

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • December 2016



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith members,

On Sunday, November 27 we will mark the beginning of Advent. Our English word Advent comes from *adventus*, the Latin translation of the Greek *parousia*. In the early church *parousia* referred to the second coming of Christ. Christians were exhorted to keep constant watch, for no one knew when their Lord would return.

While the second coming early followers anticipated has not yet occurred, the Church continues to observe the four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas as a time of watching, waiting, and preparation—not only for Jesus' return, but also for the ways he will break into our daily lives. It is no less an important season today than it was during the time of the early Church, for we all need reminders to keep our ears, eyes, and hearts open to the unexpected visits our Lord makes.

It is ironic that this season of preparation is so often neglected in the midst of our getting ready for the other parts of our celebration of Christ's birth - the family gatherings, the gift giving, the holiday parties and feasts. I'm not opposed to any of them. Ask Sue, and she'll tell you how early I always want to decorate our house and how I try to prolong the un-decorating! But I also know that, as followers of Christ, none of us should be distracted from the true celebration that God assumed human form through a child.

So I hope you will join me in worship by reading the daily Advent devotionals Laura Colee has provided for us, by setting time aside to reflect on God's gift to us, and by avoiding the exhaustion that often accompanies this season. In other words, observe Advent and prepare yourself for the ways Christ will come to you.

In Christ's peace,
Bill

December Highlights

Nov. 27
ADVENT FESTIVAL
5-7 PM - Fellowship Hall

Dec. 4
AED Training - Chapel
9:30 AM

Dec. 11
Congregational Meeting
after 11 AM Worship
Candlelight Service
Sanctuary - 5:00 PM

Dec. 19
Preschool Christmas Pageant
9:30 AM - Sanctuary

Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Services
4 and 10 PM -Sanctuary
7:30 PM - Chapel

Dec. 25
Worship at 11 AM

Dec. 31
First Night

Jan. 1
Worship at 11 AM

Leonard Cohen: Champion of Our Cracked Imperfections

BY PARKER J. PALMER (@PARKERJPALMER), COLUMNIST

Last week — on Monday, November 7 — Leonard Cohen died at age 82. I never met the man, but I've loved him and his music since my grad school days in Berkeley in the 1960s. The first LC song I heard was "Suzanne," and I've been hooked ever since. Many regard Cohen as one of our greatest poets — his lyrics often feel timeless. Here's a song that speaks to my condition today as much as it did when he performed it in London in 2008.

In LC's spoken intro to "Anthem," he talks about a world "plunged in darkness and chaos," referring to the global economic meltdown of 2007-2008. Those words apply to our moment in history as much as they did back then, as does the now-famous chorus of "Anthem":

*Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.*

I think LC is saying, "Whatever you're concerned about right now, don't go looking for the very best thing to do, then give up when you can't find it. Offer the world whatever gifts you possess — no matter how imperfect — gifts that might move us a little bit closer to love, truth, and justice. That's how the light gets in, through our cracked imperfections."

I'd add only this: it's in our brokenness, not our illusions of "perfection," that we connect most deeply with one another. So at this historical moment, when so many are feeling broken, we have a chance to renew our civic community — if we're willing to forget our "perfect offering" and "ring the bells that still can ring."

Ring them, listen for them, gather around them, and summon up an America where everyone belongs.

Thank you, LC, for your amazing music and all the hard-won insights that animate it. Many of us grieve your death and treasure more than ever your legacy of song. Long may your legacy live!

—This article appears on Krista Tippett's website onbeing.org

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Worship

8:15 - Chapel
9:30 - Sanctuary
11 AM - Sanctuary

Holy Communion
First Sundays

Sunday School and Adult Education

Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM

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AED Training 12/4

CHURCH MEMBER AND REGISTERED NURSE, Michelle Piotrowski, will offer instruction of our new **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** on Sunday, December 4th.

The session will be held in the Chapel during the 9:30 hour. All ushers, as well as board member, are encouraged to attend, but this instruction will be open to anyone who is interested.



MUSIC MINISTRY

All of our choirs and bell choirs have been faithfully preparing for the Christmas season. Please read below to find out when your choir will participate in worship this month.

Worship Participation Schedule

Thomas Sherrerd Choir	12/4/16	11:00am
Alleluia Bells	12/11/16	11:00am
ALL CHOIRS	12/11/16	5:00pm
Carol Choir	12/24/16	4:00pm
Cherub Choir	12/24/16	4:00pm
Alleluia Bells	12/24/16	4:00pm
Moore Bells	12/24/16	10:00pm

Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

Candlelight Service

Come join us for First Presbyterian's longstanding tradition of lessons and carols on December 11th at 5:00pm in the sanctuary as our congregation, choirs, and bell choirs celebrate our Savior's birth with an evening of music making!

Each choir will need to come early on December 11th to run through their music. Below are the call times and locations:

Alleluia Bells: 3:30pm (Sanctuary)

Kirk Ringers: 3:30pm (Sanctuary)

Cherub Choir: 4:20pm (Chapel)

Chapel Choir: 4:20pm (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir: 4:30pm (Choir Room)

Whitechapel Bells: 3:30pm (Sanctuary)

Moore Bells: 3:30pm (Sanctuary)

Carol Choir: 4:20pm (Chapel)

Thomas Sherrerd Choir: 4:20pm (Fellowship Hall)



Join us for an evening full of food, crafts, games, songs, worship, mission projects, alternative gift markets, and more!

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield 2016

ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 27th - 5-7pm



Christian Education

**CHRISTMAS LOST AND FOUND
ADULT EDUCATION SERIES
FACILITATED BY REV. GRAEME VEITCH
NOV 27, DEC 4 & 11
9:30-10:30am; ROOM 304**

The Christmas season can be the busiest time of year. Between the gifts, the activities, and the celebrations, Christmas can fly by in a flash. We invite you to slow down this season and join us for a three week adult education series entitled **Christmas Lost and Found**. Throughout our series, we will seek to rediscover Christmas in the midst of our busy schedules. We will explore what Christmas means to us in light of recent events and consider how we can experience God's presence every day of Advent. We will also prepare for the birth of the Christ child—the light of the world. Our class will meet on Sunday, November 27; December 4; and December 11 from 9:30-10:30am in Room 304. Rev. Graeme Veitch will facilitate the series. We hope to see you there!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the back of the Sanctuary and Chapel. This year we'll be reading along with the Presbyterian Mission Agency's *Proclaiming the Good News of God's Peace* devotional which reflects on mass incarceration and immigrant detention during the season of Advent. We will also have a family Advent devotional entitled *Wake Up to Joy* available.

**ADVENT FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
5-7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Each year at First Presbyterian Church, we mark our transition into the Advent season with a family-fun event known as **the Advent Festival**. At our Advent Festival we gather to enjoy a meal with our family of faith, to make fun seasonal crafts, especially Advent Wreaths, to sing Christmas songs, to support non-profits like Caring Hearts and Urban Promise and to prepare our hearts for the Christ child.

Please feel free to bring a finger dessert to share. Hoagies will be available for purchase. Proceeds for the hoagie sale will benefit FPC Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans!

If you would like to help with crafts, please contact Trish Adkins at trishiacakins@comcast.net. We'd love to have you join us!

**ADVENT PRAYER CLASS FOR 1st and 2nd
GRADERS**

During the four Sundays of Advent (Nov 27; Dec 4; 11 & 18), we are offering a special prayer class for our 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School classes during the 9:30am Sunday School hour in Room 202. During our prayer class, students will learn about what prayer is, about different kinds of prayers, and how to pray. Students will also learn about the Lord's Prayer and begin to memorize the Lord's Prayer. DCE Laura Colee will teach our prayer class.



YOUTH MINISTRY

2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

Monday, June 26th—Sunday, July 1st the FPC Youth Mission Trip will be traveling to **New Orleans, LA** to work with **CAMP RHINO** (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans)

We will be working to rebuild homes in New Orleans affected by hurricane Katrina in 2005. Rising freshman through graduated seniors are welcome to apply to the trip. **NOTE: Students MUST be 14 by June 26, 2017 to apply for this year's trip.**

For more information, including application forms, please contact Laura Colee at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org

Memorial Wreaths

Wreaths are needed to decorate our outside doors during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate \$25 to purchase a wreath in memory of a loved one, please send your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church) to the church office with "Memorial Wreath" in the memo line.

Your thoughtful generosity will be acknowledged in the pew bulletins along with the poinsettia memorials.

Preschool News

“Love is what’s in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.”



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

We are looking forward to greeting Joseph, Mary and their new born baby. We have already heard from the Shepherds, the Angels, and the Wise Men that they will be meeting in the sanctuary on Dec. 19, Monday, at 9:30 am to welcome the family. The Innkeeper tells us space is limited-- there will be flocks of sheep and herds of camels. The animals from the stable are crowding around to let the smallest sparrow have room on this morning to greet the baby.

There is still room for you! Come join us for the
Preschool Christmas Pageant
December 19, Monday, 9:30 am, Sanctuary

The "MAGIC OF SANTA"

All children love to dream stories and imagine wonders -- this is an important part of being young. The Santa stories *are* "magical" when we think about elves making toys and a flying sleigh with 8 reindeer - and one whose nose lights up! Santa pays a visit to the Preschool on December 7th, 8th and 9th! He surprises us when he comes to the Parlor to greet children from ages 16 months to Kindergarten.

Christmas Vacation starts December 21st
See you January 3rd, 2017
No school Monday, Jan. 16th, Martin Luther King Day

January 31st – Ladies, join us in Fellowship Hall for **BINGO!**
7 – 9 pm (snow day, 2/7).
Prizes are Longaberger Baskets and 31 Bags

The squirrels have told us that the crop of acorns in the area is huge and plentiful! They have “squirreled” (no pun intended) a lot away in their nests, eaten as many as they can, and they still keep falling. We are told this is a good indication that our winter will be plentiful as well! Preschool cancellations will be posted on the website on the Preschool calendar.

Snow Delays: Extended Play AM: 10 am
AM Classes: 10:30 – 12:30/ PM Classes: 1 – 3 pm
Creative Movement, Music & Art: 12:30 – 1 pm
Extended Play PM: 12:30 – 2 pm

ON THE BUS WITH BETSY B!

On the Bus with Betsy B! - A few people are interested in seeing "Paramour, *A Cirque du Soleil Musical*" which spins the thrilling tale of a beautiful young actress forced to choose between love and art in the glamorous world of Golden Age Hollywood. Featuring "death-defying" acrobatics and sumptuous music and dance, *Paramour* will transport you to a sublime world of "breathtaking magic" as it walks the exhilarating tightrope of the heart.

The date for this fascinating trip is Saturday, March 4 for the matinee performance. The cost is approximately \$145. Lunch will be on your own. Orchestra seating. Call me at 856-546-0685 if you're interested.

Best Day Ever

a prose poem by Brian Doyle from
The Kind of Brave You Wanted to Be
Prose Poems and Chants Against the Dark

*Met a small girl this morning carrying a very large stuffed dog
Very nearly her size, and when I asked her what she called her
Dog she said today his name is Trousers. Tomorrow he will be
Very Nearly, I think. We decide his name in the morning when
We wake up; usually he tells me but sometimes I hear it before
He does and I get to tell him. It's a game between us. His other
Names this week were Mac and Cheese, that was this weekend,
And this was so funny that we laughed all day long, on Sunday.
Did you ever laugh one whole day? Isn't that the best day ever?*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women and Kiva

If you've traveled through our western states, you probably think of **kiva** as the partially underground chamber used for religious ceremonies by men in Pueblo villages. However, the **kiva** to which we are referring is an international non-profit organization formed in 2005 with the idea that small loans could make a big impact on the lives of small entrepreneurs around the world. Today, the mission, based in San Francisco, serves people in 82 countries and has 1.6 million lenders.

Kiva loans can be facilitated through Field Partners which manage the loan on the ground or by the borrower directly through the Kiva website. Kiva monitors the requests. Borrowers are vouched for by Trustees and volunteers help to translate the loans before they're distributed. Loans are distributed in increments of \$25. The lenders then receive repayments into their Kiva accounts according to a repayment schedule and according to borrowers' ability to repay. Lenders can then use the repayments to fund more loans, donate or withdraw their money.

Kiva partners only with organizations and institutions which have a sound mission to serve the poor and underserved. They collect no interest on loans and lenders do not receive interest on them, Operating costs are covered by voluntary donations made by lenders since 100% of funds lent go to funding the loans.

Our PW has participated in the organization during the past year; our member, Linda O'Neill, has been overseeing the operation. Kiva is unique in that we do not consider it a charity. Since lenders repay the loans over a period of time, we look at it as a partnership. Two of our "partners" are described below:

Mariana from Paraguay - we loaned her \$575

Mariana is studying chemistry and pharmacy. She is a person who has many goals and dreams ahead of her. She says that she puts forth her best efforts in order to

reach her dreams and become someone in the future. She is requesting this loan in order to be able to pay her tuition for her schooling, so that she is able to continue studying.

Ester from the Philippines - we loaned her \$400

Ester is a married woman with five children. She is a very hardworking entrepreneur. Ester is 42 years old and all of her children are in school. Ester has a vegetable vending business in the Philippines. Ester requested a PHP 18,000 loan amount through NWTF to buy a variety of vegetables to sell.

For more information, contact Linda O'Neill at 856-795-8234.

PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

Make your shopping for Christmas presents fun and easy this year. Come to the PW coffee table after any of the services during December where you'll be able to choose gifts for friends and relatives, to use as hostess gifts and for any others who would enjoy a delicious cup of coffee or tea, hot cocoa or peppermint tea. Of course, you don't want to forget those tasty organic chocolate bars. The selection now includes the Panama extra-dark bar and the lemon, ginger, black pepper bar (for the adventurous). Presbyterian Women will be there to help you every Sunday until Christmas.

Our PW is happy to be a part of the Presbyterian Coffee Project which operates in conjunction with Equal Exchange. The project gives us the opportunity to reach out to the hardworking families who grow the products, knowing that they will earn enough to feed their families, educate their children and improve their communities We thank all of you for your support.

— PRAYER CHAIN —

The Prayer Chain is composed of members of FPC who pray for special concerns of our members. Decades ago, concerns were given over a phone chain.....today, concerns go out via email.

If you have concerns, please call the church office or enter concerns on the website.

If you would like to join the chain to help pray -please call Jill Mascena (428-7342) .

We BELIEVE in prayer and God!

**He Crows Thomas
of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin
and a member of AIM, says,**

**"I am here for praying. Teaching these
young warriors the power of prayer.
Prayer is the answer."**

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MISSION Opportunities for December

ADVENT TRADITIONS CONTINUE

The **MITTEN TREE** is waiting for your donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for adults and children of all ages until Christmas. Help decorate this special tree with warmth and love. The tree will be at the end of the hall outside the sanctuary.

The **TOY BOX** in the parlor is ready to receive new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages until December 20th. The toys will be distributed to children in need through our partner agencies in the region. **Share the Joy!**

Great Alternative Gifts for Christmas now include even more than animals. The mission committee is providing information about truly meaningful gifts on the church's website (haddonfieldpres.org) and at the end of the hall outside the sanctuary. Go directly to the organizations to order your gifts by mail or online. We will not process orders (except the Guatemala Milk program) through the church this year. Be sure to place orders in time to receive the honor cards or other acknowledgements for your gift recipients.*

Heifer International www.heifer.org/catalog or 855-848-64378 (855-8HUNGER)

Presbyterian Mission Giving Catalog (PCUSA) www.presbyteriangifts.org or 800-872-3283

Urban Promise www.urbanpromiseusa.org or 856-661-1700

Feed My Starving Children www.haddonfieldpres.org our church's website has a FMSC page to help you connect.

Guatemala Milk Program Increased expenses forced the cost up to \$25 per month. You may choose to donate any amount (\$300/year) at one time or pay per month. For this program just drop off a check at the church office. Make it out to "First Presbyterian Church" with "Guat. Milk" on the memo line. We are using the honor system. You may pick up special gift cards and/or token gifts to give your loved ones in the display at the end of the hall between the parlor and sanctuary. One card and one token per child sponsored please.

**If no honor /announcement card is offered or it's too late to get them on time, you can simply write your own message explaining your gift. Some new cards and envelopes are in the display for your use. You can cut off the backs of used Christmas cards and use the front for your note. Be creative! Decorate the envelope or small box. Children can help. Match your alternative gift to another gift (sheep + sweater / seedling + plant / goat + cheese). After all, it's the thought (about those in need) that counts.*

BIG SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS MONTH

Tuesday, Dec. 13th we will be **Cooking for New Visions** at **1pm** in our church kitchen to prepare a nutritious meal for 150 people. No experience necessary. Future cooking days will generally be the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 1pm**. If you can't be there, you can be part of the Sweet Treats Club by dropping off homemade or store bought cookies before we cook. Contact Sharon Hoobler at JLHSEA@comcast.net or 856-429-2474.

Saturday, Dec. 3rd our **Outreach Health Ministries in Camden** need **Medical Professionals** to do health screenings and teaching at both locations. **9-11am at Urban Promise and 11-1pm at St. Wilfrid's**. Also, **St. Wilfrid's** needs **translators and helping hands** to distribute food and clothing and to occupy children while their parents are being seen. **Young helpers welcomed**. Pick your own time(s). Unexpected changes may be needed so be sure to call Jill Mascena (856-428-7342) to confirm plans. This special Christmas event at St. Wilfrid's will be the first Sat. of December so **there are no plans on the third Saturday of Dec.** Donations of gently used toys and coats may be left in the box at the end of the hall outside the sanctuary.

Desperately Needed Nonperishable Food continues to be collected in the baskets outside the chapel and sanctuary. We are still hoping for 100% participation in this weekly food drive. Thanks to those who faithfully contribute. If you are at Wegmans, you can pick up much needed large bags of **KRUSTEA pancake mix** at a discounted price.

FULL Size and Trial Size Toiletries are needed by our partner agencies. Please put them up on the shelf in the open closet behind the parlor.

Support and Love Shown to Our Friend from Pakistan is Greatly Appreciated

After weeks of recuperating from the beating she received, Shakila Rani, Director of the REHAB Project, is hard at work running the program that helps women find ways to recover from abuse, become financially stable and educated. She says that thoughts of our loving support and hopes for a better future keep her going and strengthen her resolve. Shakila thanks everyone for their expressions of love and support. Please keep this courageous woman and her family in your prayers.

Deacons Bench

As this season of gift-giving approaches, we urge you not to overlook those little blue envelopes in your offering package. Your donations to the Deacons' Fund support many of the church's most worthwhile ministries.

The programs supported by the Deacons' Fund serve people in our community from cradle to grave. They range from the Guatemala Milk Project, which provides nutrition to infants who would face death without the milk this program provides, to our ministry to the homeless through the Interfaith Homeless Outreach. We provide food to homeless men who will be staying at the church during our three-week stint as hosts for the shelter.

The fund also supports our Caring Hearts ministry, which provides assistance to families in our community with members suffering from AIDS.

We also support the St. Wilfred's Open Door Clinic in Camden, which provides free health screenings and food to needy families.

Other major beneficiaries of the fund include the Urban Promise and Feed My Starving Children ministries, both of which involve many church members.

The fund also provides aid to the annual youth mission trip, an experience that many of our young members cite as having done the most to shape their Christian faith.

Sadly, this year's donations to the Deacons' Fund have lagged last year's by almost \$5,000. It would be a shame to have to cut back on any of these important ministries.

Christian Heritage Class: Topics for Advent

November 27 and December 4 [THE BIBLE IN AMERICA \(3\): The first English Bibles--and what a difference a translation makes!](#) Aware that Martin Luther was creating a vernacular German translation of the Scriptures from the original sources, William Tyndale, a Cambridge scholar serving as tutor in the household of the King's Champion, decided in 1523 to do the same for the English. He declared it his duty to make the Bible an open book, even to the boy who plows the fields... His illegal translation of the New Testament and part of the Old was interrupted when he was burned at the stake in Antwerp in 1536, but the task was taken up in the reign of Henry VIII and his son Edward VI and moved to Geneva on the ascent of "Bloody" Mary.. We will screen excerpts from the film GOD'S OUTLAW (The Story of William Tyndale) and from the docu-drama A LAMP IN THE DARK. So many translations to compare and fascinating stories to relate... The Bibles of this era were those of Shakespeare and the Pilgrim fathers.

December 11 and 18 [THE BIBLE IN AMERICA \(4\) The King James Bible](#). This book, the "Authorized Version," is the project of a team of scholars working under the direct supervision of King James VI (of Scotland) and I (of Great Britain). James' own tumultuous life and upbringing are an essential part of the story, so we will begin with his accession as a baby boy and see the formative "Presbyterian" influences that shaped his keen mind and vast intellectual ability--and then digress to the process by which the most important book ever written in the English language came into existence and general use, supplanting all previous English versions. Using the film A LAMP IN THE DARK and THE BOOK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: KJB.

Buechner 101:

Essays and Sermons by Frederick Buechner Art

"An old silent pond.
Into the pond a frog jumps.
Splash! Silence again."

It is perhaps the best known of all Japanese haiku. No subject could be more humdrum. No language could be more pedestrian. Basho, the poet, makes no comment on what he is describing. He implies no meaning, message, or metaphor. He simply invites our attention to no more and no less than just this: the old pond in its watery stillness, the kerplunk of the frog, the gradual return of the stillness.

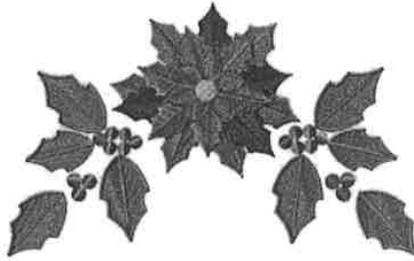
In effect he is putting a frame around the moment, and what the frame does is enable us to see not just something about the moment, but the moment itself in all its ineffable ordinariness and particularity. The chances are that if we had been passing by when the frog jumped, we wouldn't have noticed a thing or, noticing it, wouldn't have given it a second thought. But the frame sets it off from everything else that distracts us. That is the nature and purpose of frames. The frame does not change the moment, but it changes our way of perceiving the moment. It makes us notice the moment, and that is what

Basho wants above all else. It is what literature in general wants above all else too.

From the simplest lyric to the most complex novel and densest drama, literature is asking us to pay attention. Pay attention to the frog. Pay attention to the west wind. Pay attention to the boy on the raft, the lady in the tower, the old man on the train. In sum, pay attention to the world and all that dwells therein and thereby learn at last to pay attention to yourself and all that dwells therein. ...

Is it too much to say that to stop, look, and listen is also the most basic lesson that the Judeo-Christian tradition teaches us? Listen to history, is the cry of the ancient prophets of Israel. Listen to social injustice, says Amos; to head-in-the-sand religiosity, says Jeremiah; to international treacheries and power plays, says Isaiah; because it is precisely through them that God speaks his word of judgment and command

And when Jesus comes along saying that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces, but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in. ...



Poinsettias

If you wish to place poinsettia in the Sanctuary; in memory of, or in honor of, for the Candlelight and Christmas Eve services, please fill out the form below and along with a check payable to First Presbyterian Church, mail it to:

Isabel Pross
215 Lincoln Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

All forms must be received by December 7, 2016

I am ordering _____ plant/plants at \$6.75 each.

Total remitted _____.

Check if you will not be picking up your plant/plants _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____

Please pick poinsettias up after the Christmas Eve service, allowing our congregation to enjoy the splendor of your gift. Thank you for your contribution. As always, the flowers beautify our Sanctuary during this joyous season.