

Welcome to Cornerstone!

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 at 4 PM & 7:30 PM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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Gathering Music "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Mary Did You Know"

Ringling 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) Deviin LaCross
(7:30) Linda VanMelis

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 (4:00) Will Vanderburg
(7:30) Doreen Laskiewicz

Call to Confession

Reverend Pruner

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess we have not welcomed Your light, or trusted Your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to Your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Jesus our newborn king. In his name we pray. Amen

Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness
Response "Jesus Name Above All Names," vs 1&2

Welcome & Announcements

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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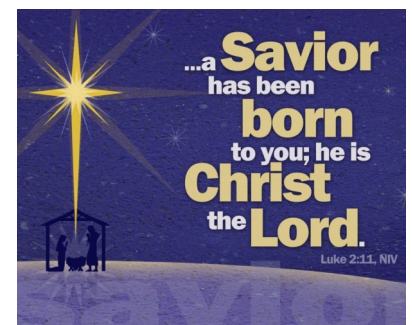
Will Vanderburg

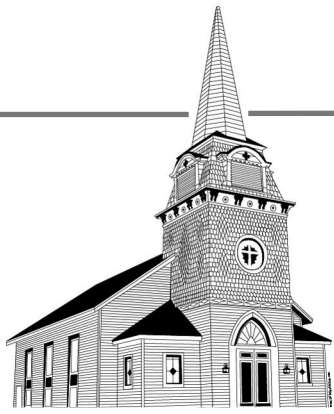
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"An Unexpected Visitor"

Lesson 2: Luke 1:26-38 (4:00) Devin LaCross

(7:30) Laura Stone

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

"Journey to Bethlehem"

Lesson 3: Luke 2:1-7 (4:00) David LaCross

(7:30) Fred VanLooy

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

"Good News of Great Joy"

Lesson 4: Luke 2:8-14 (4:00) Devin LaCross

(7:30) Linda VanMelis

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

"Shepherds Go with Haste"

Lesson 5: Luke 2:15-20 (4:00) David LaCross

(7:30) Fred VanLooy

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

Offering & Prayer of Dedication Reverend Pruner

Solo "O Holy Night" (4:00) Vikki Leach

Carol #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem," verses 1 & 2 (7:30)

Message: "Christ Lighting the Way " Reverend Pruner

"Star of Wonder"

Lesson 6: Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12 (Reverend Pruner)

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

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!

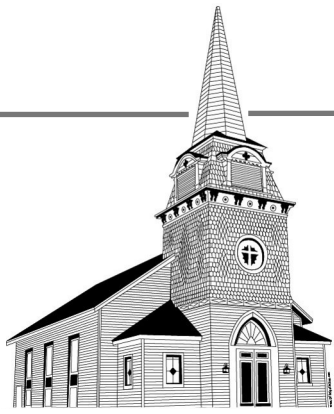
2020: Lisa Capurso, Kathe Morrison

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

(4:00) The LaCross Family

(7:30) Fred VanLooy & Barbara Dougherty

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

Benediction

Reverend Pruner

Merry Christmas!

Today we are collecting the Christmas Joy Offering. Please mark your check or envelope "Joy offering" or use the JOY fund on the electronic Vanco Mobile App. 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!

Tomorrow, Christmas Day Sunday December 25th, and next Saturday 12/31 there will be no worship services. We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, New Year's Day (January 1st) for worship services at 10:00 AM. Join us as we begin the new year together, raising our voice in praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Service of Hope & Light January 7th at 2:30 Cornerstone Church invites you to join with others who are walking through a time of grief and sadness. When a new year begins it can leave us very lonely. Family and friend gatherings are in the past. The stark reality of life without a loved one can be overwhelming. So often hearts fill with a longing for a time gone by. A time when our work fulfilled us. Our bodies were strong. When we felt a clearer vision for our God-given purpose. We will gather the day after Epiphany, the moment in the church when we remember the star that led the wise men to our newborn king. When they saw the star they were overwhelmed with joy! For us perhaps this Epiphany might allow us to see with new eyes. Allowing our vision to include a hope that sees beyond our narrow view to a world filled with new possibilities with Christ. Let us journey to God's great Hope and into the warm embrace of his Light. Jesus our good shepherd and the light of the world will continue to bless us as we seek to be comforted! All are invited to this time of scripture, prayers, and reflection. We gather in the Sanctuary on January 7th at 2:30pm.