

*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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
December 26, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Pastoral Air with Variations* Franz X. A. Murschhauser  
Organ

INTROIT *"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"* French carol  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Joanne Petto  
Beloved children of God, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us.  
**We give thanks for God's mercy and steadfast love.**  
In our distress, we know the presence of Emmanuel, God-is-with-us.  
Both day and night, the Light of the World leads us.  
Come, let us walk in the light of God!

HYMN #22 (Hymnal)\* *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*  
Lord Jesus, the light of the world, you bring the dawn of light from on high to all who sit in darkness. We confess to you our fear of death, the violence we allow, and the suffering we inflict upon others. We confess to you our prejudices and our failures to be merciful. We confess how much we need you. Save us by your steadfast love, and guide our way, so that we may be people who walk in your light. 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚ Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 10-12	Peter Miller Pew Bible pg. 2
ANTHEM	<i>“Resonemus Laudibus”</i> <i>(Let the church resound with joyful praise; He who was born of Mary has appeared.)</i>	Malcolm Archer The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2: 19-20	Pew Bible pg. 58
SERMON	“Back to Life”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #53 (Hymnal)*	<i>“What Child Is This”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Petto
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory	<i>“Puer nobis nascitur”</i>	Nicolas Lebègue Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Petto
HYMN #28 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</i>	
BENEDICTION*		
RESPONSE*	<i>Fivefold Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
POSTLUDE*	<i>“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”</i>	Johann Pachelbel 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)**

James E. Cox, Sr.

December 24, 1933 - December 19, 2010

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

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**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**

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**Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn.** We will not meet this evening, but resume next week. 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 ~~

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**A SNIPPET FROM THE YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER:** Our Christmas Joy Offering, as we are aware, funds students' education at historically racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC(USA). Who can foretell the influence of any one of these students on his or her country and the world as a whole in the days ahead? Where is the Star of Bethlehem leading all of us? It led the Wise Men to the manger where the baby Jesus was lying. Perhaps this star at this season can lead us to the crucified Jesus who was resurrected and offers us guidance and assurance of life eternal.

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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

**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 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 Ken Ellsworth and Ginny Swanagan.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by Pat Cavendar and Larry White.

**After Church Greeters** are Bill and Norma Keller.

**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; Barbara Cox, family and friends due to the death her husband, 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 Tom McErlean; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; and Gretchen Stults' great granddaughter, Emily Mallette.

**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!

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**SKEET'S PANTRY**

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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.

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**~~ OUTREACH COMMITTEE ~~**

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**Book of the Month Club:** Philipians

What better book to curl up with during the long winter months than the Bible.

Beginning in January the Outreach Committee will be hosting an informal book club. Each month we will encourage all members to the congregation to read the same book of the Bible and to spend time with others members and friends sharing thoughts and discussions on the book. The first book to be read in January will be Philipians.

There are so many ways to share your thoughts. Get together for coffee, take a walk together, chat during Coffee Hour, start a group in your home, call a member you have wanted to reach out to. We will also be able to participate on line with the newly created Bible Blog on the church website. The first entry in the electronic blog will be written by Pastor Rosanna. Check out the front page of the website for further information on the blog.

Sharing the good news of the Bible... a joyous way to start the New Year.

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**~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~**

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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.

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**EXERCISE SCHEDULE**

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

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**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.

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**~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~**

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Counting Teams: 12/26 (Team #2) - 1/2 (Team #3)

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**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.

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

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**~~ WORSHIP ~~**

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**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.

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**USHERS' GUILD**

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**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](mailto:ccrab91@optonline.net)

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**~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~**

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**Youth Group Activities**

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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.

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**~~ CALENDAR ~~**

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**December 26, 2010 - January 2, 2011**

<b>Sunday 26</b>	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
<b>Monday 27</b>	<b>CPNS CLOSED/Church Office Closed</b> 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir
<b>Tuesday 28</b>	<b>CPNS CLOSED</b> <b>Church Office Hours 9a - 2p</b> <b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesda y 29</b>	<b>CPNS CLOSED</b> <b>Church Office Hours 9a - 2p</b> 7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 30</b>	<b>CPNS CLOSED</b> <b>Church Office Hours 9a - 2p</b> 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
<b>Friday 31</b>	<b>(New Year's Eve)</b> <b>CPNS CLOSED</b> <b>Church Office Hours 9a-12(noon)</b> 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday 1</b>	<b>(New Year's Day)</b>
<b>Sunday 2</b>	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/ communion followed by coffee hour 11:30a Meeting w/Officers Elect-McK Room 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC)-FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn