

# The First Presbyterian Church Cranbury, New Jersey

A Christmas Eve Service of Bells for Children of All Ages

December 24, 2010 - 5:00 P.M.

**PRELUDE**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Children's Choir

**INTROIT**

*"Mary's Boy Child"*

Cherub Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Rosanna

**BELL RINGING!!!**

Join us in this ancient and joyous custom! After we have finished ringing our bells to begin the service, they should be placed quietly on the floor under your seat until the final Christmas carol.

**CAROL #41\***

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*  
(first 2 verses only)

**PRAYER (unison) \***

**Give us, O God, such love and wonder, that with shepherds and wise men and pilgrims unknown we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King. With our gifts may we worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS**

*"Get Ready"* CPNS Christmas Choir  
*"Christmas Day Will Soon Be Here"* Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Director  
*"Bells Are Ringing"* Guitar, Laurie Davis

**THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

*The offering this evening will be used to support the ongoing mission and ministry of the First Presbyterian Church.*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Drummer Boy”*  
(Drummer: Biagio Toto)

Children’s Choir

**CAROL #44** (remain seated) *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

(All children who are participating in the Christmas Story should meet in the narthex. Please use the side aisles.)

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

- ACT I:** Luke 2:1-7 Joseph and Mary come forward  
**Carol #25** *“Away in a Manger”*
- ACT II:** Luke 2:8-14 Angels enter & dance up front if they wish  
**Carol #31** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*
- ACT III:** Luke 2:15-19 Shepherds and animals come forward  
**Carol #29** *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*
- ACT IV:** Matthew 2:1-11 Wise men come forward  
**Carol #66** *“We Three Kings”* (stanzas 1 & 5)
- ACT V:** Matthew 2:12, Luke 2:20, 40 Children return to family and ring bells!  
**Carol #40** *“Joy to the World!”*

Ring your bell while you sing *“Joy to the World!”* Spread the Good News of Christ’s birth to your family, to your neighbors and to the world!

**BENEDICTION\***

(\*The congregation is invited to stand.)

**We welcome you to this service of great joy!** If you are new to our church or community, we invite you to make this congregation your church home. Please complete one of the pew cards and leave it in the offering so that we can personally welcome you.

**The ushers** tonight are George Arsnow, Eddie Hafner, Carol Kientz, Craig Vandenberg and Loida Wilson.

*Special thanks* to Laurie Davis who provided music for this service and who directs the Children's Choir and Cherub Choir and to Dorothy Klotzbeacher who directed the CPNS Christmas Choir and also to Daune Arsnow and Dina Ellsworth for directing *The Christmas Story*.

Thank you for helping us prepare for the next two services by picking up any leftover bulletins or debris, and making sure the hymnals are evenly redistributed in your pew.

**We pray God's warmest blessings upon you  
for a joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.**

Our church provides many opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian service in our community and the world. This is a wonderful congregation. We invite you to join us!!!

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**Sunday, December 26, 2010**

10:30 a.m.      **Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour**  
No Christian Education Classes, No Youth Group

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>The Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell</b>
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	<b>The Rev. Rosanna Anderson</b>
<b>Parish Associate</b>	<b>The Rev. Joanne Petto</b>
<b>Seminary Intern</b>	<b>Mr. Kurt Heineman</b>
<b>Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School, Director</b>	<b>Mrs. Janice Parker</b>

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