walter Ornberg; Rev. Joanne Petto; Jen Probasco; 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 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 and Tom McErlean; Carolyn Lee's husband, John.

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 Mentos (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!

Birthdays of Distinction: John Frisch on December 21. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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 ~~

Join Senior Fellowship for our Program Visions in Stone, Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 12, noon. We will also have our annual hot dog and beans lunch. We will view the DVD Visions in Stone on our big screen in Fellowship Hall. This movie made by the US Navy and Maturango Museum features some of the most stunning rock art videography ever recorded. These petroglyphs were discovered by the US Navy during WWII on their bombing range in the Coso Mountain Range, on the western edge of California's Mojave Desert. Theories of the how, the when and the why of the petroglyphs are explored in interviews with archaeologists and others who study rock art.

This program is brought to us and will be introduced by artist Milt Liebson PhD who was a professor at the New School in NYC and also Mercer County College. Milt has exhibited large sculptures in metal wood and stone worldwide and is exhibited in various museums.

If you are not on the Senior Fellowship call list and want to attend this program please contact Connie Bauder or the church office 609-395-0897 by Tuesday, January 11. When you call, be prepared to tell us how many hot dogs you would like us to grill for you.

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

January 3, January 6, January 10, January 13, January 17,
January 20, January 24, January 27, January 31

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: 12/19 (Team #1) - 12/26 (Team #2)

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

PLEASE NOTE: Please pick up your 2011 usher packet that is now available in the Narthex for all ushers and alternates.

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

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 ccrab91@optonline.net

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

- TODAY **2:30-4 p.m. Caroling at The Elms** and at certain homes on Main Street. Meet at The Elms and wear layers and comfortable shoes! We will walk back to church and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.
- 12/24 (Fri.) **Worship on Christmas Eve** at 5, 8, or 11 p.m.
- 12/26 Worship at 10:30 a.m. There is no Sunday school and no evening youth group meeting.
- 1/02/2011 **5:30-7 p.m. Epiphany Party!** Bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange. ALSO: Registration checks for the Youth Mission Trip 2011 are due. Make them payable to the Cranbury Presbyterian Church.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

December 19, 2010 - December 26, 2010

Sunday 19	(4th Sunday of Advent) 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 2:30p-4:00p Youth Group Christmas Caroling 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 4:00p-6:00p Boy Scout Meeting-Library 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 20	9:30a Christmas Bulletin Material Due 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 21	9:30a Bulletin Material Due 10:45a CPNS Christmas Programs-FH 11:00a-1:00p CPNS - Kit/Library 2:15p CPNS Christmas Programs-FH 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 22	10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 10:45a CPNS Christmas Programs-FH 11:00a-1:00p CPNS - Kit/Library 2:15p CPNS Christmas Programs-FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 23	Newsletter Info Due CPNS Closed 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 24	(Christmas Eve) CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed 5:00p Children's Service 8:00p Family Service 11:00p Candlelight Communion Service
Saturday 25	(Christmas Day)
Sunday 26	No Sunday School 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour No Youth Group-FH/Yth Rm No Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn