

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

Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

John A. Behnke
Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (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.)

INTROIT

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Donovan Klotzbecher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for our light has come,

and the glory of our God has risen upon us.

All nations shall come to this light,

and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.

Look and see, for everyone is coming home!

Your sons are coming from distant lands; your daughters will be carried home.

Our eyes shine with gladness,

and our hearts thrill with joy.

Now the glory of the Lord has risen.

Arise, shine! Our light has come!

HYMN #56 (Hymnal)*

“The First Nowell”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Dr. Stephen Crocco

God of glory, we confess we have foolishly participated in deeds of darkness, giving too little thought to your mission in this world, and to the boundless riches of your mystery revealed in Christ Jesus. We have ignored, frustrated, or resisted the unity of the body that he came to establish. We have been slow to intercede for others and timid in asking for your purposes to be fulfilled. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to the mission and the mind of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

THE PEACE* ✠

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 1-14

Dr. Mary Speer
Pew Bible pgs. 690-691

ANTHEM

“Arise, shine”

F. C. Maker
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pew Bible pg. 2

SERMON

“City Lights”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“We Three Kings”

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Dr. Crocco

HYMN #53 (Hymnal)*

“What Child Is This”

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 #63 (Hymnal)* *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Twofold Amen in Bb* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* *Andante (Voluntary IV)* **Anon. English**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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 or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

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.

Gluten free bread is now available and will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

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

Friends, as we prepare for worship, 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.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Communion Servers are Jack Britton, KY Huang, Marie Perrine and Carlene Reyes.

Flowers in the chancel today are given in honor of Rose Eller’s birthday by her children and grandchildren.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Cassandra Khazem.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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 (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Martha Davis; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Rebecca Peltó; Rev. Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec and Walter Wright.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser’s mother, Evelyn Walton; Pat Demers’ son, Erik Bjornen; Judy Duke’s mother, Ruth Biesecker; Arlene Duran’s daughters, Catherine Lepp and Jennifer Tuffy; Gail Geijer’s 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; Karen Moutenot and family due to her father’s death; church treasurer, Art Pellichero; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes’ friend, Will; Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; and Loida Wilson’s friend, Colleen Cahill Brunskill.

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!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Adult Education

On January 13, Dr. Gretchen Hull will continue her series on the New Testament books of John II and John III. Although short, both books, as explained by Gretchen, provide a wealth of material for us to consider each week. Please join us in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m.

~ CPNS ~

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and had some time to relax with your families.

We will be enjoying PJ/Pancake Day on Monday and Tuesday, so don't be surprised if you come into the building and smell pancakes cooking and see many children and families in pajamas. It's one of our favorite days at CPNS, so stop by and see why.

Our 2013-2014 registration will begin with existing students on January 14 and continue on January 22 for our siblings and church members and will continue with the general public on February 1. As you research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609 655-8663 or email 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.

New for 2013-2014, we will be offering a Kindergarten program which can be combined with our enrichment classes for either a half day or full day program. We are so excited to be able to offer a developmentally appropriate academic Kindergarten program. One that will include small class sizes and individualized instruction; in addition to the many other successful attributes of CPNS.

Please call or stop by for details on any of our programs. We look forward to hearing from you. Happy New Year!

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The first Sunday of our New Year and we look to California to see what is going on out there in the Presbytery of Riverside. The First Presbyterian Church of Redlands assists young people (14-20 years) experiencing homelessness by providing space and volunteers for the Youth Hope Program. The mission offers meals, clothing, art classes and encouragement to youth escaping abusive homes and others who have "graduated" from foster care. The First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino secured a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program to cover the church with solar panels. The congregation is reducing its electrical costs by 90 percent, expects to pay off its loan in a few years, contributes to the energy grid, and is helping create a healthier environment in the area. It would seem there is more than one way to serve the Lord!

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

The Monday morning Women's Bible Study will be meeting on January 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on January 21, there will be no morning Bible Study that day.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise

January 7 (10:30a – 11:30a), January 10, January 14, January 17, January 21 (No class), January 24,
January 28 and January 31

Senior Fellowship Upcoming Event

Senior Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall on January 22 at 12 noon to watch the movie, “Hugo”. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat before the movie starts. We will stop the movie halfway through to take a break and have fresh popcorn. Bring a cushion to put on your chair if you wish. If you are not on our call list and would like to participate, please pre-register with the church office (609-395-0897) by Friday, January 18. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

“Hugo”, was nominated for best picture last year. It was directed by Martin Scorsese. Hugo is an orphan, age 12, living in the walls of a train station in 1930's Paris. He learned to fix clocks and gadgets from his father and uncle. The only thing that he has left connecting him to his father is a mechanical man which requires a special key which he does not have to unlock the secret he believes it contains. The film is about his adventures and relationships that he forms with others as he searches for the key.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 1/6 (Team #4) and 1/13(Team #1)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Lay Reader Schedule for January to June 2013 is now on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you would like to be a Lay Reader.

Flower Openings available! There are flower openings for the following Sundays: January 13, January 20 and January 27. Please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or 609-890-0822 if you are interested.

Ushers - The 2013 ushering packets are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 6, 2013 - January 13, 2013

Sunday 6	<p>(Epiphany of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Library/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn</p>
Monday 7	<p>(Annual Reports Due) 9:30a-11:30a Women’s Bible Study - Room 10 9:00a - 3:00p CPNS PJ/Pancake Day - Classrooms/Kit 10:30a-11:30a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha’s Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>

Tuesday 8	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:00a - 3:00p CPNS PJ/Pancake Day - Classrooms/Kit 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p MS&G Meeting-FH 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 9	9:00a Session Material Due 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 10	10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Young Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 11	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 12	
Sunday 13	(Baptism of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Baptism followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 4:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts-FH (GC) 5:00p-6:30p Youth Group Epiphany Party (Yankee Swap) -McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn