

***Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church***

*(✠ Latecomers may be seated.)*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Christmas Day/Christmas Joy Offering**

**December 25, 2016 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*“Deo Gracias”*

**Healey Willan**  
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 Klotzbecher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

There is good news of great joy for all!

**Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God’s people on earth.**

Let us worship God.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know him. He has called us to be his own, and yet we do not accept him. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us your mercy and truth until we know in fullness your good news of great joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\* ✠

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨ Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE John 1: 1-14 Pew Bible pgs. 91-92

ANTHEM *The Gallery Carol* **arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
(*Rejoice and be merry*) The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1: 1-4 Pew Bible pg. 218

SERMON "Greater Than Christmas" Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

HYMN #53 (Hymnal)\* "*What Child Is This*"

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 OFFERINGS AND THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Offertory *Noel* **Louis Claude D'Aquin**  
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\* "*Doxology*"  
Prayer of Dedication\* Rev. Lovaglio

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

RESPONSE\* *Choral Amen* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette*

**Jean-François Dandrieu**

Organ

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

**Franklin R. Sutton**

January 20, 1918 – December 20, 2016

*“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.”*

John 11: 25-26

## Announcements

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**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.

**Flowers** in the chancel 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. Copies of the Poinsettia listing can be found in the Narthex. (Poinsettias may be picked up after Worship today.)

**Head Ushers** are Pat Bohrs and Ginny Swanagan.

**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:** George Andrews and family due to the passing of his sister, Billie; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Bill Eller; Janet Furchak and family due to the passing of her mother; Paul Furchak; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Ed Luffey; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Gretchen Stults and family due to the passing of her husband, Stanley; The Sutton family and friends due to the passing of Franklin; Barbara Wahlers; Margo Wegner and Ina Zimmer and family due to the passing of her husband, Richard.

**Meadow Lakes members with special needs:** Peg Dubell; Joan Gray; Joe Kelly; and Beverly Robertson.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** David Anderson’s father, Robert; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; 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 mother, Eileen and friend, Annette; Barbara Hannon’s brother-in-law, Michael; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Ed & Janice Luffey’s granddaughter, Alyssa; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis & friend, Aaron; Linda Morris’ nephew, Matthew; 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; former pastor of our church, Rev. Swearingen's daughter, Jan; 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!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Please Note:** There will be NO Sunday School on January 1.

**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, December 25 and January 1.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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**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](mailto:eluffey@gmail.com).

## **CPNS**

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Christmas is finally here! The children have been so excited enjoying the many Christmas activities. We collected pennies and purchased gifts for children that might not have any. We made cards, and decorations, and even gifts for our families. We heard the Christmas story in our Sanctuary, told by Mrs. K. using the beautiful nativity set donated many years ago by Harriet Perrine. We also had a Christmas sing-a-long around the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. It was such a special time of year, filled with joy, hope, peace and love.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at [CPNSchool@comcast.net](mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net) for more information.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins in January. We will also be having an Open House on Wednesday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. for anyone wanting to find out more about the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

## **MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**Christmas Joy Offering! Supporting our Past and Present Church Leaders:** Every year our church family supports the **Christmas Joy Offering**. As a result, we are providing financial assistance to current and retired Presbyterian Church workers and pastors in their time of need and we are supporting students in their time of promise at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. This special offering will be collected during Worship TODAY. Thank you for your generous gift of support. Merry Christmas!  
Anne Gordon

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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**Senior Fellowship Event:** Sr. Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 17 at 12:00 noon to watch the movie: The Intern. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat before the movie starts. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will stop the 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 by calling the church office at 609/395-0897 by noon, Friday, January 13. Please leave your phone number in case we have to cancel this program due to bad weather.

**The Movie:** (121 minutes long) The Intern is a comedy. Robert De Niro plays a 70 year old widower who shakes up his life when he becomes an intern at a web start-up online clothing company. His boss is a young female CEO played by Anne Hathaway. 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**

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**Counting Teams:** 12/25 (Team #2) – 1/1/2017 (Team #3)

**Pledge Envelopes:** Your 2017 pledge envelopes are available to pick up today in the Fellowship Hall.

	<b>Week Ended 12/18/16</b>
Weekly Offering	\$7,828
YTD Offerings	\$418,719
YTD Expenses	\$445,614
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	<b>(\$26,895)</b>
YTD Per Capita: \$4,237 (19% of \$21,780)	

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

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

**Lay Reader Schedule:** The January through June 2017 Lay Reader Schedule has been posted in Fellowship Hall. We appreciate all who are our regular Readers signing up again, and look forward to finding some new names for the coming six months.

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>December 25, 2016 (Christmas Day/Christmas Joy Offering)</b> No Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service No Youth Group	<b>December 26, 2016</b> <b>CPNS/Church Office Closed</b>
<b>December 27, 2016</b> <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9 to 12:00p</b> 7:30p AA – McKnight Room	<b>December 28, 2016</b> <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9 to 12:00p</b> 7:00p Bell Choir
<b>December 29, 2016</b> <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Hours 9 to 12:00p</b>	<b>December 30, 2016</b> <b>CPNS Closed/Church Office Closed</b>
<b>December 31, 2016 (New Year's Eve)</b>	<b>January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day)</b> NO Sunday School 10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service NO Youth Group