

Welcome to Worship at The 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
First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2019 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John Hingeston
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 Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The mountains echo the refrain; the stones shout for joy.
The nations learn songs of peace; the children twirl in delight.
Heart songs and earth songs weave a melody of praise,
To God, Shaper of Days,
To God, the Maker of Years

HYMN #140 (Hymnal)*

“Once in Royal David’s City”

CALL TO CONFESSION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Lord, we have been at the threshold of a new year many times; sometimes excited, sometimes afraid. We believe your promise to care for us, but fear is so powerful. Forgive our hesitancy, our doubts, and our fears when we focus on the unknown of tomorrow. Replace these handicaps with a bold assurance that this will be a year to rejoice because of your care for us. Hear us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS*

HYMN #581 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Anne Gordon
Pew Bible pg. 616

ANTHEM

"Thou must leave thy holy dwellings"
(Shepherd's Farewell to the Holy Family)

Hector Berlioz
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 198

SERMON

"New Beginnings "

Rev. Marie Branigan

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #686 (Hymnal)*

"God of Our Life"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Marie Branigan

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

Offertory

Toccata per l'Elevezione"

Girolamo Frescobaldi
Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #744 (Hymnal)*

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

“Once He Came in Blessing”

J.S. Bach
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends, as we prepare to worship the Lord together, please be mindful of our neighbors and choir offerings by settling down prior to the start of our Prelude. Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

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 one of our 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”.

Children are welcome in worship! Worship materials for children 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. Children are also invited to come forward for the children’s message, and nursery care is available throughout the service. Find the way to worship that works best for your family!

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Coffee Hour – Join us for hot cocoa, coffee, tea and cookies! Happy New Year, with love from your Deacons.

Head Usher is Janice Parker.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special prayer concerns: Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Margie Conley; Dina Ellsworth; Paul Furchak; Sally Giovanos; Harry Kleinkauf; Dorothy Klotzbeacher; Beatrice Mabutho; Charlie Patterson, Jr.; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; and Elliott Wilson.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: CPNS teacher, Gretchen’s husband, Chip; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Dina Ellsworth’s father, Alan; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s daughter, Fiona and

son Iain; Gail Geijer's son, Dan & sister, Jane; Gay Ingegneri's husband, Tom; Ed Kietlinski's sister, Joanna; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's ex-husband, Rev. Maltby; Rev. Joanne Petto's friend, Steve & family; Senior Fellowship member, Ruth; Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaity; Art & Gloria Jean Ryba's cousin, Layla; Audrey & George Smith's brother-in-law, Bob; Joan Smith's brother, Jim; Bonnie Wagman's son-in-law, Paul; Doris Wiegartner's nephew, Gary; Loida Wilson's mother, Loli; 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 fill out and 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

Youth Group: See you in the New Year! Join us to bake cakes on January 5 for TASK! Middle School 5:00-6:30 PM | High School 6:30-8:00 PM.

Daily Devotion 2020: All are invited to join Pastor Hannah and the Book Group in reading *The Courage to See: Daily Inspiration from Great Literature*, a daily devotional by Greg Garrett and Sabrina Fountain. This simple devotional celebrates the beauty of literature and its ability to illuminate elements of the Divine, present all around us. **Copies are available for \$12 in the church office.**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Life is welcoming new members to the team. This is an exciting group of people who would love to have you join in on the fun. There are several events that the Congregational Life Committee puts on each year. Our group is well organized so the learning curve for new members is very fast. Many hands make for light work and of course easy high fives!! Please join us as we help strengthen our Faith through Fellowship!! Please contact our Sharon in the church office, Matt Curran or Vicki Waciega to be a part of the fun. Thank you.

DEACONS

Coffee Hour Host(s) Needed: Anyone who signs up for Coffee Hour will have a Deacon helper if they want a Deacon helper. There are two sign-up lists; the first is to sign-up to be a Coffee Hour Host. The second is to volunteer to bring a plate of cookies or crackers or the like to help the host. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Jost at ruthjost@comcast.net.

OUTREACH

Do you have a church name badge? Many of you already have a name badge. If you already have one, please remember to wear it. You might consider leaving it in a place in your home where you will see it when you are getting ready for church. If you don't have a name badge and would like one, please email Audrey Smith at aud123abc@aol.com.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: January 2, January 6, January 9, January 13, January 16, January 20, January 23, January 27 and January 30.

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Shawl Group: Join us in Room 1 on **January 9** and **January 23** at 11:00 a.m. Knit or crochet along with us. We'd love to welcome you into our group. While we knit together, we enjoy our fellowship time together – so will you!

Book Club: Our Book Group is reading *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving, to be discussed at book group on **January 27** (7:30 to 9 p.m.). Join us in the church library!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 12/29 (Team #3) – 1/5 (Team #4) – 1/12 (Team #1)

2020 Pledge Envelopes are here! You can pick up your envelopes in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP

We would love for you to join our Ushering Team! 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 also is 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 2020 through June 2020 is posted in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for, and would welcome, any new Readers to our group. Please sign up! Any questions please contact Joan Fraser.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 29

NO Sunday School
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
NO Youth Group

December 30

CPNS/Church Office Closed
7:30p Brass Choir
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

December 31 (New Year's Eve)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

January 1, 2020 (New Year's Day)

CPNS/Church Office Closed

January 2

10:00a Senior Exercise
2:30p-5:30p TASK - VAN
6:45p Worship Committee Mtg (Lib.)
7:30p The Chorale

January 3

8:30a Bulletin Assembly
9:30a-10:30a God & Me Playgroup (Rm 8)

January 4

January 5 (Epiphany of the Lord Sunday)

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)
10:30a Worship with Communion followed by coffee hour
11:30a-12:30a Outreach & Congregational Meeting (Lib)
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)