

Sunday Worship

- † Sunday School for all ages
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
- † Worship Service 10:30 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship (Childcare is available during our Worship Service.)

Summer Schedule

- † Worship Service 10:00 a.m. followed by iced tea/lemonade fellowship

Meadow Lakes Ministry

- † Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Please join us this Sunday. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Our Mission

We, the Church, are called to be Christ's representatives in the world. Through our words and actions, we must challenge individuals to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. We believe God creates and sustains us, saves and liberates us in Jesus Christ, and transforms and empowers us through the Holy Spirit. Responding to God's calling and nurtured by the faithful witness of the Old and New Testaments, we joyfully claim membership in the Body of Christ.

In order to remain an active spiritual force in our rapidly changing community and world, we recognize the need to grow and nurture current and future members. We will expand our commitment to Jesus Christ through worship, education, ministries, programs and fellowship. Our Church must encourage and enable each member to find his or her particular gift for ministry.

We praise God that we are called to serve Christ in love. We invite others to join us in this calling.

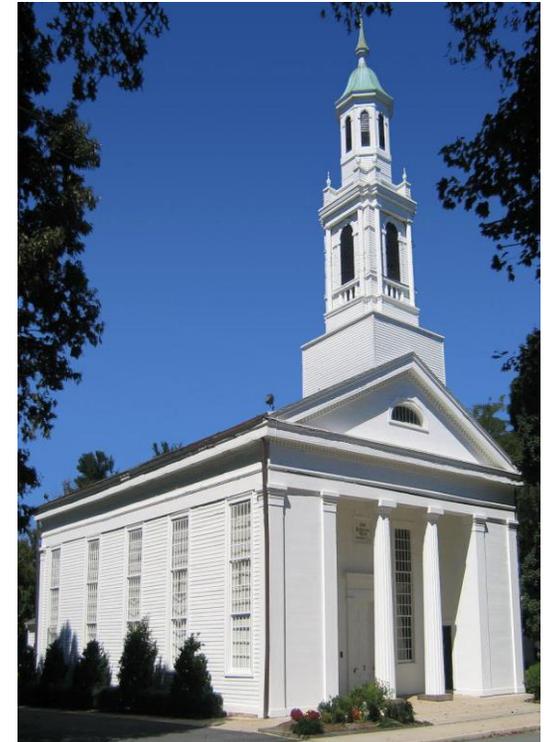


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The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, New Jersey

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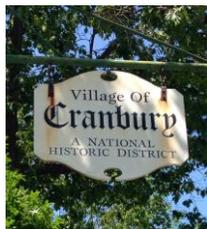
Come and Worship with Us

History and Ministries

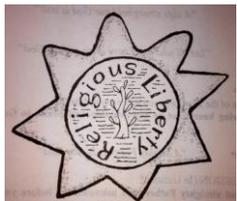


The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury dates back to at least 1734. Our sanctuary, which is on the roster of Presbyterian historic buildings, was built in 1834 and stands on the site of a sanctuary built 50 years earlier. There is a good possibility that at least some of the original 1788 foundation exists under the present structure.

In 1750, King George II granted a Royal Charter to the congregation. A copy of this charter is on display in the narthex. According to the provision of this charter, the trustees adopted a seal after their own design. On the center of this seal is the outline of a tree, representing the burning bush, the symbol of the Church



We have been a central part of the Village of Cranbury, NJ for over 250 years.



of Scotland, from which many of the people had come. Around it are the words: "Religious Liberty". It is the oldest documented seal of the Presbyterian

Church in the United States. The spirit and sentiment of these pioneers lives on, as people continue to worship Christ in this place. The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury is one of the founding churches in American Presbyterianism and a "mother church" to many of the churches in our area. These include: Dutch Neck in 1816; Perrineville in 1826; Jamesburg in 1854; Manalapan in 1856; Hightstown in 1857; Dayton in 1869.

Christian Education

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury offers Christian Education opportunities for all ages. We also have a well-stocked and well-maintained library which provides current and historical books and periodicals which are available to all church members.

Sunday School

Toddlers through 12th grade children and youth learn and grow in Sunday School classes tailored to their various ages and curiosities. Our curriculums teach God's abundant love and grace made known in Jesus Christ, and challenge students to respond to that gift in faithful discipleship. Classes are taught by dedicated teams of teachers who share faith and passion with students in life-giving ways.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is conducted one week each summer.

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS) is a non-profit Christian preschool founded in 1984. Programs are offered for 2½, 3 and 4 year olds. The CPNS Director is Mrs. Janice Parker. She can be reached at 609-655-8663 or you can email her at cpnschool@comcast.net or visit their website at www.cranburycpns.org.



Adult Education

Adult Education features a seasonal changing curriculum, with offerings for family ministry, small group Bible study and specialized topics.

Youth Ministry

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury offers a comprehensive Youth Ministry to our youth and their families. Middle School and High School youth groups gather on Sunday evenings for faith-formation, fellowship and fun! We participate in service projects throughout the year, including an annual summer mission trip. In youth group, we strive to #loveGod #lovenighbor #loveself.

Missions

We have a strong commitment to mission – to serve at home and abroad: church members volunteer monthly at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen; we have an ongoing program to supply food and other practical help in both chronic and emergency situations; and we participate in helpful service focused mission trips. Our monetary giving assists local needs based day care facilities and we contribute regularly to Camp Johnsonburg. Through church-wide Special Offerings, we participate in ministries of compassion, justice, education, peacemaking, and global witness. And we remain, as a congregation, in loving prayerful concern for one another.

Fellowship Groups

There are a wide variety of Christian Fellowship opportunities. These include:

Adult and Children's Choir
Adult Retreat
All Church Breakfast
Bell and Brass Choirs
Bible Study Groups
Martha's Circle
Dinners for Eight
Senior Breakfast
Senior Fellowship
Strawberry Festival
Women's Tea
Youth Retreat



The interior of the sanctuary at the First Presbyterian Church.