

**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**  
**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 5, 2014 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE *English Carols* **Traditional 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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Mission Dinner* **George Conley**

INTROIT *"Praise the Lord, O Servants of the Lord"* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
*(Ps. 113: 1-2)* **The Chorale**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Peter Miller**

We have seen the rising star;  
**the mystery of ages is revealed.**  
The nations will come in wonder  
**to sing the praise of the Lord.**

HYMN #56 (Hymnal)\* *"The First Nowell"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*  
**God, we confess that we have not embraced your love. You have searched for us, and yet we hide from you. You have lavished us with blessing, and yet we treasure earthly things. Forgive us, loving God. Shine on us with grace and glory and reveal to us your promise: good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*  
HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\* *"Gloria Patri"*  
THE PEACE\* ✚

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚ **Pastor Lou**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 2: 1-12** **Mr. Miller**  
**Pew Bible pg. 2**

ANTHEM *"The Holly and the Ivy"* **English Carol**  
**arr. D. Klotzbeacher**  
**The Chorale**

SCRIPTURE **Philippians 2: 5-15** **Pew Bible pgs. 197**

SERMON *"Star Shine"* **Dr. Louis Mitchell**

**THE RESPONSE**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory *"Gelobet seist du, Jesu"* **Johann Pachelbel**  
*(All praise to you, Jesus)* **Organ**

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\* *"Doxology"*  
Prayer of Dedication\* **Mr. Miller**

HYMN #66 (Hymnal)\* *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

**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"*

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

**Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*"Puer nobis nascitur"*

**Nicolas Lebegue**  
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](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 available and 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:**

**Communion Servers** are Pat Bohrs, KY Huang, Carol Kientz, Dorothy Klotzbeacher and Marie Perrine.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by George and Marge Conley.

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

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Church members with special needs:** Marge Bloom; Sue Britton; Liz Callaway; Rose Eller; Cyndi Girardet; 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; 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; Leah Moy's friends, Irene and Marty Goldberg; Karen Moutenot's sister, Patricia Obanion; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family; CPNS staff member, Theresa Vaccaro's sister, Charlene and family; and Cathy Vogen's husband, Mike.

**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!

**Birthday of Distinction:** Rose Eller today, January 5. **Happy Birthday!**

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### ADULT EDUCATION

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Martha Circle will meet on Monday, January 6 in the Library at 1:30 p.m. All women of the Church are welcome to join in--this is a friendly group which welcomes all. This year's topic is "The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." This month's discussion, which is led by Rose Eller, will be about the Israelites as freed by God. The Passover meal today continues to commemorate the deliverance of the Hebrews out of Egypt and is relevant to Christian heritage.

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### CPNS

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas vacation.

Registration for the school year 2014-2015 will begin in January. Our currently enrolled students will be able to register beginning on Monday, January 13, 2014. Church members and siblings can begin to register on January 21. The general public can register any time after February 1. 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. Our winter/spring session of enrichment classes begins in February. 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](http://www.cranburypres.org) or please call Janice at 609 655-8663.

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### MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

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**Snippets from The Year Book of Prayer:** Members of University Presbyterian Church (UPC) on the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles, conceived the idea of using the arts to convey the peace, love, and forgiveness of Christ at a downtown homeless shelter. The event, dubbed Conduit of Peace had UPC members collaborating with several other congregations. That night 60 young artists performed music, dance, and plays to express the gospel on the roof of Union Rescue Mission in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. The members of the church were humbled by what God did through this project.

**Mission Dinner Fundraiser: (Formerly Guatemala Dinner):** Our mission dinner 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 31 and on Saturday, February 1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be serenaded by piano music by Francine Hannay and on Saturday the Cranbury String Quartet and Piano by Don Klotzbeacher.

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.

We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon, or stuffed chicken, 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: Mission 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.

George Conley  
Mission Committee  
(609) 395-0897

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### OUTREACH

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**Looking for a Church Home?** Join Pastor Lou and members of the Session on **January 12, January 19 and January 26 for the NEW MEMBER CLASS.**

This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian. We are a congregation which offers members of all ages opportunities to join in fellowship and expand their faith experiences.

The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. on January 12 and January 19 in the library and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on January 26 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office at 609-395-0897 to join the class or for additional information.

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### ~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

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#### **Senior Exercise Schedule**

January 6, January 9, January 13, January 16,  
January 20 (**NO CLASS**), January 23,  
January 27 and January 30

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**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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Counting Teams: 1/5 (Team #3) - 1/12 (Team #4)

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank everyone for their participation in the 2014 Stewardship Campaign. **Your 2014 Pledge Envelopes may be picked up in Fellowship Hall.**

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**WORSHIP**

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

**USHERS:** 2014 Ushering packets are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

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**CALENDAR**

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**January 5, 2014 – January 12, 2014**

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>(Epiphany Sunday)</b> 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service with Communion 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 6p-7:30p Jr. High Youth Group-McK Rm 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn
<b>Monday 6</b>	<b>(Epiphany of the Lord)</b> 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha’s Circle – Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	<b>(Annual Reports Due)</b> <b>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</b> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 7:30p Christian Ed. Meeting-Lib. 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	7:30p Bell Choir
<b>Thursday 9</b>	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
<b>Friday 10</b>	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room
<b>Saturday 11</b>	9:00a Equipping the Saints Leadership Training @ Princeton Seminary
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>(Baptism of the Lord)</b> 9:15a New Members Class - Lib 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 1p-3:30p 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Families Ice Skating-Mercer County Park 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn