

***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.*

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**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**January 5, 2019 10:30 A.M.**

**THE APPROACH**

PRELUDE

*Toccata & Fugue*

**Josef F. N. Seger**  
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

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**  
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

*"The Work of Christmas"* Howard Thurman

"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins:

**To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart."**

HYMN #134 (Hymnal)\*

*"Joy to the World"*

CALL TO CONFESSION\*

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 Mary Speer  
pew bible pg. 690

ANTHEM *"O God, Who by the Leading of a Star"* Donovan Klotzbeacher  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 pew bible pg. 2

REFLECTIVE READING  
*"For Those Who Have Far to Travel"* Jan Richardson

HYMN #151 (Hymnal)\* *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

MEDITATION *"Living in the Light"* Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

**THE RESPONSE**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *"From heaven above to earth I come"* Johann Pachelbel  
(*Vom Himmel Hoch*) Organ

Hymn #606 (Hymnal)\* *"Doxology"*

Prayer of Dedication\*

HYMN #152 (Hymnal)\* *"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. We praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.*

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward as directed by the ushers. 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

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

HYMN #744 (Hymnal)\*

*“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”*

RESPONSE\*

*Choral Amen*

The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\*

*Trumpet Air*

**John Reading**  
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.

**Gluten free bread** is available in a separate container at each communion station.

**Communion Servers** are Daune Arsnow, Matt Curran, Linda Ferguson, Kirstie Venanzi and Pat Willard.

**Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Linda Morris.

**Head Usher** is George Arsnow.

**Greeters** are Jack Britton and Heidi Knowlton.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Church members with special prayer concerns:** Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Dina Ellsworth; Paul Furchak; Sally Giovanos; Harry Kleinkauf; Dorothy Klotzbeacher; Ken Rossman; Wilma Shimer; and Elliott Wilson.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Betty Borgeson’s granddaughter, Jackie; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s daughter, Fiona and son Iain; friend of the church, Melodie Sideris & family; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan & sister, Jane; Gay Ingegneri’s husband, Tom; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. Maltby; Ken Rossman’s friend, Anna; Art & Gloria Jean Ryba’s cousin, Layla; Audrey & George Smith’s brother-in-law, Bob; 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](mailto: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!

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

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Youth Group:** Happy New Year! Join us to bake cakes TONIGHT for TASK! Middle School 5:00-6:30 PM | High School 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Thank You!!!** Dear Church Family, thank you so much for all your generous donations to our UrbanPromise Giving Tree Drive! You really made the Christmas Celebration special for the Children and Youth at UrbanPromise Trenton! With Gratitude, The Christian Ed Committee and CPNS

**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**

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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**

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**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](mailto:ruthjost@comcast.net).

## **MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**Save the Date!**

**Stone Soup Lunch  
Monday, January 20 at 11:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall**

The whole church family is invited for a stone soup lunch in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday! We will wrap tableware for TASK and enjoy table fellowship.

Donations wanted – plastic tableware

Please drop off in church kitchen in marked box.

**Happy New Year from Skeet's Pantry!** We at Skeet's Pantry give a big round of applause to all our wonderful donors who helped us give out more than 1,590 bags of groceries in 2019 to families throughout our surrounding communities!!!

Now we're planning for all the bags we'll be giving out in the New Year, and we hope you will continue to bless us with your generosity once again. We continue to need the basic staples we put in those bags, including:

**Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Canned Beans, Jelly,  
Pasta, (Especially Family Size) and/or Canned Soups**

As always, monetary support is also welcome so that we can purchase additional food. Checks can be written out to the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, with "Skeet's Pantry" in the memo line. Here's wishing all our friends, volunteers and donors a wonderful and fulfilling 2020.

**Christmas Joy Update:** Thanks to the generosity of our church family we gave \$1,442.00 to the Christmas Joy Offering. This special offering assists future and pass church leaders who need financial help. And we responded with open hearts and wallets. Thank you, giving with joy is the best gift of all!

## **OUTREACH**

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**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](mailto:aud123abc@aol.com).

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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

## **SMALL GROUPS**

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**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**

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**Counting Teams:** 1/5 (Team #4) – 1/12 (Team #1) – 1/19 (Team #2)

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

**2020 Pledge Update:** With our 2020 pledging season near the end, we ask you to prayerfully consider what your pledge will be. In order to fund our ministries, our goal is \$310,000. We are grateful to those who have already submitted their pledges. Thus far, we have received 92 pledges totaling \$245,090. We invite you to experience the joy of living generously as we move toward our goal.

## **WORSHIP**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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### **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/Kitchen)

### **January 6**

10:00a Senior Exercise

1:30p Adult Bible Study (Lib.)

6p-7p Den Mtg (McK Rm)

7:00p B&G Meeting (Lib.)  
7:30p Brass Choir  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **January 7**

#### **(Annual Reports Due)**

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

### **January 8**

9:00a Session Material Due  
7:00p Bell Choir

### **January 9**

9:00a P&A Cmte Meeting (Lib.)  
10:00a Senior Exercise  
11:00a Prayer Shawl Group (Rm 1)  
7:30p The Chorale

### **January 10**

8:30a Bulletin Assembly  
8:00p Pinewood Derby set-up (FH/JY)

### **January 11**

8:00a-1:00p Scout Pinewood Derby (FH/JY)  
TBD Transition Team (Lib.)

### **January 12 (Baptism of the Lord)**

9:15a Sunday School (all areas)  
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
3:30p-5p Boy Scouts (FH)  
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (All Areas)  
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)