

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

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Pièces d’Orgue

Jean Adam Guilain
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 *“O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father’s face”* Greek, 3rd Cent.
Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have seen a star in the East!

God is with us. Light has come!

We have heard the songs of the angels.

God is with us. Love has come!

Now we follow the light into the world.

God is with us. Christ has come!

HYMN #744 (Hymnal)* *“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✨

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

Larry White
Pew Bible pg. 690

ANTHEM

The Coventry Carol

16th cent., arr. Tom Scott
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 2

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Once he came in blessing"
(Gottes Sohn ist kommen)

J. S. Bach
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #150 (Hymnal)*

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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 center aisle. 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 #152 (Hymnal)* *“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”*

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Duo & Fugue Grave

Jacques Boyvin
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 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 in a separate container at each communion station.

Communion Servers are Val Cier, KY Huang, Art & Gloria-Jean Ryba and Pat Scott.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Deanna and Tory Anderson.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

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; and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Linda Campbell’s friend, Christine; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Arlene Duran’s cousin, Ed; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & son-in-law, Bob; Karen Lovaglio’s friend, Antwon; Anita McManus’ sister, Nancy; Art Ryba’s brother, Hilton & sister-in-law, Patricia; and Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko.

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 Daune Arsnow at deersnow@verizon.net. 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!

Birthday of Distinction: Rose Eller on January 5 and Pat Bohrs on January 8. **Happy Birthday!**

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.

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.

Book Club! Join us on Monday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. We will be reading *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Pastor Hannah Lovaglio will be our discussion leader.

CPNS

We wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas vacation spending time with family and friends.

Beginning on Monday, January 7, registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin with our existing students. Alumni, church members and members of the Cranbury First Aid Squad and Fire Department will have priority to

register beginning Monday, January 14. Our Open House for the 2019-2020 school year will take place on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall, followed by the general public registration on February 1. In addition to our previous class and enrichment offerings, this year we are offering a new Preschool Extension program.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about CPNS. We want everyone to take advantage of giving their children a developmentally appropriate academic, Christian preschool experience. Happy and a Healthy New Year to all!

MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS

JOY to the World! Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering raising \$1,121. Our congregation's support of Special Offerings is critical to the work of the Presbyterian Church PC(USA) in living out what Jesus taught us all to do. In His name, we give glory and thanks for our faithful and joyful giving to those in need!

Make It a Happy New Year at SKEET's PANTRY! THANK YOU so much for making Christmas a wonderful event at our pantry. Your food, gifts and donations made over 100 families VERY happy in December. Our congregation's generosity never fails to amaze and delight everyone!

Now we are gearing up for 2019 and our pantry shelves need to be filled up again. The foods we hope you will donate are the same ones every family needs – so please consider giving any of the following to help us get off to a good start in this New Year:

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

If you prefer to give a monetary gift to Skeet's Pantry, checks can be made out to our church, with "Skeet's Pantry" on the memo line. If you would like to be a Skeet's Pantry volunteer, please leave word at our church office and we will get in touch with you. THANKS AGAIN!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Sr. Exercise Schedule: January 7, January 10, January 14, January 17, January 21, January 24, January 28, and January 31

Upcoming Sr. Fellowship Event: Senior Fellowship will have an afternoon at the movies on **Tuesday, January 15** at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Bring a Brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will serve freshly popped popcorn at the break that we will take during the movie.

If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend, please pre-register by calling the church office at (609)395-0897 by Monday, January 14 by 3:00 p.m. Come have some fellowship and entertainment on a cold winter's day.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **January 10** and **January 24** 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!

Religions of the World: Our focus is to increase our knowledge and understanding of the religious faiths in our community. We would like to extend an invitation to all interested church members to visit the Mandir, a Hindu Temple, in Robbinsville on **Saturday January 12**. The guided tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. and should last 60-90 minutes. Attendance is limited so please RSVP to: Loida Wilson at loidawilson@comcast.net or call her at (609)947-3348. If you need transportation, let us know when you RSVP.

Coming soon! Stay tuned for a learning session and discussion on the history of the Hindu religion to follow in February.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Pledge Envelopes: Your 2019 pledge envelopes are available to pick up in Room 1.

Counting Teams: 1/6 (Team #4)–1/13 (Team #1)–1/20 (Team #2)–1/27 (Team #3)

Month Ended 12/31/18

YTD Offerings	\$395,649
YTD Expenses	\$439,471
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$43,822)
YTD Per Capita	\$3,797 (17% of \$21,978)

WORSHIP

We need volunteers to Usher! If you have questions or would like to usher, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-9176 or email her at cabotk@comcast.net. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Congregational Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Lay Readers: The Lay Reader schedule for January through June 2019 is posted in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for, and would welcome, any new Readers to our group. Any questions please contact Joan Fraser.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 6 (Epiphany of the Lord)

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)

6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

January 7

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)

7:30p Brass Choir

8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

January 8

9:00a Annual Reports Due

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

9:30a Staff Mtg

3:45p Children's Choir

7:30p AA (McK Rm)

7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Upstairs Church Office)

7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Mtg (Church Office)

January 9

9:00a Session Material Due

9:00a-10a "Coffee & Conversation with Janice" (Lib)

11:30a-12:30p CPNS Mtg (Lib)

6:00p-10:00p CPNS (FH)

January 10

10:00a Senior Exercise (FH)

11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)

6:00p-10:00p CPNS (FH)

7:30p P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)

7:30p The Chorale

January 11

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

January 12

7:30a-1:00p Scout Pinewood Derby (FH/JY)

January 13 (Baptism of the Lord)

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship w/CPNS Board Commissioning followed by coffee hour

3:30p Boy Scout Mtg (FH)

5:00p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)

6:30p-8:00p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)