

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.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Scot’s Ground

Robert Bremner, 1713-1789
John Burkhalter, English Flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doris Wiegartner

Oh, that the Lord would tear open the heavens and come down!

The mountains would quake. Nations would tremble.

People of God, keep watch! Wait for the Lord, for Christ will return in glory.

Waiting for the light of the world, let us worship God.

HYMN #2 (Hymnal)*

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Arsnow Family

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:14

Pew Bible pg. 636

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: Christians around the world begin today to await the arrival of Christ. We join with a joyful and hopeful throng in lighting Advent candles, symbols of faith and signs of God’s love.

People: We gather as a people of hope.

Leader: Christian people around the world stand today in anticipation, as we look forward to celebrating the miracle of Christ’s birth, the good news that astounds us anew each year.

People: Our hope springs anew from God’s beautiful vision.

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope, based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have perceived God’s promised Son and his great gift. Therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

People: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we trust that the promised One will return again. God is among us, and soon we will see a new creation on earth. We thank God for making us a people of hope.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

*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!*

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Joan Fraser
Pew Bible pg. 165

ANTHEM

“Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Geo. F. Handel
Caitlin McCarville, Vocalist
Becky Grykien-Young, Cello

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Pew Bible pg. 166

SERMON

“Not Lacking Any Gift”

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #241 (Hymnal)*

“Behold the Goodness of Our Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ms. Wiegartner

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>A Ground Upon "Greensleeves"</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher
	(<i>What child is this?</i>)	John Burkhalter, English Flute
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
Prayer of Dedication*		Ms. Wiegartner

HYMN #269 (Hymnal)* *"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*	<i>79th Farewell to Gibraltar</i>	
	<i>Scotland the Brave</i>	
	<i>Rowan Tree</i>	
		Gordon Fraser, Bagpipes

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting
 has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 on December 4, 2011, for the purpose of electing church officers.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

November 27, 2011 - December 4, 2011

Sunday 27	(1st Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Celebration Sunday 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom No Youth Group No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
Monday 28	10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 29	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p Presbytery Meeting-(Hightstown) 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 30	7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 1	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6:00p-8:00p Cub Scouts Potluck Dinner (GC)-FH 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room
Friday 2	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5:00p Middle School Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 3	Hanging of the Greens-Sanctuary Middle School Retreat @Camp Johnsonburg (VAN)
Sunday 4	(2nd Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed the Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers 11:45 Library Committee - Library 1:30p Middle School Retreat @Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

Visitors! We hope 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. 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.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Bob Shimer from the family.

Head Ushers are KY Huang, Carol Sprout and Jim Taylor.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Sue Britton and Barbara Danser.

After Church Greeters are Earl and Bea Davison.

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; Joan Brown; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin's daughter, Cindy; Gail Geijers' son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart and friends, Logan and Leslie Wyers; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's sister-in-law, Michelle and niece, Kaitlyn; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford; and Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

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 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!

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Do you know what a parable is? Do you know why Jesus spoke in parables? This is your opportunity to explore this vital part of Jesus' ministry and learn the answers. We have reviewed three parables. It is not too late—come to the Adult Education Class

Sunday for the last class – each week is an independent study. We will be in Room 1 in the Parish Hall. Our teacher is Dr. Gretchen Hull.

If you are dropping your kids off for Sunday School, don't drive all the way home and then come back to pick them up. Drop into Room 1 and join the study – what an example you will be setting for your kids!

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Family Fun Day! Kids! Parents! Mark your calendars! Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King Day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Pictorial Directory: We added December 7 and December 8 to the pictorial directory schedule. Sign-up sheets are available at coffee hour immediately following our worship service or visit our website to schedule your own appointment.

~~ CPNS ~~

We begin this holiday season with Advent as we prepare for Christmas. One way we get ready is our Pennies for Presents program which begins on Monday, November 28. Children bring in pennies to put them into one of our penny collection containers. This year the pennies collected will be given to Skeet's Pantry to purchase food for those in need. Our CPNS Pennies for Presents program provides a very concrete opportunity for our children to participate in helping others. We will be collecting pennies until Friday December 16. If you have any to share please feel free to put them into our penny containers.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or e-mail her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

~~ DEACONS ~~

O.M.G. - This church and its parishioners have given 140 families a Thanksgiving. A **Hugh Thank You** to all involved. With diminishing state and local resources, we relied more on your donations than we had in the past. We had help from Boy and Girl Scouts, Cranbury Elementary School and the Cranbury Inn. That gave us a warm heart to know there is so many caring people in our town.

Overall things ran smoothly, with hugs and handshakes from the grateful families. Thanks to all the Deacons that gave a helping hand during the week. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Gratefully yours,
Andy and Flo Kremann and Jean Dunham

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Today is Advent Sunday, and in this season, particularly, we are admonished to be watchful in looking for God – at work, in our church, in our homes, and in our lives. It is so easy for all of us to get caught up in the responsibilities (and good times) of the Advent season that we forget to take the time really to watch for God's presence in our world and our own lives. As we continue through this season we need to try to heed the call Christ made to his disciples all those years ago to be watchful for the coming of the Son of Man.

~~ OUTREACH ~~

Beginning in January the Outreach Committee will offer a new opportunity to bring people together for fellowship and fun. Members of the church are invited to deepen and strengthen their ties with one another through conversation and through a meal. Young and old, singles and couples may sign up because the intent is to get to know people across age and interests. The host and/or hostess will invite six other people and provide the home, entrée and beverage. The other three couples will provide hors d'oeuvres, salad and dessert. Sign-ups began in Fellowship Hall on November 21 during the directory photo sessions and you can also sign-up on Sunday mornings at Coffee Hour. If you would like to host a dinner please note on the sign-up sheet. Your hostess will contact you after New Years for a dinner date in January.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule - No classes until November 28. Happy Thanksgiving!

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

If you have not returned your 2012 Pledge Card, please return your card as soon as possible. Thank you.

Counting Teams: 11/27 (Team #2) - 12/4 (Team #3)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Lay Readers Wanted! - The schedule for Lay Readers for January 2012 through June 2012 is now available in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up during coffee hour.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

11/27 (Thanksgiving weekend/First Sunday in Advent) No Youth Group
12/04 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group "Does the Bible Really Say That?" Part 2
Musicians, please bring your guitars!