

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Basse et Dessus de Trompette & Dialogue* **Jean-François Dandrieu**
Organ

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 *“Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(*Luke 1: 68-69*) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Get Ready!”*
Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School Class

HYMN #22 (Hymnal)* *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)* **Brett Butler**
Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and destroy one another; we neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us; deliver us; prepare the way for us, so that we may be ready to enter into your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY **The Curran Family**

SCRIPTURE **Micah 5:2-5a** **Pew Bible pg. 865**
“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Winchell

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 OFFERINGS AND CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERINGS

Offertory *Duo sur la Trompette* **Jean-François Dandrieu**
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Mr. Butler

HYMN #29 (Hymnal)* *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE *Magnificat* **Jean François Dandrieu**
Organ

RETIRING OFFERING Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

“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.”

Arthur J. Pellichero
March 15, 1940 – November 28, 2013

James Appleyard
November 12, 1917 - December 1, 2013

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.

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:
Flowers in the chancel today are given by Beverly and Craig Gilbert in loving memory of their daughter, Cynthia.
Please note: Last Sunday, flowers were given in memory of Edward G. Trenkle by Jason Trenkle, Debbie Mara and Alan Danser.

Coffee Hour today is our Annual Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers is Karen Moser.

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 call the church office at (609) 395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Liz Callaway; Everett Campbell; Carol Edelson and family due to the death of her father, James Appleyard; Rose Eller; Cyndi Girardet; Jane Huff and family due to the death of her grandson, James Huff-Miller; Bill Keller; Claire Maselli; Russ Richardson; Art Ryba; Mark Sasso; and Agnes Winchell.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Rosellyn Cassidy's father, Jim Savasta; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; Martha Donovan's friend, The Rev. Dusty K. Fiedler; Judy Duke's mother, Ruth Biesecker; Jean Dunham's son, Jay and family; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Ken and Dina Ellsworth's son, Will; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder and great uncle, Peter Ewaskiw; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Kathy Mitchell's friends, the Tracy LaMana family, and Doug and Jean Lovejoy; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis and brother-in-law Joseph, family member, Harriet George and friend, Allary Hollis Lewis; Cranbury Librarian, Jan Murphy's husband, Rian; Cranbury friend, Joann Palma (that she will be found and back home to her family); Linda Pellichero and family due to the death of her husband and our church treasurer, Art Pellichero; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike; and Doris Wiegartner's son, Brian.

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!

Birthdays of Distinction: S. Warren Tantum on December 1 and Carol Sprout on December 13. **Happy Birthday!**

Come Celebrate The Birth Of Christ With Us!

Sunday, December 15, 2013 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Meadow Lakes Worship Service

Sunday, December 22, 2013 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
10:10 a.m. Sunday School Caroling
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Meadow Lakes Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2013 - Christmas Eve

Christmas Joy Offering
4:00 p.m. Meadow Lakes Lessons & Carols Vesper Service
5:00 p.m. Service of Bells for children of all ages
8:00 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 29, 2013

No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Meadow Lakes Worship Service

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~

Adult Education: Dr. Gaylord French will continue his Christmas series on "Nativity Songs from the Gospel of Luke." Listen to the Word and learn more about the music that we all associate with the celebration of the coming of the birth of Christ. Even if you missed the first class—it is not too late to join us in the library at 9:15 a.m. next Sunday, December 15.

Thanks to Dr. Gretchen Hull for the wonderful series just completed which led us through some of the shortest books of the Bible with some of the most powerful messages?

~ CPNS ~

We are all busy getting ready for Christmas. This week we will be singing some Christmas carols led by our music teacher Jenni Collins and we will be doing some dancing led by our Creative Movement teacher Noel Kinney as part of the Senior Christmas luncheon. Mrs. "K" will be there as well and will be reading a special Christmas book to the children. We are so glad that we might be able to add an extra smile or two during the program and everyone will get a delicious candy cane treat.

Don't forget we began collecting for our Pennies for Presents program. This year the funds will purchase gifts for St. Peter's Children's Foundation. We want to thank the Malouf family from CPNS for coordinating the program and for bringing the gifts to the hospital on Christmas Eve.

Registration for the school year 2014-2015 will begin in January. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school and encourage them to contact us. It's never too late to join our CPNS family. If you are not currently a CPNS student or are attending kindergarten for a half day program you are also welcome to participate in any of the enrichment classes that fit into your schedule. Many of our CPNS students are already registered, but if you haven't registered your child or want to add more enrichment classes, we still have openings, it's not too late. We also have a few openings in our regular classes as well. Details can be found on our website, www.cranburypres.org or please call Janice at 609 655-8663.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer: The Rev. Doug Baker is a name that may be familiar to some of us because Doug has visited our church when he was on home service from Ireland, his longtime mission location. He

devotes much time and effort in attempts to reconcile the Protestant and Catholic communities. He writes that recently he was called to facilitate discussion among leaders of St. Augustine's Church of Ireland. Their future looked bleak, but with a beautiful building and the drop in violence members felt more open to using it outside of Sundays. One idea was to promote lunch where older members, now scattered, could come together to meet old friends and enjoy a nourishing meal. They had space, a few enthusiastic volunteers, and a local chef who volunteered his expertise and so LEAH (Lunching with the Elderly and Housebound) was born. The group produced a fine cook book which took care of expenses. LEAH provides a setting where fellowship grows as these folk and new friends from other backgrounds meet over good food.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE HERE! If you ordered a Christmas wreath, you can now stop by the Gordon's house before 5pm at 127 North Main Street (driveway off Barclay Street) and pick up your beautiful wreath. Thank you for your support!

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL - FROM SENIOR FELLOWSHIP. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to carry out this mission and especially to have this Christmas program.

HELP NEEDED: Senior Fellowship needs help to put away 7 round tables after our Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 10. This can be done any time after 3:30 p.m. Please contact the church office at 609-395-0897 if you can help us out with our clean up. We certainly would appreciate your help with these tables. Connie Bauder, Coordinator of Senior Fellowship

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 12/8 (Team #3) - 12/15 (Team #4)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

January is Open for Flowers: Flowers are needed for Sunday, January 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822 or email her at D1Stargazer@verizon.net.

Lay Readers Wanted: We are asking anyone who would like to be a Lay Reader to sign the schedule for January through June 2014, which is on the notice board in Fellowship Hall.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

December 8, 2013 – December 15, 2013

Sunday 8	(2nd Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by the Annual Christmas Luncheon 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 1:00p Jr. High Retreat returns from Camp Johnsonburg (VAN) 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6:00p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:15p Boys Scouts (GC)-FH/KIT 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 9	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:00p-4:00p Sr. Fellowship set-up-FH/Kit 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 10	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 8:00a Sr. Fellowship set-up for Christmas Party- FH/Kit/VAN 12:00p – 4:00p Sr. Fellowship Christmas Party-FH/Kit/VAN 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p Deacons - FH 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Wednesday 11	8:30a-12:00p CPNS 2's class baking-KIT 9:00a Session Material Due 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee Meeting @ ML Meeting Room 6:00p-7:30p Sr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 6:30p–9:30p Mercer Area District Committee Holiday mtg-FH 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 12	8:30a-12:00p CPNS 2's class baking-KIT 10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Worship Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 13	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:30p Big Brothers/Big Sisters – FH/Kit 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
Saturday 14	7:00p Cub Scouts – FH (JY)
Sunday 15	(3rd Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Lessons and Carols followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45a Library Committee Mtg-Library 2:30p Youth Caroling at the Elms 3:00p-7:30p Prep/Practice Singing (RT) McKnight Room 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn