

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.
(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C Minor

James Hook
Organ

INTROIT

"Be still and know that I am God"
(Ps. 46: 10)

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

The wise men came from far in the east to see this child.

We have come from east and west, north and south to see again the Christ who has been born.

They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We bring the gift of our very selves, offering our lives to the One whose light shines in the darkness.

They bowed down and worshiped him, recognizing God in human flesh.

We worship Christ, giving thanks to God for coming into our world. God is with us! Let us worship God!

HYMN #56 (Hymnal)*

"The First Nowell"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Merciful God, we give thanks that you have come to us and that your light shines around us. We acknowledge that there is still darkness in us and in our world. We confess that we have seen the light of your star and yet do not always follow where it leads. We want to offer our gifts to you and the world, but often we are reluctant to give. We confess that we have treasured that which is not precious in your sight and turned away from your most gracious gift. Lead us again into the light and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✚

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP (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.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚		Peter Miller
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 1-12	Vicki Waciega Pew Bible pg. 2
ANTHEM	<i>“Let the Praise Go ‘Round”</i>	William Boyce The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 3: 13-17	Pew Bible pg. 3
SERMON	“Show and Tell”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Kurt Heineman

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Elevation* Dom Paul Benoit
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* *“Doxology”*
Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Anderson

HYMN #63 (Hymnal)* *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *Fourfold Amen in Ab* Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

**“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.”**

Bette B. West

October 12, 1921 – December 28, 2011

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information.

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. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! "Worship bags" containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Heidi Knowlton and Hennie Sushereba.

After Church Greeters are Gail and David Geijer.

Friends, as we prepare for worship in this festive season, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

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 contact the church office at 395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Joan Brown; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: cemetery superintendent, Chris Christiansen; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darvin's daughter, Cindy; Joan Fraser's friend, Joyce Stempel; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Bob; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart and daughter, Lindsey; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's sister-in-law, Michelle and niece, Kaitlyn; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford; and Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

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!

Birthdays of Distinction: Rose Eller on January 5. **Happy Birthday!!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Education on Sunday Mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Library. Join us for the next adult education program - "The Truths in the Bible" with Bob Kane. This program began today and will continue through February 5. We will study the truth of Scripture in the Old and New Testaments through a video series and discussion.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

FAMILY FUN DAY

Who? All 3-Year Olds through 6th Graders and their parents

What? A day for fellowship and giving and fun

Why? To share with parents what we learn in Sunday School and in Vacation Bible School

When? Monday, January 16 from 10 a.m. to Noon - Martin Luther King Day

Where? Fellowship Hall - First Presbyterian Church

What will we do? Gather together, make lunch bags for our friends at TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen), play games, and sing a few songs. There will be jobs for the littlest ones (making pretty bags) and the oldest ones (making sandwiches). We will pray together, work together, play together, and sing together!

What about the under-3's? Babysitting will be provided. We need you to let us know if you are coming and the age and number of little ones who will need a babysitter. Contact Doris Wiegartner at doriswieg@aol.com or (609/395-7099) or Peter Miller at peter.miller@barrons.com. Let us know if you are coming even if you don't need a sitter so we can plan accordingly. Let's make this a wonderful day of fun for the whole family!

An exciting and fun new event for couples is going to happen on February 4 from 7 pm - 9 pm. A Couples Night Out will feature delicious desserts, a fun event and a brief talk and conversation about intimacy and marriage. The event is free and we encourage all couples in the church to come enjoy a night of fellowship together. Childcare will be provided. If you are curious and have questions about the event please get in touch with Kurt or email him at eric.heineman@ptsem.edu.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Pictorial Directory: If you did not purchase extra pictures when you took your directory photo, you can pick up your photograph in the church office.

~~ CPNS ~~

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be having our PJ/Pancake Day. The children will have a special music class with Mrs. "K" and several of our parents will be making pancakes for everyone to enjoy. So if you are in our building don't be surprised if you see our children, teachers and parents in their pajamas. You might even smell delicious pancakes cooking.

On Wednesday, we will have our 3rd Parent Discussion Group. The discussion will continue from last month's discussion on Parenting Challenges. Many of us are faced with challenges as parents; please join us in our discussion regarding solutions to the issues we are faced with every day. We will be meeting in room 24/25 (classroom at the top of the stairs from the Panda Bulletin Board) at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11. Join us for some or part of the time.

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 best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Haiti is still in the news, still in desperate need. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and PC (USA) World Mission (WM) are collaborating with partners in Leogane, Haiti which was very near the epicenter of the devastating earthquake in 2010. They are all working together to improve conditions at Ste. Croix School, a K-12 school. All the school's buildings were either

totally destroyed or were so badly damaged they had to be demolished. The school had been serving 750 children in the Leogane community. Now, students are seated on wooden benches in deteriorating tents. In spite of the lack of even basic items or the fact that the vast majority of students and teachers are themselves living in tents, students come every day school is in session neatly dressed in their uniforms and eager to learn. Not every student can pay the full minimal tuition but they come and are taught by teachers who sometimes teach without being paid on time or even the full amount due them. No one organization can solve these problems, but as they assist one another, improvements are made, never enough, but a step in the right direction.

Guatemala Dinner Fundraiser: Our **Seventh Annual Gourmet Dinner** to support our Guatemala mission is quickly approaching. Don't miss the wonderful opportunity for church fellowship, entertainment and a delicious meal. There are a limited number of tickets being sold, so buy them today. We will be serving dinner on Friday, January 20 and on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be entertained by our very own Don Klotzbeacher and company and on Saturday you will be serenaded by a String and Barbershop Quartet. The cost of the meal will be \$50.00 per person (remember this is a fundraiser). You may want to attend both evenings to experience the variety of entertainment being offered. We will be selling only a limited number of tickets, so plan on buying your ticket early. They are on sale now and will be available during coffee hour (see Lil or George Conley) or call the church office or Lil at (609)395-0642. We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon, stuffed chicken or a vegetarian meal as your main entrees along with all the trimmings and a delicious desert to top it off with.

Checks can be made payable to The First Presbyterian Church (tax deductible) memo: Guatemala dinner. Any amount above the \$50.00 fee will be greatly appreciated. Please save this date, we are counting on you for our success in this project.

REMINDER: Bread for the World Offering of Letters - February 12, 2012 - As a farming community, we are interested in the BREAD FOR THE WORLD INSTITUTE'S 2012 HUNGER REPORT. Listed below are a few of its main recommendations: Farm policies should lean more toward the production of healthy foods and should help build markets for domestic farmers to provide nutrition programs with healthy food. Farm policies should be linked to local and regional development of rural areas. SNAP, formerly food stamps, should at least be able to protect all family members from hunger for the duration of their monthly benefits and should include incentive programs that make it easier for recipients to afford healthy foods. Child nutrition programs should provide meals that meet established dietary guidelines.

The Feed the Future program focuses on nutrition for the first two years of a child's life, including the nine months in the womb. It is an innovative global hunger and food security initiative that is critical to sustainable progress against hunger and malnutrition. The Hunger Report includes the statement that the United States should meet its financial commitments to Feed the Future.

We'll be looking for you at coffee hour on February 12 so you can sign letters to our Senators and Representative (or write your own) on some of these matters.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Registration Deadline Approaching For Leap - Act Now! LEAP is a continuing education/bible study/enrichment program offered by the Monmouth Presbytery. All adults in the church are encouraged to attend this unique learning opportunity. Not only are these in-depth courses educational but they are a great way to build relationships with other church-goers. The next course is entitled Old Testament. This course will be an overview of the types of literature which make up the Hebrew Scriptures, looking

specifically at how God worked through the Hebrew people to form and sustain a relationship with our ancestors in the faith. The classes will be held at the Old Tennent Presbyterian Church (approximately 35 minutes from Cranbury). Each class will be held on either Thursday evening or Saturday morning based on the requests of those who enroll; the first class will be either January 12 or 14. The cost is \$100; partial scholarships may be available for those in need. To register contact Patty Williams, Christian Education Consultant, Monmouth Presbytery at 609-286-2590 or patty@monmouthpresbytery.net

~~ PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION ~~

Reminder: Annual Reports are due January 9, 2012. Please email them to the church office at firstpresoffice@comcast.net.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Fellowship invites all those 55 and older to join us for our January 17 program in Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Bring a brown bag lunch. We will provide beverages and dessert. After lunch join us in viewing the new movie release of the film African Cats, filmed by Disney nature. This is an epic story set against one of the wildest places on Earth. African Cats captures the extraordinary adventure of two families of big cats as they strive to make a home in an untamed land. Stunning images will take your breath away as you come face-to-face with these majestic kings of the savanna. This film is narrated by Samuel L. Jackson. Half way through the film we will have intermission so that you can walk around. Homemade popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring a cushion to put on your chair and your favorite movie candy. If you are not on our call list and would like to attend, please RSVP by calling the church office at 609-395-0897, by Thursday, January 12. We will provide a ride for you if you do not drive. What a great way to spend a cold winter day in a warm place with friendly people.

SENIOR EXERCISE

January 9, January 12, January 19, January 23,
January 26, January 30

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

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

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Ushers: Please pick up the new 2012 ushering schedule in the Narthex. **Please note:** There will be a training session for all new ushers today immediately following the worship service in the Narthex.

Flowers Needed - There are flower openings for January. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- Jan. 8 5:30-7 p.m. **Epiphany Party!** Bring a wrapped \$10 gift for our fun gift exchange in the tradition of a "Yankee swap."
- Jan. 15 6:30-8:30 p.m. Trip to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Hightstown for the Interfaith Community **Worship Service** celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Jan. 22 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group Discussion on "**Holy Superheroes!**"
- Jan. 29 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group **Service Project**

Jr. High Youth will meet to go bowling on January 8 from 6-7:30 at the Brunswick East Windsor Lanes. Permission slips are required.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 8, 2012 - January 15, 2012

Sunday 8	<p>(Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Meeting of Officers Elect-Library 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 6p-7:30p - Jr. High Youth (Bowling at the Brunswick East Windsor Lanes) 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn</p>
Monday 9	<p>(Annual Reports Due) 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
Tuesday 10	<p>9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 9:00a-3:00p CPNS PJ/Pancake Day - FH/Kit 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room</p>
Wednesday 11	<p>9:00a-3:00p CPNS PJ/Pancake Day - FH/Kit 7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg. - Library 7:30p Bell Choir</p>
Thursday 12	<p>9:00a Session Material Due 10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Outreach Committee Meeting- Library 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 6:00p-7:00p Cub Scouts-McK Rm(KE) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>
Friday 13	<p>9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 7:30p AA - McKnight Room</p>
Saturday 14	

Sunday 15	<p>9:15a Celebration Sunday</p> <p>9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm)</p> <p>10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour</p> <p>3:00p Set-up for Eagle Scout Court of Honor-FH (GC)</p> <p>4:30p Court of Honor - FH (GC)</p> <p>4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom</p> <p>6:30p-8:30p Youth Group going to MLK Service</p> <p>7:00p Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Worship Service at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Hightstown</p> <p>7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn</p>
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