

The First Presbyterian Church Cranbury, New Jersey

**A Christmas Eve Service of Bells for Children of All Ages
December 24, 2013 - 5:00 P.M.**

INTROIT

"Little Child"

written by Laurie Davis
Cherub and Young Worship Choirs

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Cherub and Young Worship Choirs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lou

BELL RINGING!!!

Join us in this ancient and joyous custom! After we have finished ringing our bells to begin the service, they should be placed quietly on the floor under your seat until the final Christmas carol.

CAROL #41*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PRAYER (unison) *

Pastor Brett

Give us, O God, such love and wonder, that with shepherds and wise men and pilgrims unknown we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King. With our gifts may we worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS

Christmas Time

by Bryan Adams
Young Worship Choir

"Get Ready"

CPNS Christmas Choir

"Christmas Day Will Soon Be Here"

Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Director

"Bells Are Ringing"

Guitar, Laurie Davis

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor Brett

OFFERTORY

"God Gave Us a Family"

written by Laurie Davis
Cherub and Young Worship Choirs

CAROL #44 (remain seated) *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

(All children who are participating in the Christmas Story should meet in the Narthex. Please use the side aisles.)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

ACT I: Luke 2: 1-7 Joseph and Mary come forward
Carol #25 *"Away in a Manger"*

ACT II: Luke 2: 8-14 Angels enter & dance up front if they wish
Carol #31 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

ACT III: Luke 2: 15-19 Shepherds and animals come forward
Carol #29 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

ACT IV: Matthew 2: 1-11 Star and Wise men come forward
Carol #66 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* (stanzas 1 & 5)

ACT V: Matthew 2: 12, Luke 2: 20, 40 Children return to family and ring bells!
Carol #40* *"Joy to the World!"*

Ring your bell while you sing *"Joy to the World!"* Spread the Good News of Christ's birth to your family, to your neighbors and to the world!

BENEDICTION*

(*The congregation is invited to stand.)

WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS SERVICE OF GREAT JOY! If you are new to our church or community, we invite you to make this congregation your church home. Please complete one of the pew cards and leave it in the offering so that we can personally welcome you.

THE USHERS tonight are Caren Anuszewski, George Arsnow, Sr., George Arsnow, Carol Kientz, Craig Vandenberg and Loida Wilson.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel tonight are the beautiful Christmas poinsettias. They have been given to the Glory of God, in memory, in honor or as a gift of gratitude by many wonderful people. (Copies of the list are in the Narthex). **Please note:** For those who ordered poinsettias, they may be picked up tonight after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service or on Sunday, December 29 in Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL THANKS to Laurie Davis who provided music for this service and who directs the Children’s Choir and Cherub Choir and to Dorothy Klotzbecher who directed the CPNS Christmas Choir and also to Daune Arsnow, Julie Kim and the Seventh and Eighth Grade Sunday School Class for directing *The Christmas Story*.

Thank you for helping us prepare for the next two services by picking up any leftover bulletins or debris, and making sure the hymnals are evenly redistributed in your pew.

We pray God’s warmest blessings upon you for a joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Our church provides many opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian service in our community and the world. This is a wonderful congregation. We invite you to join us!!!

Sunday, December 29, 2013

10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour
No Christian Education Classes, No Youth Group, No Men’s Bible Study

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell
Director of Youth Ministry & Christian Ed	Mr. Brett Butler
Parish Associate	The Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates
Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School, Director	Mrs. Janice Parker

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