

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	12/24	Christmas Eve <i>Pray for Netherlands</i>	
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am		Coffee Social/Office Staff	Greeting Area
6, 8 & 10 PM		Christmas Eve Services	Sanctuary
Monday	12/25	Merry Christmas!! <i>Office is closed</i>	
Tuesday	12/26		
9:00 am		Luminary Clean-Up	Outside
Sunday	12/31	<i>Pray for Netherlands Antilles</i>	
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am		Coffee Social/Office Staff	Greeting Area

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

The Blything family (Mark & Kelly Stebor), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), the Lesli Kelly family (the Kratsas family), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane/Kelly Stebor), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Will Pilarski (Isaiah Clerkley & Lori Zona), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Pastor Jim and Lynn and family on the death of Pastor Jim's father, Michael Moran.

Esther Suppa shares her THANKSGIVING for the cards and prayers following her recent neck surgery.

Dick Grundler shares his THANKSGIVING as he celebrates with his friend, Chris Thompson on his 94th birthday.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Sherri and Brad Kelly on the death of Sherri's father, Edward Yorns.

The vases of flowers are given by Amy, Isaac, and Sarah McKinley to the glory of God, and in celebration of their daughter/sister, Natalie, on her 19th birthday.

The basket of flowers is given by Mindy Cable to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her mom, Geneva Cable, for the first anniversary in her Heavenly home.

The Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary is given in loving memory of Geneva M. Cable, by her daughter, Mindy Cable. The Christmas Tree in the Greeting Area is given by Gene and Jeanne Smith in loving memory of their parents.

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Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2017

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Morning

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

Isaiah 60:1-3

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad and pass it back to the end of the row.)

The Prelude ***“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”*** Worship Team

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalm 37:7

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Carol ***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”***

***O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.***

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

***O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave. Chorus***

***O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight! Chorus***

*O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home,
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Chorus*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's peace. Chorus*

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, as another year draws to a close, we come together before You, and with one another, confessing the ways in which we have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays and turned away from Your Spirit of peace; the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires, that we have neglected the voices of Your children who cry out for justice; in our focus on making the season perfect, we have turned away from the hurting people and broken places in our world in need of healing; in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to Your amazing gift of love.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word become flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.

*The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Glorifying God *“We Will Glorify”*
*We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.*

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory

“Come on, Ring Those Bells!”

Worship Team

*Praising God #556 *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The Prayer of Dedication

WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

*The Greeting *(Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope)
(The children may come forward)*

The Children's Lesson and Prayer

(There is no KFC today)

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“CHRISTMAS SURPRISES”

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*A Hymn #107 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

Refrain

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo, Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of Heav'n and earth!

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth. Refrain

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Worship Team