

***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**

**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
**January 1, 2012 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Voluntary VI*

**Jacob Kirkman**  
Organ

INTROIT

*“O Gladsome Light”*

**Donovan Klotzbecher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Louis Mitchell

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
**We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts sing for joy.**  
God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.  
**The light of Christ illumines our way. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

HYMN #23 (Hymnal)\*

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**Our Lord and our God, you are the light of the world, in whom no darkness can abide. We come to worship you in joy . . . but we also tremble, for we know what darkness abides in us. We cannot conceal from you our cowardice, our shallowness, the resentments we harbor against others. We confess to you our capacity to deceive, our willfulness, our avoidance of others’ pain and suffering. O Wonderful Counselor, illuminate our hearts and minds. Cast out our sin, as light casts out darkness. Live in us, so that we might live for you. 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

Philippians 2: 12-15

Mary Speer  
Pew Bible pg. 197

ANTHEM

“*Gesu Bambino*”

**Pietro Yon**  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 15-20

Pew Bible pg. 58

SERMON

“Keeping Christmas”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

### **THE RESPONSE**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“*Arise and shine in splendor*”

**Johannes Brahms**  
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

“*Doxology*”

Prayer of Dedication\*

HYMN #5 (Hymnal)\*

“*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*”

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** [The Minister continues.]

*God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:*

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.*

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by a side aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #44 (Hymnal)\*                      *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

BENEDICTION\*

RESPONSE\*                                      *Fourfold Amen in G*                                      **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

POSTLUDE\*                                      *"Le Trophee"*                                      **Francois Couperin**  
Organ

**\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

Jan. 1	<b>Happy New Year!</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship, No Sunday School, No Youth Group
Jan. 8	5:30-7 p.m. Epiphany Party! Bring a wrapped \$10 gift for our fun gift exchange in the tradition of a "Yankee swap."
Jan. 15	6:30-8:30 p.m. Interfaith Community Worship Service celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 22	5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group on Friendships
Jan. 29	5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Project

~~ CALENDAR ~~

**January 1, 2012 - January 8, 2012**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>1</b>	<b>(New Year's Day)</b> No Christian Education 10:30a Worship with Communion followed coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom No Youth Group- FH/Kit No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
<b>Monday</b> <b>2</b>	<b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed</b> 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3</b>	<b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-FH 7:30p P&A Meeting-Library 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>4</b>	7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5</b>	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p-5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Meeting - Lib. 7:30p B&G Meeting-FH 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b> <b>6</b>	<b>(Epiphany of the Lord)</b> 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
<b>Saturday</b> <b>7</b>	7:00p Boy Scout Movie Night - FH (JY)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8</b>	<b>(Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord)</b> 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Meeting of officers elect - Library 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](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.

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

**Gluten free bread** is now available at all communion services. Today, it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

**We thank those who are serving today in these ways:**

**The Communion servers** are Lil Conley, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Art & Gloria Jean Ryba and Pat Scott.

**Head Usher** is George Arsnow.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by Larry and Margo Wegner.

**After Church Greeters** are Jack and Sue Britton

**Friends**, as we prepare for worship in this festive season, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

**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 and Mildred Watts.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin's daughter, Cindy; Joan Fraser's friend, Joyce Stempel; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Bob; 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 daughter, Lindsey; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Will Perrine and family due to his daughters' death; 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!

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~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

FAMILY FUN DAY

**Who?** All 3-Year Olds through 6th Graders and their parents  
**What?** A day for fellowship and giving and fun  
**Why?** To share with parents what we learn in Sunday School and in Vacation Bible School  
**When?** Monday, January 16 from 10 a.m. to Noon - Martin Luther King Day  
**Where?** Fellowship Hall - First Presbyterian Church  
**What will we do?** Gather together, make lunch bags for our friends at TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen), play games, and sing a few songs. There will be jobs for the littlest ones (making pretty bags) and the oldest ones (making sandwiches). We will pray together, work together, play together, and sing together!  
**What about the under-3's?** Babysitting will be provided. We need you to let us know if you are coming and the age and number of little ones who will need a babysitter. Contact Doris Wiegartner at [doriswieg@aol.com](mailto:doriswieg@aol.com) or (609/395-7099) or Peter Miller at [peter.miller@barrons.com](mailto:peter.miller@barrons.com). Let us know if you are coming even if you don't need a sitter so we can plan accordingly. Let's make this a wonderful day of fun for the whole family!

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~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

**Pictorial Directory:** If you did not purchase extra pictures when you took your directory photo, you can pick up your photograph in the church office.

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~~ CPNS ~~

Our first day back after our Christmas vacation will be Tuesday, January 3. The children will return ready to share all their Christmas stories with us. I know our teachers are looking forward to seeing the children again and seeing all their smiles.

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](mailto: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.

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~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** Today, we welcome a New Year! May it be a wonderfully satisfying year for all of us, even as we are aware of the many problems we and others face. For instance, the story of a little seven-year-old named Abril is a touching one. She is playing the tambourine as the members of a small Presbyterian mission church on the edge of the dusty dangerous town of Nuevo Laredo Mexico are singing. She keeps her eyes on her mother who is undoubtedly still mourning the loss of her husband, Abril's father, who was abducted by drug cartels four months earlier, just as they have so many others. But God is unstoppable as he carries this little girl and all of the others onward no matter what. This little church, amid the drug cartels, the poverty, poor schools and wide spread government corruption, marches on. It offers children sanctuary and the opportunity to become strong in God's love and wisdom and where parents experience healing from the deep wounds of life.

**Guatemala Dinner Fundraiser:** Our Seventh 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 20 and on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be entertained by our very own Don Klotzbeacher and company and on Saturday you will be serenaded by a String and Barbershop Quartet. 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. We will be selling only a limited number of tickets, so plan on buying your ticket early. They are on sale now and will be available during coffee hour (see Lil or George Conley) or call the church office or Lil at (609)395-0642. We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon, stuffed chicken or a vegetarian meal 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.

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS - FEBRUARY 12, 2012:** It is not only Bread for the World and its members that are concerned about the poor and hungry! All of us have read articles and letters to the editor and editorials lamenting the real and proposed cuts to the programs that sustain this group of our population. It is neither fair (after all, they are not the ones who caused the recession) nor economically feasible, and certainly not Christian to try to balance the budget on the backs of the hungry. Bread for the World has reported that, in part, because members contacted their Senators and Representatives--calling, writing letters, signing petitions, e-mailing, visiting--the initial cuts were less severe than expected and protection was won for the largest anti-poverty programs from automatic cuts, cuts that go into effect if our nation's leaders are unable to agree on how to reduce the deficit. Of course, other elements entered into this effort, but the point I make is that letter writing and phone calls do make a difference. So, you can write any time to Senator Lautenberg or Senator Menendez, or Representative Rush Holt or whoever is from your district. But on February 12 we'll be looking for you to sign or write a letter urging our Congress people to care for the poor and the vulnerable, even as our scriptures urge us to do.

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~~ PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION ~~

**Reminder:** Annual Reports are due January 9, 2012. Please email them to the church office at [firstpresoffice@comcast.net](mailto:firstpresoffice@comcast.net).

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~~ SENIOR EXERCISE ~~

January 5, January 9, January 12, January 19, January 23, January 26, January 30

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~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

**Counting Teams:** 1/1 (Team #3) - 1/8 (Team #4)

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~~ WORSHIP ~~

**Ushers:** Please pick up the new 2012 ushering schedule in the Narthex.

**Christmas Joy Offering:** It is not too late to give to the Christmas Joy Offering.