

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

(✚ *Latecomers may be seated.*)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2017 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Good King Wenceslas”

Richard McKee
Bell Choir

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

“O gladsome light”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #63 (Hymnal)*

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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 Lou
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 1-8	Stan Dickerson Pew Bible pg. 2
ANTHEM	<i>"In the bleak midwinter"</i>	Gustav Holst arr. J. Bertalot The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 9-12	Pew Bible pg. 2
SERMON	"The Other Wisemen"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>"We Three Kings"</i>	Valerie Stephenson Bell Choir
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>"Doxology"</i>	
HYMN #53 (Hymnal)*	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>	

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN #66 (Hymnal)* *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

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

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“O Thou, the True and Only Light”

Felix Mendelssohn
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”.

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.

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.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

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; Beatrice Mabutho; 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 great-grandchildren, Mackenzie & Mason; 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!

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. tomorrow, **January 9**. This year's study is "Who is Jesus?" All women are welcome to be a part of this study, this fellowship and this circle of friendship

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time in 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

Today, January 8 - Ice Skating! Meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. to go ice skating at the Mercer County Park. Pick up at the church at 3:30 p.m. Bring \$12.00 (Unless you bring your own ice skates, then the cost is only \$8). We'll provide snacks and water and can cover the cost if scholarships are necessary.

Please note: There will be NO youth group tonight, January 8.

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

Happy New Year! As you know this year for our "Pennies for Present" program at CPNS, we chose ten children from the Helene Cody Foundation Giving Tree. The names on the tree were children that are part of Homefront. Thank you all for your generous donations. We raised \$385.00 and were able to purchase both things on all ten children's wish lists. It is amazing how many pennies we collected and how generous the children were with the change they found all over their home. A big thank you to Noël Kinney and Melanie Joseph for all their hard work to make all this happen.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins on January 9 and thereafter with our existing CPNS families. On January 18 and thereafter, church members, siblings of alumni and currently enrolled children and members of the Cranbury Fire Department and First Aid Squad will be able to register. The general public will be able to register beginning on Wednesday, February 1; however, could have priority in registering when attending our CPNS Open House on Wednesday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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. 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.

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 1/8 (Team #4) – 1/15 (Team #1)

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

<p>January 8, 2017 (Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany Sunday) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 10:30a Worship 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 1:00p-3:30p Youth Group: Ice Skating at Mercer County Park Ice Rink – VAN</p>	<p>January 9, 2017 All Day CPNS PJ/Pancake Day–Kit 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha’s Circle – Lib. 7:00p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Mtg-Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>January 10, 2017 (Annual Reports Due) All Day CPNS PJ/Pancake Day–Kit <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 7:00p CE and Youth Mtg-Lib. 7:00p-10p CPNS - FH 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>January 11, 2017 <u>9:00a Session Material Due</u> 3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmte Mtg-ML Mtg Rm 7:00p Bell Choir 7:00p-10p CPNS - FH 7:00p Boy Scouts District Mtg – McK Rm</p>
<p>January 12, 2017 10:00a Senior Exercise 6:45p Nominating Cmte Mtg. – Church Office 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>January 13, 2017 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office</p>
<p>January 14, 2017</p>	<p>January 15, 2017 9:15a Celebration Sunday - FH 10:30a Worship 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib. 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CR 6:15p-9:00p Middle School/High School Youth Group @ MLK Community Worship Service – VAN 7p MLK Community Service at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (Hightstown)</p>