

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.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“Have mercy on me, O Lord”* **Johann Gottfried Walther**
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 *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* **Plainsong**
(Messiah) The Chorale

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING **The Ferguson 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: The world says, “All is lost.”
G: God says, “All is loved.”
The darkness says, “The light is dying.”
The light says, “The fire is catching.”
Fear says, “Cover your eyes and your ears.”
Hope says, “Wait, watch, and listen.”

L: As we light our first Advent candle,
P: we pray for the holy hope of God.
L: Come now, O Child of Mary.
P: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

HYMN #88 (Hymnal)* *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (1st verse only)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Joy Offering Ryan Vandenberg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Advent God, come among us. Awaken us to your presence, and fill us with your love. Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power. Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure. Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world. Advent God, come among us, and make all things new. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 Anne Gordon
Pew Bible pg. 738

ANTHEM *“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed”* **Geo. F. Handel**
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:25-36 Pew Bible pgs. 85-86

SERMON “Frightening, Bold & Beautiful” Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *“Savior of the Gentiles, Come”* **Dietrich Buxtehude**
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*

Prayer of Dedication*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN #509 (Hymnal)* *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”*

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 "Our Father..."
(Unison – The Chorale/Congregation)

Albert Hay Malotte,
arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #105 (Hymnal)*

“People, Look East”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Cebell

Henry Purcell
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

A Congregational Meeting

has been called by the session immediately following our Worship Service
TODAY, December 2, 2018, for the sole purpose of electing church officers.

Ina K. Zimmer

April 7, 1945 – November 26, 2018

*“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

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 Pastor 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”.

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.

Gluten free bread is available and it will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

Communion Servers are Alan Danser, Carol Edelson, Anne Gordon, Ken Gordon, Ann Mooney, Audrey Smith, George Smith and Craig Vandenberg.

The Flowers in the chancel today are in loving memory of Mary Minta and Joe Konrad from son, Ed Konrad, wife, Debbie, and grandson, Ben.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Helen & Stan Dickerson and Carol Kientz.

Head Ushers are Caren Anuszewski and Heidi Knowlton.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Bill Chermak; Bob Demers; Rose Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Justin Keve; Cassandra Khazem; Lucille Kirkenir; Beatrice Mabutho; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Patria Sullivan and her family & the Tallent family on the death of her mother, Florence; and Richard Zimmer, family & friends on the death of his mother, Ina Zimmer.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Pat & Bob Demers’ friend, Uri; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Judy Duke’s granddaughter, Hannah; Arlene Duran’s cousin, Ed; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Mary Lou Kerr’s co-worker, Joe; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Sharon Marshall’s daughter, Lisa & nephew, Jimmy; Karen Moser’s friend, Andrew; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Carlene Reyes & Caren Anuszewski’s cousin, Danny; Larry & Margo Wegner’s friends, Dahlia & family; Janet Wheeler’s aunt, Linda; and Loida Wilson’s cousin, Charo & friend, Kathleen.

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 Chain: If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 or email Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com. 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.

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 & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School! Children are invited to Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Stars on Our Giving Tree: CPNS and Sunday School are teaming up this year to provide a very Merry Christmas to our Skeet's Pantry children! There is a Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall with just two stars left on it! Each star is for a Skeet's family in need of Christmas gifts for their children. The star has the names and ages of the children in the family along with gift ideas. Please take a star and Christmas shop for the children, with love and imagination. Friends, families and small groups may want to share the shopping for the children. Gift receipts are encouraged if clothing or shoes are purchased. Each gift should be wrapped and have the child's name on it. Gifts can be placed under the giving tree up until Wednesday, December 12. The gifts will be distributed to the children at our next Skeet's Food Distribution day, December 14. Thank you so much for your support!!!

Our Next Celebration Sunday is Sunday, December 9! We will celebrate Advent with a Nativity Processional and Caroling! Children and youth are invited to be in the processional. They should meet at 84 North Main Street at 9:15 a.m. to get a costume and line up in the procession. The procession will start at 9:45 a.m. and proceed from 84 North Main Street to our church. We ask that families walk along with their children! If your child chooses to watch the procession rather than being in it, a great place to watch it would be across the street from the Cranbury Inn at about 10 a.m. At 10:15 a.m., everyone is invited to join us in the Sanctuary for some caroling before our Worship Service! I hope everyone can come out and celebrate with us on this special morning!

Youth Group (Sundays): Middle School Youth Group meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Wreaths and Carols from Cranbury CDs for Sale! TODAY, December 2, the Youth Group will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Carols from Cranbury CDs in the Fellowship Hall to benefit the Summer Mission Trips and the Youth Group.

The Evergreen wreaths can be purchased for \$12 without a bow or \$15 with a red bow.

The Carols from Cranbury CD is Christmas Carols performed by Donovan Klotzbecher. For a \$10 donation the CD includes classics like “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and “Joy to the World” with beautiful album artwork by Phoebe Kong.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Annual Christmas Luncheon: Join us on Sunday, December 16 at 11:30 a.m. following our Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall for our traditional “Chicken Soup and Christmas Cheer” luncheon. Please bring a dessert to share which can be dropped off in the kitchen before Worship. We will be singing all our favorite Christmas carols.

CPNS

Our program, Pennies for Presents, began on Monday, November 26. The children will be bringing in pennies, change, or bills to help us purchase the gifts for the children in the Skeet’s Food Pantry families. Pennies for Presents,

is a concrete opportunity for our children to participate in helping others. The past programs were extremely successful and the many pennies collected made Christmas a lot brighter because of all our efforts.

Our favorite photographer, Jim Stewart from Your Photography Company was here this past week. All the children had their pictures taken along with class pictures. The children love when he comes. He is wonderful with the children and the pictures he takes are amazing. We are so thankful for the talents he shares with us.

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

Christmas at Skeet's Pantry is Just Around the Corner! Our Pantry volunteers will be putting together bags of groceries for families and giving them out on December 14. We're expecting well over 100 families, so we need fill up our shelves again, and we have faith that our congregation and community will answer our call as you have always done with so much love.

Skeet's Christmas Wish list:

**Cereal, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly Canned Soup, Tuna Fish,
Canned Beans (all varieties), Canned Vegetables**

We send everyone a great big THANK YOU and we wish you and yours all the blessings of Christmas.

Celebrate Christmas with CHRISTMAS JOY! You are invited again this year to participate in the Christmas Joy Offering which will be collected and dedicated on Sunday, December 16 during Worship. This is the perfect opportunity to give a gift that truly draws us back to the manager and God's perfect gift to us – Jesus Christ. A generous donation given from the heart provides students at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges with much needed financial support. It also provides financial resources to retired church pastors and workers through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

Jesus came to live among us, bringing light into darkness and reconciliation to God and to one another. A perfect gift from a gracious God. For those supported through the Christmas Joy Offering, this help is truly a gift from above. May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ -- the truly perfect gift. Christmas Joy offering envelopes are in the pews for you. Please give generously and thank you!

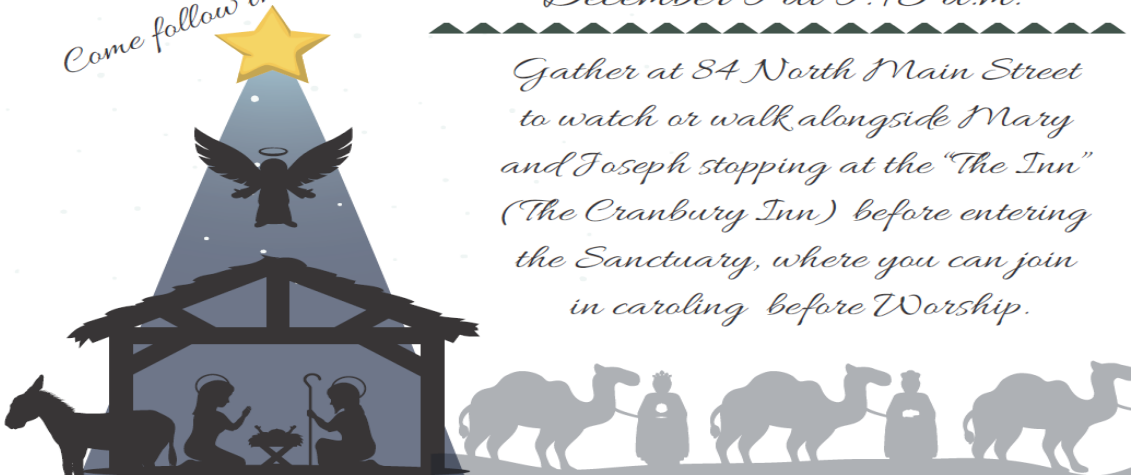
OTHER NEWS

The beautiful cross which hangs in our Sanctuary is now available for the first time as a pendant. The original cross was designed in the 1950s by Hugh Logan, one of our parishioners, and then carved and gilded in the Vatican.

The pendant is an exact molded replica of this cross, and measures 1 1/4" long, and is available in any metal of your choosing. It is only available by custom order directly by you from the Jewelry Design Gallery, which is located inside ShopRite on Rte. 130 in Hightstown where any of the salespersons can help you with your order, or by calling them at (609)371-1800. It will take 2-3 weeks to create your piece. The price for a silver cross is \$59, plus tax, and in gold the price is \$350, plus tax. You can also customize the finish to be shiny or antiqued. When you call, just identify yourself as a member of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, as this cross is only available to us. If you have any questions, need help, or would like to see the pendant, see or call Joan Smith at (609) 655-1905, or email at joankeenesmith@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

Come follow the star...



Christmas Nativity Processional

December 9 at 9.45 a.m.

Gather at 84 North Main Street to watch or walk alongside Mary and Joseph stopping at the "The Inn" (The Cranbury Inn) before entering the Sanctuary, where you can join in caroling before Worship.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: December 3 (Cancelled), December 6, December 10 and December 13.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on December 13 and December 27 at 11:00 a.m. Knit or crochet along with us. We need to prepare an inventory of shawls so they are ready whenever needed by one of our Pastors or one of the Deacons. We'd love to welcome you into our group. While we knit together, we enjoy our fellowship time together – so will you!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 12/2 (Team #3) – 12/9 (Team #4) – 12/16 (Team #1)

Month Ended 10/31/18

YTD Offerings	\$312,524
YTD Expenses	\$376,112
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$63,588)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,730 (17% of \$21,978)

Thinking about a year-end offering to help our budget? Try a gift of appreciated stock (or shares of a mutual fund). Gifting securities that have appreciated in value has tax benefits. By doing so, you avoid paying taxes on the capital gains that have accumulated and the market value of the securities when received will be reported as part of your annual offering.

Instructions to make a transfer of securities can be downloaded from our church website, at www.cranburypres.org or you can contact Ken Gordon at stewardshipandfinance@cranburypres.org.

WORSHIP

We need volunteers to join our ushering team! Please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or cabotk@comcast.net if you are interested.

Flowers: If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any given Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one(s), please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)799-1724 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 2 (1st Sunday of Advent)

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship with Communion & Congregational Mtg to Elect Church Officers followed by coffee hour
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

December 3

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

December 4

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg
3:45p Children's Choir
7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (Lib)
7:30p AA (McK Rm)
7:30p MS&G Mtg (church office)

December 5

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)
7:00p Bell Choir

December 6

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)
2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN
7:00p Worship Cmte Mtg (Lib)
7:30p B&G Mtg (Lib)
7:30p The Chorale

December 7

9:00a Bulletin Assembly
Church Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.
12:00p Staff Christmas Luncheon

December 8

December 9 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

9:45a Christmas Nativity Processional & Tableau begins at 84 North Main Street to our church
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour and Urban*Promise* Sale
11:30a High School Yth Grp Lunch
3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)