

## Sunday Worship

### *Regular Schedule*

Sunday School for all ages 9:15—10:15

Worship Service 10:30

Coffee Fellowship 11:30

Childcare is available during Sunday School and Worship Service.

### *Summer Schedule*

Worship Service 10:00

Ice Tea/Lemonade Fellowship 11:00

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## Pastoral Staff

### *Senior Pastor:*

The Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell  
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### *Associate Pastor for Education and Youth Ministry:*

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*Please join us this Sunday. We are looking forward to meeting you.*

## Our Mission

We, the Church, are called to be Christ's representatives in the world. Through our words and actions, we must challenge individuals to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. We believe God creates and sustains us, saves and liberates us in Jesus Christ, and transforms and empowers us through the Holy Spirit. Responding to God's calling and nurtured by the faithful witness of the Old and New Testaments, we joyfully claim membership in the Body of Christ.

In order to remain an active spiritual force in our rapidly changing community and world, we recognize the need to grow and nurture current and future members. We will expand our commitment to Jesus Christ through worship, education, ministries, programs, and fellowship. Our Church must encourage and enable each member to find his or her particular gift for ministry.

We praise God that we are called to serve Christ in love. We invite others to join us in this calling.



Come and worship  
with us.

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## First Presbyterian Church: History and Ministries

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury dates back to at least 1734. Our sanctuary, which is on the roster of Presbyterian historic buildings, was built in 1834 and stands on the site of a sanctuary built 50 years earlier. There is a good possibility that at least some of the original 1788 foundation exists under the present structure.

In 1750, King George II granted a Royal Charter to the congregation. A copy of this charter is on display in the narthex. According to the provision of this charter, the trustees adopted a seal after their own design. On the center of this seal is the outline of a tree, representing the burning bush, the symbol of the Church of Scotland, from which many of the people had come. Around it are the words: "Religious Liberty." It



*We have been a central part of the Village of Cranbury, NJ for over 250 years.*



is the oldest documented seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The spirit and sentiment of these pioneers lives on, as people continue to worship Christ in this place.

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury is one

of the founding churches in American Presbyterianism and a "mother church" to many of the churches in our area. These include Dutch Neck in 1816, Perrineville in 1826, Jamesburg in 1854, Manalapan in 1856, Hightstown in 1857, and Dayton in 1869.

## Christian Education

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury offers Christian Education opportunities for all ages. We also have a well-stocked and well-maintained library which provides current and historical books and periodicals which are available to all church members.

**Sunday School:** Pre-school through 12th grade children have classes designed around a curriculum that is age appropriate and ably led by persons committed to the Christian nurture of the children. Children in grades 1 through 4 participate in the multi-sensory Workshop Rotation curriculum model. Workshops include:

- The Garden Theater (Drama)
- Creation Station (Arts & Crafts)
- The Oasis (Storytelling and Games)
- The Disciple's Diner (Kitchen/Movie)

**Vacation Bible School** is conducted one week each summer.

**Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS)** is a non-profit Christian pre-school founded in 1984. Programs are offered for 2½, 3, and 4 year olds. The CPNS Director is Mrs. Janice Parker, (609) 655-8663, cpnschool@comcast.net.

**Adult Education** features seasonal changing curriculum, with offerings for family ministry, small group Bible study, and specialized topics.



*The interior of the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church.*

## Youth Ministry

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury offers a comprehensive Youth Ministry to our youth and their families. Four components comprise the overall Youth Ministry:

- Sunday Morning Youth Class
- Confirmation Program
- Youth Band
- Sunday Evening Youth Group, featuring time for Discussion and Reflection, Fellowship and Fun, Mission and Service, and Spirituality and Devotion

## Missions

We have a strong commitment to mission - to serve at home and abroad. Church members volunteer monthly at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen; we have an ongoing program to supply food and other practical help in both chronic and emergency situations; and we participate in helpful mission trips overseas and in the States. Our monetary giving assists victims from natural disasters, ethnic schools, and struggling retired pastors, and we contribute regularly to our church camp, hospital chaplaincy, peace and justice efforts. And we remain, as a congregation, in loving prayerful concern for one another.

## Fellowship Groups

There are a wide variety of Christian Fellowship opportunities. These include:

- Adult and Children's Choirs
- Adult Retreat
- All Church Breakfast
- Bell and Brass Choirs
- Bible Study Groups
- Game Night
- Martha Circle
- Men's Fellowship
- Men's Softball
- Mission Fair
- Pot Luck Supper
- Progressive Dinners
- Senior Fellowship
- Strawberry Festival
- Ten-Week Angels
- Women's Tea