

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 of Advent

November 27, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Bagpipe selections

Traditional

*In recognition of St. Andrews Day, November 30

Gordon Fraser, bagpipes

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

“All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord”

Louis Bourgeois

(Ps. 100)

The Chorale

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Khazem Family

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:14

Pew Bible pg. 636

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

L: Christians around the world begin today to await the arrival of Christ. We join with a joyful and hopeful throng in lighting Advent candles, symbols of faith and signs of God’s love.

P: We gather as a people of hope.

L: Christian people around the world stand today in anticipation, as we look forward to celebrating the miracle of Christ’s birth, the good news that astounds us anew each year.

P: Our hope springs anew from God’s beautiful vision.

L: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope, based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have perceived God’s promised Son and his great gift. Therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

P: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we trust that the promised One will return again. God is among us, and soon we will see a new creation on earth. We thank God for making us a people of hope.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

HYMN #2 (Hymnal)* *“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Louis Mitchell

God, as we wait for you this Advent, we confess we are not the people you hope us to be. The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty. Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us. Help us live secure in your love; help us be the ones of peace for our world. Help us to seek your will made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 56-57

ANTHEM

“Every valley shall be exalted”
(Isaiah 40: 4-5)

John Ness Beck
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 46-55

Pew Bible pg. 57

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #12 (Hymnal)*

“People, Look East”

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	<i>Largo (Symph. 88)</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Virginia Goss
HYMN #100*	<i>“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”</i>	(See Insert)
RESPONSE*	<i>Choral Amen</i>	Donovan Klotzbecher The Chorale
BENEDICTION*		
POSTLUDE*	<i>Allegretto (Symph. 100)</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on December 4, 2016, for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

Announcements

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, 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.

There are new Worship bags available in the Narthex! These bags are full of activities to help children of all ages worship alongside the whole church family.

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

Head Ushers are Bob and Carol Kane.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

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: Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Bill Eller; Paul Furchak; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Barbara Wahlers; Margo Wegner and Richard & Ina Zimmer.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Joan Gray, Carolyn Hilgendorff and Joe Kelly.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson's father, Robert; Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Phyllis Dyke's friend, Rosemarie; Linda Ferguson's son's fiancée, Kristin and friends, Susan & Rose; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Patricia Grasso's friends, Eileen, Annette & Burt; Barbara Hannon's brother-in-law, Michael; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney's son, JP; Beatrice Mabutho's sister, Phyllis and friend, Aaron; Ron Perry's father, Daniel; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Russ & Cheryl Richardson's son, Mark; Jane Siebert's friend, Madlyn; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; Wilma Shimer's niece, Janean; and Mary Szczepanik's nephew, Kevin.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm's way.

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: S. Warren Tantum on December 1. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Advent Bible Study – Our 4 week bible study began this morning and will continue through December 18 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 1. Our Pastors will teach from *Names of the Messiah*, an Advent Study by Walter Brueggemann. We will discuss the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace – “and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.”

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time with Pastor Hannah in the Fellowship Hall for ages 2 - 8th grade

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 8th grade, check the Sunday School Bulletin Board for classes and classrooms

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. High School Sunday School in the Church Library

YOUTH GROUP – There will be **NO youth group tonight, November 27.**

Christmas Wreaths for Sale! The Youth Group is selling Christmas Wreaths to benefit the summer mission trip. The Evergreen wreaths measure 24 inches (outer diameter) and can be purchased for \$12 without a red bow or \$15 with a red bow. Wreaths are being sold in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour, and every Sunday in Advent, until we run out!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Coffee Hour is a great time to meet and catch up with friends and members of the congregation as well as make our visitors feel welcome. There has been a shortage of host volunteers for coffee hour. Please consider hosting coffee hour. The Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall so be sure to check out the available dates. For more information, please contact Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com.

CPNS

November gives us another opportunity to reflect on everything we are thankful for. God has given us so many wonderful blessings here at CPNS. We are thankful to have a safe, warm building that we can go to school in. We are thankful for our parents, board members and many volunteers that help us in so many ways. We are thankful for our teachers who love and care for our children every day, and we are thankful for our children, those very special blessings, who make us smile and warm our hearts. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

We continue to register children for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School 2016-2017 school year. The registration forms can be found on our website. Enrichment program details are also available on our website. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Christian preschool.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Can You Help Skeet's Pantry? We are looking for strong volunteers the third Thursday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pick up fresh produce from the Farmer's Against Hunger truck in Trenton. We deliver the produce back to the church for Skeet's food distribution the next day. This is the primary way Skeet's Pantry gets fresh produce for its patrons every month. If you or someone you know can lift 50 lbs. or has a truck or van and wants to help feed the hungry, please contact Anne Gordon or the church office. You do not have to be a church member.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: November 28, December 1, December 5, December 8, December 12 and December 15.

UPCOMING EVENT

Senior Fellowship will celebrate Christmas with the **Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6** at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a full hot luncheon, singing some of the old favorite Christmas songs and entertainment by the students of CPNS. We began calling our list of regular participants on November 19. If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to attend, please call the church office at 609/395-0897 to preregister for this program before November 29 at noon. Please leave your name and phone number.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 11/27 (Team #2) – 12/4 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 11/20/16
Weekly Offering	\$9,789
YTD Offerings	\$390,869
YTD Expenses	\$407,977
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$17,108)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,237 (19% of \$21,780)	

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Ushers are needed for the Ushering Guild - all ages. It is a good way to meet people within our church family. Please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609) 799-1724 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

Flower Openings Available: If you are interested in dedicating flowers on Sundays for the Sanctuary, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>November 27, 2016 (1st Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 9:15a Adult Bible Study – Rm 1 (Lou) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CRs NO YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>November 28, 2016 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Mtg. – Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>November 29, 2016 9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 3:30p Advent Bible Study– Mtg Rm @ Meadow Lakes 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>November 30, 2016 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>December 1, 2016 10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p–5:30p TASK (VAN) 7:00p Worship Mtg—Lib. 7:30p B&G Mtg-Lib. 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>December 2, 2016 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 5p Middle School Youth Group Depart for J’burg Retreat – VAN 6:45p-8p Wolf Pack Mtg.-McK Rm</p>
<p>December 3, 2016 Middle School Youth Group @J’burg Retreat - VAN</p>	<p>December 4, 2016 (2nd Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 9:15a Adult Bible Study – Rm 1 10:30a Worship w/Communion and Congregational Mtg to Elect Church Officers followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service 12p Middle School Youth Group returns from J’burg Retreat - VAN 6:30p-8p High School Youth Group 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CRs</p>