

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 148	Joan Fraser Pew Bible pgs. 582-583
ANTHEM	<i>“Thou must leave thy holy dwellings”</i> (<i>Shepherds’ Farewell to the Holy Family</i>)	Hector Berlioz The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 13-23	Pew Bible pg. 2
SERMON	“The Work of Christmas”	Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>“Arise and Shine in Splendor”</i>	Johannes Brahms Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	<i>“Doxology”</i>
Prayer of Dedication*	

HYMN #53 (Hymnal)*	<i>“What Child Is This”</i>
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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.**

*The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives.
The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.*

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 COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward by the side aisles. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #525 (Hymnal)*

"Here I Am, Lord"

RESPONSE*

*Choral Amen
(Go Tell It)*

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

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".

There is no childcare provided during worship today. Our usual childcare is not provided today, but we encourage children to stay in worship and to take advantage of the worship bags, children's bulletins, and coloring pages found in the back of the sanctuary.

Worship Bags, Children's Bulletins & Coloring Pages! All three are available in the narthex, and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family.

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

Gluten free bread is available and it will be presented on the bread and cup trays which are served to those who do not come forward.

Communion Servers are Anne & Ken Gordon and Mary Speer.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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 Ina Zimmer.

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; 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; Linda Morris' nephew, Matthew; Ron Perry's father, Daniel; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Russ & Cheryl Richardson's son, Mark; former pastor of our church, Rev. Swearingen's daughter, Jan; and Walter & Barbara Wright's daughter, Maire.

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: Rose Eller on January 5. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

ADULT EDUCATION

Martha's Circle - All women of the church, join us in the library at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9. This year's study is "Who is Jesus?" All women are welcome to be a part of this study, this fellowship, this circle of friendship

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, January 1.

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

We hope everyone had an extra special Christmas with family and friends, and the chance to have some relaxing quality time together. CPNS has been closed for the Christmas holiday and will be back on January 3; however, our teachers continue to plan and look forward to sharing our time together in the new year making many happy memories.

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 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 Happy, Healthy New Year!

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

Happy New Year to ALL from Skeet's Pantry: Skeet's Pantry finished off the old year with a wonderful food distribution to over 100 families in December. We are so very grateful for all the volunteers who have made this effort possible throughout the year. Special thanks to the Daisy Troup of scouts who baked literally hundreds of cookies and gift-packaged them for all of the families who received food in December. Also a big thank you to Pat Demers and Kathy Wise, who gathered gifts for each family to select and take home for their children on Christmas morning. But most of all, as always, we THANK YOU for your generous donations to our pantry. You are truly the heart and soul of what we do.

Now for the New Year, which we hope will be a very good one for all, we have empty shelves again and ask you to help us fill them – especially with the following:

Peanut Butter & Jelly - Pasta & Pasta Sauce – Cereal - Canned Fruit - Soup

OTHER NEWS

Many thanks, to all of you who have sent me sympathy cards consoling me for the death of my husband, Stanley Stults. They have buoyed my spirit and bolstered my faith. And for all the Stults family, as well as myself, thank you who took the time and the trouble to attend his Memorial Service on Wednesday, December 21. You gave us courage for the future and lightened our hearts. ~ Gretchen Stults

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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.

SESSION

Reminder – Annual Reports are due on January 10. Please email your report to the church office (firstpresoffice@comcast.net).

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 1/1 (Team #3) – 1/8/2017 (Team #4)

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

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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day) 10:30a Worship with Communion 11:00a Meadow Lakes Communion Worship Service	January 2, 2017 CPNS/Church Office Closed 7:00p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
January 3, 2017 CPNS Reopens <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u> 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 1:00p Outreach Cmte Mtg- Lib. 4:15p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p MS&G Mtg-FH 7:30p Stewardship & Fin.-Church Office 7:30p AA – McKnight Room	January 4, 2017 6:30p Cub Scouts Movie Night – FH (JY) 7:00p Bell Choir
January 5, 2017 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Worship Mtg—Lib. 7:30p B&G Mtg-Lib. 7:30p P&A Mtg-church office (upstairs) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary	January 6, 2017 (Epiphany of the Lord) 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:45p-8p Wolf Pack Mtg. – McK Rm
January 7, 2017 10:00a Memorial Gathering for Franklin Sutton at A.S. Cole Funeral Home (22 North Main Street, Cranbury) followed by an 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service	January 8, 2017 (Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany Sunday) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 5:30p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp—FH 6:30p—8p High School Yth Grp—Yth Rm