

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY**

The order for the 11:00 p.m. service begins on page 4 of this bulletin.

**Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2014 - 8:00 P.M.**

**THE GATHERING**

SILENT MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Noel*

Louis Claude D'Aquin  
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.)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Brett Butler

The grace of God is with us now.

**The Savior of the world has come.**

Give thanks for the gift of grace from God:

**Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CAROL #41\*

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live as your people, following your holy way and rejoicing in your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*“Gloria Patri”*

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS\*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CAROL #23

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*



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.**

CAROL #31

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*"A Virgin Pure"*

Nicolas LeBegue

Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

*"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication\*

Mr. Butler

CAROL #40\*

*"Joy to the World!"*

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*"In Dulci Jubilo"*

J. S. Bach

Organ

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

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**  
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**THE GATHERING**

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PRELUDE

*Carols of the Season*

**Traditional**  
Anna O'Connell, Harpist

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HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*"Gloria Patri"*

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS\*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CAROL #22

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-7

Janet Furchak  
Pew Bible pg. 58

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Interlude*

**Benjamin Britten**  
Anna O'Connell, Harpist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 8-14

Pew Bible pg. 58

SERMON

“On Earth, Peace”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

CAROL #25\*

“*Away in a Manger*”

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“*Still, Still*”

Austrian Carol  
Anna O’Connell, Harpist

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\*

“*Doxology*”

Prayer of Dedication\*

Mr. Butler

CAROL #40\*

“*Joy to the World!*”

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**



**Ushering** for the 8:00 p.m. service are Vicki Bain, Joan Fraser and Art & Gloria-Jean Ryba *and* for the 11:00 p.m. service are George & Margie Conley and John, Brenda, Joe & David Kirkenir.

Thanks to our communion servers and to Renee Welch for preparing the communion.

**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:** Poinsettias may be picked up tonight after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service or on Sunday, December 28 after Worship.

*We pray God's warmest blessings upon you for a joyful 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!*

*Thank you to all those whose gifts, creativity and labor created the beautiful  
Christmas decorations and Nativity scene!*

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**Sunday, December 28, 2014**

10:30 a.m.      Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour

No Christian Education Classes, No Youth Group, No Men's Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Meadow Lakes Worship Service

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

**Church Office:**

(609) 395-0897

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**Church Office Closed:** 12/24, 12/25, 12/26, 12/31, 1/1/2015 and 1/2/2015

**Office Hours:** 12/22, 12/23, 12/29, 12/30 will be 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School:**

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**CPNS Closed:** 12/23 through 1/2/2015