

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
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 28, 2014 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Pastoral Air with Variations* **Franz X. A. Murschhauser**
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 *“Glory to God in the highest”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Luke 2: 14) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the fullness of time has come.

The Spirit and the Son are with us.

As beloved children of God we pray:

Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; through 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	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Lil Conley Pew Bible pg. 638
ANTHEM	<i>The Chocolate Burro (Mexican Villancico)</i>	arr. Roy Ringwald The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2: 15-20	Pew Bible pg. 58
SERMON	"Christmas Days"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #38 (Hymnal)* *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *"Puer nobis nascitur"* Nicolas Lebègue
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *"Doxology"*
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #28 (Hymnal)* *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen* The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *La Tromba* François Couperin
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Announcements

Sunday, December 28, 2014

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. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator.

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 available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

The Flowers in the chancel today are the beautiful Christmas poinsettias. They have been given to the Glory of God in memory, in honor and as a gift of gratitude for many wonderful people. (Poinsettias may be picked up today after Worship.)

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Heidi Knowlton and Pat Cavender & Larry White.

Greeters are Joy Barclay and Earl Davison.

Head Ushers are Jack & Sue Britton and Ginny Swanagan.

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; Will Ellsworth; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Claire Maselli; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Russ Richardson; Russell Sutton; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain’s mother, Joan Stiles; Alan Balcomb’s sister, Elizabeth Goodfellow; Barbara & Arthur Danser’s, friend, Lynda Patterson; Jean Dunham’s sister, Pat; Arlene Duran’s daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak’s friend, Lori Sigley; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga Zelder; Bryan Nemeth’s friend, Ellen Weiner; Sharon Pulz and family due to the death of her mother; Ron & Ann Riemann’s friend, Susan Seibert; Fran Stewart’s father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family.

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

Cranbury Men’s Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.): All men are invited to join us in a relaxed setting at the Cranbury Inn. Please contact Brett Butler for more information. There will be **NO** Men’s Bible Study tonight and January 4.

CPNS

We hope everyone is having an extra special Christmas with family and friends, and the chance to have some relaxing quality time together. CPNS will be closed for the Christmas holiday until Monday, January 5, however our teachers continue to plan, and look forward to sharing our time together in the new year making many happy memories.

The 2015-2016 registration process for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School begins on Monday, January 12, and Tuesday, January 13 for our currently enrolled children. On January 20, January 21, and thereafter church members, siblings of alumni, and siblings of currently enrolled children, as well as our volunteers in the Cranbury Fire Department, and Cranbury First Aid Squad can register. The general public can register beginning on Monday, February 2. This year we will be having an Open House on Wednesday, January 28, more details to follow in January. Anyone attending this informational session will have the chance to register before the general public. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to register before the general public and let them know about our very special Christian preschool.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen News (TASK): We will not be going to TASK in January, for the first Thursday of the month falls on New Year's Day. Anyone over the age of 13 is welcome to join us starting in February. Please call Anne Gordon if you would like to serve.

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Perhaps you have never heard of the Jinishian Memorial Program. I recall hearing of it when we were in the Middle East way back in 1981, and, as I recall, seeing some evidence of its value. It seems that years ago when he was 96, Vartan Jinishian gave all his earthly treasure to suffering Armenian brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East. The Armenian homeland is a cradle of Christianity--and of human civilization--and yet its people have suffered persecution and genocide and dispersal. (I recall hearing when I was a little girl "Remember the starving Armenians,"

when I didn't clean my plate of food.) By establishing an endowment with the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) Jinishian's gift has provided hope to millions in Armenia, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Jerusalem.

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, February 6 and Saturday, February 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. Both nights will have entertainment.

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.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 5, January 8, January 12, January 15, January 19, January 22, January 26 and January 29

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 12/28 (Team #2) – 1/4 (Team #3)

2015 Pledge Envelopes: Pledge envelopes are available to pick up in **Room 1**. **Please note:** You may have a new number for 2015, so please use your new envelopes in January.

WORSHIP

January is open for flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Diane Smith at d1stargazer@verizon.net or call 609-890-0822.

Do you have an extra hour or two 4 or 6 times a year? Would you like to help the church? Would you like to be part of a great team?

The **Lay Reader Schedule** for January to June 2015 is available in Fellowship Hall. We are always looking for, and welcome, new lay readers. If you have any questions, please call Joan Fraser.

The **Ushers Guild** is always looking for new members. Every week the ushers provide an invaluable service before, during and after the Sunday services. If you are interested in joining one of our many teams, or would like more information, please contact: Caren Anuszewski the Ushers Guild Coordinator at (609)587-8883 or email her at ccrabbeg91@optimum.net.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 28, 2014

10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice

December 29, 2014

CPNS Closed

Church Office Hours 9a to 12:00p

7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

December 30, 2014

CPNS Closed

Church Office Hours 9a to 12:00p

7:30p AA – McK Rm

December 31, 2014 (New Year's Eve)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

January 1, 2015 (New Year's Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

January 2, 2015

CPNS/Church Office Closed

8:00p-9:00p AA (Promises 12 Steps)McK Room

January 3, 2015

7:00p Cub Scouts Movie Night – FH (JY)

January 4, 2015 (Epiphany Sunday)

9:15a Christian Education for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service
4:00p–5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)