

Welcome to Cornerstone!

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 at 4 PM & 7:30 PM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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Gathering Music "Carol of the Bells," "Hope Was Born This Night"

Ringing of the Harmony Bell

"Isaiah's Good News"

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9:2-7

(4:00) David LaCross
(7:30) Fred VanLooy

Words of Welcome! "God is Good! All the Time!" Reverend Pruner

Call to Worship

(4:00) David LaCross
(7:30) Fred VanLooy

L: We have seen the deep darkness in the world around us.

P: We have come to search for the light. We want the light to shine on us!

L: A child is born for US! A son is given to US!

P: We come to see the child that has been born.

L: Come, gather in the glow of the stable. Come to sing with angels and wonder with the shepherds.

P: Let us come and worship. To worship the one who is born for us, Jesus the Lord!

Carol #41 "O Come All Ye Faithful," v 1&2

Doreen Laskiewicz

Call to Confession

Reverend Pruner

Unison Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we confess our fear to let down our guard, to feel the wonder, to believe the good news. Why would Love choose to live among us, we who are so unloving in our words and deeds? Why would you choose to place Trusting Innocence in the hands of sinners like us? We hesitate to embrace the joy, lest it turn to disappointment in the cruel realities of this world. Forgive us, God, and awaken the child within us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness

Response #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem," verse 4

Welcome

Reverend Pruner

Worship Schedule:

**Saturdays 5 PM &
Sundays 10 AM**

Watch our Worship
service on Facebook on
Sundays at 10 AM:

[https://
www.facebook.com/
cpcjacksonnj](https://www.facebook.com/cpcjacksonnj)

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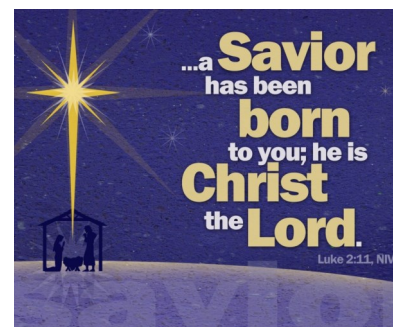
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"An Unexpected Visitor"

Lesson 2: Luke 1:26-38 (4:00) Ashley Moyer
(7:30) Fred VanLooy

Carol #31 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," verse 1

"Journey to Bethlehem"

Lesson 3: Luke 2:1-7 (4:00) Kayla Moyer
(7:30) Laura Stone

Carol #25 "Away in a Manger," verses 1 & 2

"Good News of Great Joy"

Lesson 4: Luke 2:8-15 (4:00) Ben Leach
(7:30) Fred VanLooy

Carol #40 "Joy to the World," verses 1 & 2

"Shepherds Go with Haste"

Lesson 5: Luke 2:16-20 (4:00) Kayla Moyer
(7:30) Laura Stone

Carol #29 "Go Tell it on the Mountain," verses 1 & 2

Offering & Prayer of Dedication (4:00) David LaCross
(7:30) Reverend Pruner

Solo "O Holy Night" (4:00) Vikki Leach
(7:30) Doreen Laskiewicz

Message: "The Unexpected Gift" Reverend Pruner

"Star of Wonder"

Lesson 6: Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12 (4:00) Ashley Moyer
(7:30) Fred VanLooy

Saturday Worship Leader(s):

Laura Stone

Sunday Worship Leader(s):

David LaCross

Fred VanLooy

Our Thanks to our Elders as Members of our Session

2020: Vikki Leach, Allyson Moyer, Denise Mudalel, Ray Schleckser

2021: Megan LaFontaine, Mike Pushko, Laura Stone

2022: Jim Foster, Deborah LaCross, Fred VanLooy, Linda Van Melis

Our Board of Deacons – thank you for your service!

2020: Lisa Capurso, Kathe Morrison

2021: Gail Carlson, Diane DeLuca

2022: MaryAnn White, Kellie Pushko

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.



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Carol #56 "The First Nowell," verses 1-3

(Please remain seated as the story of the birth of Jesus unfolds before you.)

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Spreading the Light into the World

(4:00) The Leach Family

(7:30) Fred VanLooy & Barbara Dougherty

Carol #60 "Silent Night," verses 1-3, 1

Benediction

Reverend Pruner

Merry Christmas!

Today we are collecting the Christmas Joy Offering. Please mark your check or envelope "Joy offering." Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thank you for your support!

There will be no worship service tomorrow (12/25) but we will have our regular Sunday worship service at 10 AM on December 26th. Communion will be served. Join us – all are welcome!

The Session of Cornerstone calls for Congregational Meetings on January 9, 2022 for the purpose of approving the Nominating Committee for 2022, and January 16, 2022 for the purpose of approving the new elders and deacons to serve in 2022.

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