

About Today's Prelude: *"Peace on Earth/Drummer Boy"* is a Christmas song that blends two traditional themes: the hope for peace on Earth and the story of a poor drummer boy who plays for the newborn Jesus. The song is best known through its performance by David Bowie and Bing Crosby in 1977.

The "Drummer Boy" part of the song tells the story of a young boy who, unable to bring any material gifts to the newborn Jesus, offers the gift of his drumming. In his simplicity and humility, the drummer boy plays his best for the Christ child.

The "Peace on Earth" portion, added to the classic "Little Drummer Boy," expresses a desire for peace and goodwill to prevail over the world, particularly amid the struggles of war and conflict. The two themes come together to convey a message of compassion, hope, and the belief that, through humble acts of kindness and love, peace can be achieved on Earth.

The song highlights the power of music, the innocence of the drummer boy, and the universal wish for peace, especially during the Christmas season.

Church Announcements - Week of January 5, 2025

Scripture Readings for January 12th: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 12th 2025:

Lay Assistant: Deacon Christy Shepard
Ushers/Stewards: Stacey and Grace Cudnik
Coffee Hour Hosts: Michelle Scrivens and Emily Moorhead

Your **2025 Pledge Envelopes** are available at the back of the Church during services (except for Christmas) and during the week, in the Church Office. They are in alphabetical order. Please be aware that some of your numbers may have changed from last year. I am sorry if this has caused any inconvenience, however, we have moved some of you up so that we do not have to order as many. Also, some of you may not have envelopes, this includes those of you who participate in online giving, those that have automatic checks/withdraws and those that typically pay in lump sum. Not to worry, as you still have numbers, they are just a little higher than the number of envelopes we order. Welcome to our new members, if you were not already given a number, you have been assigned one now.

For those of you with envelopes (numbers 1-80), please do not forget to look for the BLUE envelope which is your per capita. For 2025 it is \$43.50 per member. Those of you without envelopes may either do it online or simply put a check in the plate or drop it off in the office with "Per Capita" in the memo. Also remember that our obligation to Presbytery is that every member participate in paying this.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER ~ We will be back in Sunday school starting January 12th. We have a new sign up for helping downstairs for January & February, please reach out to Christy if you would like to be a helper downstairs at familyministries@cpchester.org or 908-310-6211

Coffee Hour: Community Presbyterian Church Coffee Hour Host/Hostess Sign-Up on sign up genius: Here is the link. . . <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4A82DA1F9C61-53517755-coffee> We also have a sign-up clipboard in Fellowship Center for anyone who would like to sign-up that way ...or call the office and we will sign you up.

SCRIP NEWS ~ Orders are placed on the second Sunday of the month, but individual orders/payments can be dropped off in the office prior to that if it's more convenient. If you have any questions regarding the scrip program or would like to place an order, please contact Nancy Case (201-317-4437 or nbcase48@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **JANUARY 12, 2025**. If you haven't purchased scrip in the past, please consider making 2025 the year you do. We purchase gift cards at face value and the vendors make a donation to our church. So, aside from the value of the cards themselves, there is no additional cost to us.

The Parish Life sponsored book club has chosen The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain as a follow-up to reading James. They will meet at 6:30 on January 23rd. More participants and book suggestions are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Stephens (201) 874-1477.

A huge thank you to everyone at CPC for supporting the 2024 Holiday Extravaganza. Our gross sales are \$18,087! We had quite a few after sales coming in and wanted to make sure they were in our total. Thank you to all the cooks, bakers, crafters, donors, volunteers and shoppers who helped to set up, sell, and pack everything away. We could not have done it without all of your hard work. Thank you to those who brought in friends and family members to help us out, too. There is a big article on the bulletin board outside the church office covering our event. It was published in the Observer Tribune last Thursday. Also posted is a sheet outlining the finances of the event. Presbyterian Women will vote on how we will disburse our money at our January meeting.

A very special thank you goes to the Noll family for supplying that glorious big tree in the CPC courtyard and also a special thank you to the Fricke Family and R&R Construction for providing the set up and lighting on the tree. It is a wonderful treat to see the tree lit as you drive down Main St. each year. Also a big thank you to the Fricke Family and R&R for providing the flyers and mailing for the Extravaganza.

Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy 2025. from Presbyterian Women

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., January 5	9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Children stay in church
	11:00 a.m.	Epiphany Brunch
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA
Mon., January 6	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	4:30 p.m.	Mon./Wed. Exercise Ladies
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tues, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	1:00 p.m.	Cultured Purls
	3:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Wed., January 8	9:30 a.m.	Healthy Bones
	4:30 p.m.	Mon. Wed. Exercise Ladies
	6:30 p.m.	Bells
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., January 9	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	10:30 a.m.	Quilty Pleasures
Fri., January 10th	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
Sat., January 11th	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts ~ Build a car
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, January 12th	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School ~ in kitchen
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Ringers & Youth Choir Councils Meet Scrip Orders taken
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA

The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted and it was also in the December-January Newsletter. Plenty of openings if anyone is interested in having flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday. Flowers are from Stony Hill Gardens and are \$42 for a Sunday. Checks can be made out to CPC and marked flowers in the memo line.

Keep the Chester Mendham Food Pantry in mind when you grocery shop. Items can be dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center. We continue to take on new clients and food donations are not back to pre-summer levels. Please do not ask what we need the most because we need a lot. We love it when you pick two or three like-items and purchase a bunch of those rather than a one of a lot of items. Here are some ideas: cooler weather food items, hygiene products, paper products, snacks and drinks, dessert ideas, etc. Please see the About section for collection locations.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS and CONSIDERATION

If you have any names you would like to have put on prayer list, please call the Church office and we will be happy to put the person(s) on the list, we would also appreciate a call or email to remove names from our list. Thank you for your consideration.

Donald U.
John & Kelly Savarese
Judy
Molly
Olwyn Shaffeld
Jackellyn
Pastor Dave T and Joan
Kellianne
Christopher & Michael
Kim
Paul and Robin
Jane
Janet
Annette
Pete
Ben
Valerie

Stephanie
Bill Hellriegel
Paula B.
Bruce Campbell
Gloria & John
Karen
Jack Bonacci
Jillian McDaniel
Joe and Ann
Hillary
Helen Jones
Sarah
Mary Lou Wynja
Bill L.
Tracy
RH
Jorge

Cindy
Declan
Jerry
Ethan
Tom
Joanne
Art
Bonnie
Jan
Matthew
Barbara
LC
Suzanne Pfaff
Ukrainian People
Liz and Bill G.
Anna
Andrea & Jay J.