

Welcome to our Worship Service! Happy New Year! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don't know and then introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Center following the worship service this morning

Our flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Tom and Karen Stewart in memory of Tom's parents, Howard and Rene Stewart.

Scripture Readings for January 11, 2026: Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Lay Assistant for January 11:	Deacon Christy Shepard
Ushers	Barbara Misar, Deb Madsen
Fellowship & Refreshments:	Dawn and Matt Siegrist

### **Church Announcements – January 4, 2026**

**2026 Pledge envelopes** are now available. They will be at the back of the sanctuary during Sunday services and in the lobby during the week. If you usually donate online, you will not have envelopes, however, blue per capita envelopes are available. Please utilize these when paying your yearly per capita, *which is \$44 for 2026*. If you currently are not assigned an envelope number but would like one, please let the office staff know.

Members who have recently joined our church, including this year's confirmation class, please look for your envelopes as well. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

[We are looking for adults to teach one or more adult Sunday schools in the new year. Please contact Christy Hemmes or Any Christian Ed/Parish Life council members if interested.](#)

**Join us TODAY for our first food event in 2026 ~ Our Epiphany Brunch** following worship. Let's continue the celebration of the reason for the season by gathering to share a special meal together ~ relax and enjoy fellowship, food, and your church family.

**Coffee Hour Sign-up for January – March** Hosts and Hostesses ~ Coffee hour is what you want it to be, as simple or extravagant as you wish. Someone usually prepares the coffee, and you provide the treats! If coffee is not made upon your arrival, there are instructions by the big coffee brewer on what to do. Do coffee hour as a family or with a friend... ~ Thank you to those who have signed up! It is an important fellowship time for our church.

Reminder to those who have **ANNUAL REPORTS** to work on, deadline is January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please get your reports in sooner rather than later.

**CPC Anniversary Committee** ~ The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> following our council meetings.

Please let Al Kopacka know if you will not be able to attend. Thank you.

**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](mailto:nbcase48@yahoo.com)) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **JANUARY 11, 2026**. Happy New Year!

**Book Club** met on Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> for a discussion of ***This Tender Land*** by William Kent Krueger. They chose ***Reading Lolita in Tehran*** by Azar Nafisi as the next book to read. They plan to meet on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for a discussion of the book.

Our 2026 Flower Calendar is posted in the Church Office. Flowers are \$42 per Sunday. Flowers are supplied and arranged by Stony Hill Gardens. You may choose to take them home following the service or ask that the Deacons deliver them to someone who could use a little cheering up. If you prefer to make your own arrangement, or provide flowers from your own gardens, just let us know. Thank you.

**BYG** will have a Retreat Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Community Presbyterian Church beginning at 5pm and ending around noon on the 10<sup>th</sup>. They will hold sign-up meetings at Lower Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3pm and Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

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.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun., January 4	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Epiphany Brunch
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA
Mon., Jan. 5	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tues, Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
	1:00 p.m.	'Cultured Purls' ?
	7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Wed., Jan. 7	9:30 a.m.	Healthy Bones
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	Aerobics
Fri., Jan. 9	9:00 a.m.	Garden Club
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
<b>Annual Reports DEADLINE</b>		
Sat., Jan. 10	5:00 p.m.	BYG Retreat at CPC
	noon	BYG Retreat ends
	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 11	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments
	11:15 a.m.	COUNCIL MEETINGS
		Anniversary Committee Meets
		Following the council meeting
	3:00 p.m.	BYG Sign-Up Meeting at Lower Valley
	6:00 p.m.	IPSA

**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.*

*Jose F. E. Hernandez  
Sharon Hooey  
Kathy Petrozelli  
Ron Lawrence  
Andy & Martha  
Frank DiTaranto  
Thomas Price  
Don Sluter  
Miriam Gonsiska  
Eileen Specchio  
Jess H.  
Daniel  
Ryan H.  
Joelyn  
Phil  
Tom & Valerie  
Art  
Heather A.  
John & Kelly Savarese*

*Judy  
Olwyn Shaffeld  
Pastor Dave T and Joan  
Paul and Robin  
Annette  
Pete  
Ben  
Valerie  
Stephanie  
Bruce Campbell  
John  
Karen  
Jack Bonacci  
Joe and Ann  
Hillary  
Sarah  
Mary Lou Wynja  
Bill L.  
Tracy*

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