

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
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Te Deum Prelude* Marc-Antoine Charpentier
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 *“Father, We Praise Thee”* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Butler
The Lord God calls to us by name.
With Samuel we answer: Here I am.
The Lord Jesus calls us to follow him.
With Philip and Nathanael we rise and go.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #464 (Hymnal)* *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✦

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚

Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1-14

Katie Stewart
Pew Bible pgs. 91-92

ANTHEM

"Shout, glory, hallelujah"

Early American, arr. Hopson
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

John 2: 1-11

Pew Bible pg. 93

SERMON

"Light and Life"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #308 (Hymnal)*

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Mitchell

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

Short Piece: Andantino

Louis Andlauer
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #302 (Hymnal)*

"I Danced in the Morning"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Presto

Thomas Arne
Organ

***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.”**

**HELEN T. DAVIES
September 6, 1920 – January 11, 2015**

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**CLAIRE F. MASELLI
July 16, 1922 – January 11, 2015**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation
will take place immediately following the morning
Worship service on Sunday, January 25, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall
followed by our “Winter Luncheon”.

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.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by the Worship Committee.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Heidi Knowlton.

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

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: Alan Balcomb and family due to the death of his sister, Elizabeth Goodfellow; Marge Bloom; Will Ellsworth; Marlene French; Bill Keller; Scott Kerr; Aldo Maselli and family due to the death of his wife, Claire Maselli; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Linda Protinick and family due to the death of her grandmother, Thelma Docherty; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Elsie Sutton and family due to the death of her husband, Russell Sutton; Anne Taylor; Doris Wiegartner and Ann Zimmerman.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Alan and Barbara Balcomb's friend, Don Driggers; Barbara & Arthur Danser's, friend, Lynda Patterson; family & friends of Helen Davies due to her death; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Arlene Duran's daughter, Catherine Lepp; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy & friend, Lori Sigley; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Bryan Nemeth's friend, Ellen Weiner; 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Franklin Sutton on January 20. **Happy Birthday!**

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.

CPNS

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the pancakes with us last week. It's always such a great day; so much fun for the children, and the parents that make the pancakes, thank you all so much. On Saturday, January 24, we will have our Special Person's Day. Children will bring a special person to school with them. They will enjoy doing an activity together that I'm sure will be kept for years to come. Everyone will have time to play and explore the many learning opportunities in our classrooms, hear a story, and have a special snack together. It's always a great day for the children and their special person.

The 2015-2016 registration process for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School began 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 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: It seems that we hear little encouraging news about permanent peaceful agreements between Israelis and Palestinians. But it is interesting to note that there is a group called The Israel Palestine Mission Network (IPMN) which has members from over 80 presbyteries and represents many thousands of mission hours in Palestine. Since its inception in 2004, IPMN has fulfilled the General Assembly mandate of supporting and giving voice to oppressed Palestinians and educating Palestinians about their plight. IPMN partners with Jews and Muslims dedicated to a just peace, so that all may hear the cries of people long silenced.

Skeet's Pantry: We hope the generous spirit which carried us through a very difficult 2014 will continue in 2015 too. Our shelves are looking fairly good for our January food pantry but we're really in need of a few items, and if you can help us, we'll be very grateful. Thanks from all of us at Skeet's Pantry!

JANUARY Wish List

"Mac & Cheese", Fruit (cans or jars of any kind), and Jelly

Mission Dinner Fundraiser: 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. Please note, there will be **childcare provided** each night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Your Opportunity to Serve - Guatemala Mission 2015

This year, our church will be sponsoring a mission trip to Guatemala along with the Allentown Presbyterian Church. Our trip this year is scheduled for June 20 to June 27. We will be having an informational meeting on Monday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1 (small room next to Fellowship Hall) to provide participants with information regarding the details pertaining to the trip. The cost of the trip is your airfare, plus ground fees which is approximately \$1,500.00. Ground fees include all of the ground transportation, lodging and food.

No special skills are required; a pair of hands is all you need to bring with you. Everyone is invited to participate. This is not a youth mission trip, but is open to any youth of a parent who has previously participated or is going with them.

Any questions, please feel free to contact George Conley at 609 395-0513. Just a reminder tickets are still on sale for the Mission Dinner. Please see Mission Dinner Fundraiser information above for further details.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, January 22** at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The Senior Breakfast group will host their monthly meeting with a presentation by Jack Frohbieter.

If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For information, contact Walter Wright.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 19, January 22, January 26 and January 29

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 20 at 12:00 noon to watch the movie, "Secretariat". Bring a brown bag lunch to eat before the movie starts. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will stop the 2 hour movie half way through to take a break and have fresh popcorn. Bring a cushion to put on your chair if you wish. If you are not on our calling list and would like to participate please pre-register with the church office at 609-395-0897 by noon, Monday, January 19. Please leave your phone number in case we have to cancel this program due to bad weather.

The movie, "Secretariat" is a real life story of the last horse to win the triple crown of horse racing back in the 1970's. He has become a legend and behind every legend lies an impossible dream. Witness the spectacular journey of an incredible horse and the moving story of his unlikely owner, a housewife, who risked everything to make him a champion.

Please join us for a nice way to spend a winter day in a warm and friendly place. If you are over age 55 and have never attended Senior Fellowship events this would be a nice time to start attending.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 1/18 (Team #1) – 1/25 (Team #2)

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.

Budget Update (Year-to-Date to 1/11/15)		
	Week Ended 1/11	YTD to 1/11
Offerings	\$12,423	\$35,900
Expenses	\$7,541	\$8,315
Net Income/(Loss)	\$4,882	\$27,585

WORSHIP

January is open for flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Diane Smith at 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 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 ccrabbeg1@optimum.net.

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 18, 2015

- 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
- 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
- 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
- 11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.
- 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom
- 6:30p Youth Group Event (MLK Worship Service)
- 7:00p Community MLK Worship Service (Mt. Olivet)**

January 19, 2015 (Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.)
CPNS/Church Office Closed

- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 7:30p Brass Choir
- 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

January 20, 2015

- 9:00a Bulletin Material Due**
- 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
- 11:00a Sr. Fellowship – **VAN**
- 12:00p Sr. Fellowship Program – FH/Kit
- 1:30p-2:30p Nominating Committee - Library
- 7:30p Session Meeting - FH
- 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

January 21, 2015

- 7:00p-10:00p CPNS – McKnight Room
- 7:30p Bell Choir

January 22, 2015

- 8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
- 10:00a Senior Exercise
- 4:30p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:00p-10:00p CPNS – McKnight Room
- 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

January 23, 2015

- 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

January 24, 2015

- 8:00a-3:00p CPNS Special Person’s Day – CRs/FH/Kit

January 25, 2015

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./McK Rm/Rm 1)

10:30a Worship followed by the **Annual Meeting** and Winter Picnic

11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service

3p – 5p Youth Event (Ice Skating @ Mercer County Park)

4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice – upstairs classroom

5p – 8:00p Youth Group Event-**VAN**

6:15p-8p Boy Scouts – McK Rm (GC)

8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn