

Visitors! We hope that 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. Childcare providers for the infant nursery are Linda Protinick and Taylor Panconi. The toddler nursery is staffed by Bob and David Mills. 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.

Please Note: Beginning today we will no longer be providing nursery care during Sunday School. Childcare during worship remains unchanged.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Communion Servers are Lil Conley, Kay Hansen, Marie Perrine and Pat Scott.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given by Don and Ginny Swanagan in memory of their parents.

Head Ushers are George Arsnow and Rick and Nancy Norland.

After Church Greeters are Nancy Ellis and Gretchen Stults.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Dale and Joan Smith.

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 and John Bloom; Liz Callaway; Jim Cox; Martha Davis; Ruth Davison; Kim Hafner; Helen Myer; Esta Schulte;; Elsie Sutton; Jim Walcott and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Phyllis Dyke’s sister, Joyce Lepore & brother, Lou Scirrotto; Paul & Janet Furchak’s daughter, Christine Massaro; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Jane Hovland’s son-in-law, Michael Dolci; Carolyn Lee’s husband, John; Leah Moy’s cousin, Dan Ogden; and Cathy Vogen’s father-in-law, Don Vogen.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community, especially the Guidi family, on the death of Bud Guidi.

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 remember family & friends in our nation’s service: Colonel John Bartolotto (US Army), Elsie & Russell Sutton’s son-in-law; Lt. Nick Brunetti (USMC), Tracey Yeager Brunetti’s husband and Jeff & Diane Yeager’s son-in-law; Adam Frick(US Army), Cathy & Michael Vogen’s cousin; Sgt. Robert Hansson (75th Ranger Regiment), Janet & Paul Furchak’s son; Colonel Martha Lenhart (US Army), Jim & Barbara Cox’s daughter-in-law; Greg McAvoy (US Navy), Lewis & Ruth Blackmer’s grandson; Michael McSurdy (US Army Specialist), Dr. Mitchell’s son-in-law; Thomas Menten (9th Cavalry Troop), Pat & Bill Leonard’s son-in-law; Major Douglas Miller (US Air Force), George & Audrey Smith’s nephew and Anna Wahler’s grandson; Tony Paschall, Ann and Ted Zimmerman’s step- grandson and Colonel Daniel Shanahan (US Army), Leslie Vandenberg’s cousin.

- 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!**

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

Bible Study series led by Bob Kane: "Who Are You?"

January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7 In this new series, explore the nature of God's covenants in the Old and New Testaments and how they relate to your life today.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Transitions Networking Group: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Room 1. This is an opportunity to connect with others going through job change and sharing information about jobs, opportunities and resources. It will feature expert speakers and guests, and provide Scripturally-based resources focused on career and life changes. Everyone is welcome to attend. The group will be facilitated by church member, Charlie Ernst and sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Coffee and donuts/fruit will be provided.

Martha Circle Women's Bible Study: First Monday of the Month, 1:30 p.m. in the Library All women are welcome to attend! Our study for the year is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, the new Horizons Presbyterian Women's Bible study. Join us for fellowship, Bible study and prayer, with the discussion led by Rose Eller. She can be reached at 655-9175.

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn: All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our new study on *The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu. **Please Note: We will not be meeting tonight.**

~~ CPNS ~~



As a Christian Nursery School our goal is to guide your children in the appropriate ways to get along with others, to be self-confident and respectful individuals, to make decisions, to be creative, to solve math problems, to love reading and writing, and most of all to love to learn.

In addition to our regular classes, we also offer enrichment programs for any child whether enrolled in CPNS or not. You may have a child attending a Cranbuddies program or even a local ½-day kindergarten program that you would like to enrich their learning opportunities. We welcome everyone! To receive registration information, please contact Janice Parker at 655-8663 or e-mail her at cpnschool@comcast.net or check the CPNS portion of the church website.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

A SNIPPET FROM THE BOOK OF PRAYER: Here is a surprising story about a Baptist Church in Smolensk, Russia, southwest of Moscow. The Outreach Foundation to which we contribute has connected PC(USA) churches with this congregation. The church works with at least sixteen orphanages across the region. Church teams visit weekly to lead singing and Bible lessons, put on mini-Olympiads, support renovations at the most broken-down orphanages, host holiday parties, and make regular visits to the government-run summer camps for orphans. The Smolensk Church, with support from a U.S. Presbyterian partner, is working to develop a program for post-orphanage care. Let's remember them in our prayers.

GUATEMALA TRIP 2010 MEETING

This year's trip is from July 9 - 16, Friday to Friday. As a church member your only cost for the trip will be your airfare, which typically is around \$500.00- \$600.00. There are no skills required, just a set of hands and the willingness to serve the Lord. Some of the projects we will work on could include children's ministry, dental and medical clinics and building construction.

An **informational meeting has been set for January 5, Tuesday at 7:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall at the church. If you cannot make this meeting and are interested in traveling with us this year, please e-mail me at geolive60@aol.com or call me at 395-0513.

Yours in Christ, George Conley

FIFTH ANNUAL GUATEMALA GOURMET DINNER FUNDRAISER

Our fifth annual gourmet dinner to support our Guatemala mission is quickly approaching. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for church fellowship, entertainment and a delicious meal. There are a limited number of tickets being sold, so buy yours today.

(Guatemala Gourmet Dinner Fundraiser continued)

We will be serving dinner on Friday, January 29 and on Saturday, January 30 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be serenaded by a String Quartet, and on Saturday you will be entertained by our very own Don Klotzbeacher and company along with a 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.

We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon or stuffed chicken as your main entrees along with all the trimmings and a delicious desert to top it off!

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.

George Conley, Guatemalan Team (395-0513)

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown. We are keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on it, please call the church office.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

January 4, January 7, January 11, January 14

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual Show and Tell program for Senior Fellowship has been planned for Tuesday, January 19, at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to either bring along an item of interest to share with the group, explaining why the item has special significance to their life, or talk about some memory which would be of interest to the other participants. To give everyone a chance, each person is asked to make the presentation no longer than three minutes. Hot dogs, beans, dessert and beverages will be provided. If you are not on the Senior Fellowship call list, you need to preregister by calling Connie Bauder by Tuesday, January 12, to register for this program.

SENIOR CENTER EVENT

On Friday, January 8, please join us for luncheon at Noon to be followed by the movie "Julie & Julia" at the Senior Community Center at Town Hall 23A N. Main Street, Cranbury. All seniors from Cranbury and surrounding areas are welcome.

YOU MUST CALL 395-0900 X244 no later than Monday, January 4. Luncheon seating is limited to the first 30 people.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Your pledge support is a very important component of the overall budget for our church. The time is fast approaching when Session will have to begin to make some hard decisions on the 2010 budget. If you have not made your financial pledge for 2010, please consider doing so as soon as possible so Session may start 2010 with a balanced budget that is responsive to God's call to our church.

Please Note: Remember to pick-up your 2010 Pledge Envelopes in the Narthex.

Counting Teams: 1/3 (Team #3) - 1/10 (Team #4)

Stewardship Offerings Update to December 27, 2009

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$6,979	\$6,979
Amount needed to meet our obligations	\$7,038	\$385,000
Collection for Historical Records	\$20	\$1,120
Christmas Joy Offering	\$1,213	\$1,783

~~ WORSHIP ~~

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to take advantage of our nursery if you have children age 5 and under. If you prefer to deep your young child with you during worship, we remind you that you can hear the sermon from the narthex if your child becomes restless.

Flowers: The following dates are open for people to place flowers in the chancel, **January 24 and 31**. Please contact Diane Smith at your earliest convenience.

USHERS GUILD: If you are interested in joining the Ushers Guild, please contact Caren Anuszewski at 587-8883 or ccrab91@optonline.net. Ushers, please remember to pick up your ushering packets in the Narthex.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Youth Group Activities

- TONIGHT** No Youth Group
- 1/8** **Cranbury Coffee House - Youth Night** - All youth are encouraged to attend from 6:30-9:30 pm!
Admission fee is \$8.00 and refreshments will be for sale at an additional cost.
- 1/10** 6:30p-8:00p Youth and Parent Meeting with sign-ups for mission trip, etc.
- 1/17** 6:30p-9:00p Youth Group attending Martin Luther King Service, St. Paul Lutheran (East Windsor)
- 1/24** 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group in Fellowship Hall
- 1/31** 2:00p - 4:00p Youth Group meet for Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center (Parents are needed!)

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 3 - January 10

Sunday 3	Epiphany Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship w/communion followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library No Youth Group No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
Monday 4	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm 8:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts-FH
Tuesday 5	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 3:00p-4:00p CPNS-Music Room 7:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Room 1 7:15p Christian Ed. Meeting-Church Office(upstairs) 7:30p P&A Meeting- Lib. 7:30p Guatemala Informational Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 6	(Epiphany of the Lord) 10:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:00p MS&G Meeting-Lib.
Thursday 7	10:00a Senior Exercise 2:30p - 6:15p TASK (VAN) (Office Closed 2:30p-4:00p) 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Meeting—Lib. 7p-8p Cranbury Scout Band Practice 7:30p The Chorale - Choir Room

Friday 8	7:30a-8:30a Transitions Networking Group-Rm 1 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 3:00p Set-up for Coffee House-FH/Kit 7p-9:30p Youth Group attending Coffee House - FH 7p-9:30p The Cranbury Coffee House–FH/Kit 7:30p AA – McKnight Room
Saturday 9	7:00p Cub Scouts-FH (JY)
Sunday 10	Baptism of the Lord) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 11:30a Officers Elect Meeting - Library 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group and Parent Meeting -FH/Kit 7:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting-McK Rm (GC) 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men’s Bible Study at the Inn

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

January 3, 2010 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

“Vom Himmel Hoch”
(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

Johann Pachelbel
Organ

INTROIT

“O Gladsome Light”

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Arise, shout out God’s praise!

The One we seek has come to us.

Arise, shine with God’s light!

The One who brings peace is among us.

Arise, give thanks, let your hearts rejoice!

The One who brings God’s love is alive with us.

HYMN #63 (Hymnal)*

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God of glory, you send out your love as a beacon, that all may find their way to you. Too often we see only our own shadows, and take pleasure in the stature we assume, sure that we are the keepers of the light. We are surprised, even frightened, when others come to your light, bringing their gifts in ways that are different from ours. Forgive our down-turned eyes, O God. Lift our heads to see Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Take away our fear and fill us with wonder, that we too may worship him. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #577 (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 ✨		Pastor Rosanna
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 1-12	Lil Conley Pew Bible pg. 2
ANTHEM	“ <i>The holly and the ivy</i> ”	English Carol arr. D. Klotzbeacher The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2: 5-15	Pew Bible pg. 197
SERMON	“Jesus is Lord”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
Offertory	<i>Noel for flute stops</i>	Louis Claude D’Aquin Organ
Hymn #593 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	“ <i>Doxology</i> ”	Rev. Anderson
HYMN #53 (Hymnal)*	“ <i>What Child is This</i> ”	

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.**

