

# Oak Leaves

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All Are Welcome

## Saturday Advent Services

*A Savior is Born*



Join us on Saturday evenings during Advent for short, informal services of worship at

**5 p.m. in the Chapel  
November 27 - December 18**

Nursery Care will be provided.

Followed by a light dinner in Westminster Hall.

*Come experience anew the wonder, joy and love of the first Christmas like never before.*

For further details of these new Advent services, please see p. 2.

## Christmas Social

**December 11 from 5 - 8 p.m.**

*Sign up by December 5*

Come for an evening of great fellowship, hearty hors d'oeuvres and some Christmas cheer!



See p. 10 for details.

## All Church Advent Festival and Children's Musical



**Sunday, December 12**

3 p.m. – Crafts in Westminster Hall

4:30 p.m. – Children's Musical

5 p.m. – Chili Dinner.

See p. 7 for details about the musical.

**Come Enjoy Some Beautiful Music  
Sunday, December 5 at 4 & 6:30 p.m.**



See p. 8 for details.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

*To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior. ~Luke 2:11*

### Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Young Children's Service

7:35 p.m. Family Service

10 p.m. Candlelight Service



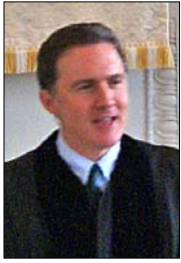
### Christmas Day

11 a.m. Christmas Day Service

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**Rev. Dennis  
W. Jones**

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*Dear Friends,*

Oftentimes the Holy Spirit works in ways that I did not anticipate!

As an antidote to the over-stressed, over-stuffed, and over-spent experiences so many of us have each year leading up to Christmas, on each weekend of Advent we are offering an informal service of worship in the chapel on Saturday at 5 p.m. It will include the singing of hymns accompanied by the piano, prayer, lighting of the advent wreath, Scripture, and a brief message thematically related to but distinct from the sermon that will be preached on the following Sunday morning. We envision it being 30 minutes long, for worshippers of all ages, and with an intentional effort to welcome our entire community. No robes will be worn and a more informal spirit will be encouraged. Our hope is that you will come as you are!

Additionally, and to add to opportunities for fellowship and building of relationships, we will serve a simple light supper for 30 minutes immediately following in Westminster Hall. We sense that this will make for a rich and more faith-oriented alternative to spending time and money at the mall.

The leadership of our church has prayed long and hard to discern how God might be calling us to offer some sort of alternative alongside our traditional services that are held on Sunday morning. The truth is that some folks simply can't make it on Sunday morning, due to work or sports or other family obligations. For some, our more traditional style of worship may not spiritually feed them as much as they wish it did. Our aim is to wholeheartedly welcome, and love, and encourage in their journey of faith, all people whom Christ draws into the life of our church. Christ calls us to nothing less.

Please pray that God will richly bless these efforts. Please pray that during these informal late afternoon Saturday services on November 27, and December 4, 11, and 18 – as well as during the rich and inspiring services that will be offered during Sunday mornings – that the presence of Christ will be felt and a place of welcome will be found.

See you in worship this Advent! In faith and love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis".

Dennis W. Jones  
Pastor



*A Savior  
is Born*

**Highlights from the November, 1 2010 Meeting**

**Upon motion by Shirley Klippel**, Chair of Children and Family Ministries, the Tree House Child Caring Center was granted approval for two fund-raisers: the first is to sell Tree House logo clothing, caps, and magnets for the Holidays, and the second is to ask Tree House families for an optional donation to go towards classroom materials and a future playground.

**Chuck Miller, Chair of the Mission Council, moved that** the Per Capita Assessment shown in the budget as part of General Mission, should be shown in the 2011 budget as a “Program” expense. Following preliminary discussion, the issue was tabled until more facts can be discerned on the background of the Assessment as it may or may not relate to mission.

**Charles King, Chair of the Personnel Council, received approval** for the Council to give gifts to candidates for the ministry under care of the BRPC session at the time of their ordination of a robe or the equivalent in value and significance and to pastors of the church at the time of their installation of a stole or the equivalent in value and significance. Session also approved the designation of a part of the compensation being paid to Rev. Paterson as her housing allowance as permitted by the Tax Code.

**Susie Krivenko, Moderator of Elizabeth Presbytery**, with Bobbie Arrowsmith as scribe, made a presentation seeking our church’s input on the Presbytery’s Mission Study. They are looking for ideas on how the Presbytery can better serve the church in fulfilling its mission. Many heartfelt and sincere comments were proffered by session. She expressed her appreciation for Session’s time and input and offered a prayer seeking the Lord’s guidance for our church.

**Written reports by various councils** were reviewed and approved.

Ashley Bastow  
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 Nancy Bedner  
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 Dorothy Dameo  
 Peggy Eicher  
 Jim Felter  
 George Fricke  
 Charles King  
 Shirley Klippel  
 John Kuhn  
 Chuck Miller  
 Linda Mills  
 Fran Mustaro  
 Claire Pratt  
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 Cindy VanderVoort  
 Ken Warman

*Moderator*  
 Rev. Dennis W. Jones  
*Clerk of Session*  
 Dick Fryling  
*Assistant Clerk*  
 Don Wadsworth

**TRUSTEES**

**Trustee Highlights from November 8, 2010**

**The financial reports through the end of October** were reviewed. Spending is in line with our budget. Approximately \$75,000 will be transferred from the endowment fund to the operating budget this month to complete the annual commitment.

**Cascade Tree will take soil samples** from around the Oak Tree to be sent out for testing. The tree is in a bit of a decline after the extremely hot and dry summer we experienced.

**The Youth Center renovation** is just about complete. Furniture is now on order.

**Jacob Mathew discussed the Strategic Plan** created by the Planning Council. The Trustees are committed to improving signage/directions for the church campus to support the “welcoming” aspect of the Plan.

Dick Bedner  
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 Dan Cokewood  
 Butch Cooper  
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Barbara Knudson	Patti Williams
Connie Ledder	
Jean Loizeaux	

### Providing Care Through Hospitality

One of the most important ministries that the BRPC Deacons provide to the congregation is to be supportive and to offer a place where a grieving family can receive condolences and comfort from church members and friends alike, following a memorial service or funeral. Deacons host receptions as a welcoming place where the family can receive expressions of love and remembrances.

It is the responsibility of Deacons to minister to those who are in need and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. So, Hospitality is central to the Deacon mission of congregational care.

The Deacons would like to include members of our congregation in this important ministry. Activities include offering coffee, tea, punch and cookies at the receptions, or providing home-baked cookies. This is a way to share your support to a family in their time of need. Please consider this opportunity. Please pray on it. Should God move you to volunteer, please call Helen Mallon at 908.647.2834.

## STEWARDSHIP 2011

### To Whom Much is Given

Hopefully, most of you have prayerfully considered and returned your pledge cards, and we ask that if you have not done so, please send them in today. We are so very grateful for your tithes and gifts to BRPC, its ministries and missions. There are many ways to fulfill your pledges, one of which is to gift common or preferred stock to BRPC. The transfer of appreciated securities qualifies as a charitable contribution and is tax deductible. Talk with your tax advisor to see what can work for you. Please call church administrator Janet Bentley (908.766.1616 x18) for details on how to proceed.



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## CHRISTMAS SEASON

### Order Your Poinsettias

Poinsettias will grace our sanctuary again this Christmas season. If you wish to contribute to the fund for these flowers, in memory of a loved one, please call the church house by Monday, December 13. The cost is \$15. We will list the honored names in the bulletin on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 19.



### Walk to Bethlehem - December 19

Join the annual Walk to Bethlehem on Sunday, December 19 at 4 p.m. A candlelight procession will make its way to four churches in town. Carols will be sung at each church and the Christmas Story will be told. The walk will begin at St. James Roman Catholic Church and will end here at BRPC.



**Feed My Sheep**

We hope that, by the time you read this, you and yours are preparing for a wonderful Thanksgiving feast with lots of varied foods and the joy of sharing it with family, and that you are looking gratefully toward an exceptional Christmas with all its blessings!

Unfortunately, many of our brothers and sisters do not have that prospect. Many of the hungry in our area can not afford the Thanksgiving banquet, and will have to decide between a Christmas feast and toys for their children. As the recession drags on, with many of the jobless running out of benefits, the demand on the food banks increases.

Could you make an extra contribution to the food bank at this time? Can you feed the Shepherd's sheep? It would be the greatest Christmas present you could give your less-fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

May our loving God richly bless your generosity!

**Christmas Gifts for the Giving Tree**



Our tradition of giving continues this year with The Giving Tree. Beginning November 28, Christmas wishes from the SCEEP students and shelter guests at Homeless Solutions will be hanging as ornaments on a Christmas Tree in Westminster Hall. Please visit the tree and select an ornament with one of these wishes. Purchase the gift indicated and return it to the tree unwrapped by Sunday, December 12. Your gift can help make this Christmas a happy one for our friends in need.

**Christmas "Cookie Walk" - December 11**



Take a walk around hundreds of homemade cookies and treats that are available for purchase by the pound to Benefit the Adult Day Center of the VNA of Somerset Hills. The Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 11 at 9 a.m. at the VNA of Somerset Hills Headquarters - 200 Mt. Airy Road, Basking Ridge.

**Thank You for Serving Meals**

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped shop, cook, and, serve dinners to the residents of Homeless Solutions in 2010. Your time and efforts were much appreciated!!



- Dan and Karen Cokewood*
- Hildegarde and Peter Fritze*
- Eric Gleie*
- Evelyn Gruening*
- Katja Gruening*
- Brad and Florence Henry*
- Amanda Hughes*
- Beth Johnson*
- Ellen and Roger Johnson*
- Betsy and Chuck Miller*
- Nancy Sinni*
- Jean Swanson*
- Annelies Walton*
- Suzanne Van Loon*
- Angela Welsh*

**Christmas Joy Offering**

This year's Christmas Joy Offering will be received on Sunday, December 19. Gifts to this special offering are divided evenly to assist both retired church workers and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges through the National Ministries Division. Look for special envelopes in the pews in December, and please give generously!



**Mission trip to Haiti  
Save the Date - May 20-29, 2011**

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting new hands-on mission opportunity. Cost is \$1250 plus airfare. Contact Dawn Cicchetti at 908.766.0708 for more information.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Sunday Morning Adult Education Forums



#### *Advent Series: Dig Deeper*

11:30 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 28 – Dec. 19, Led by Dr. Maureen Paterson

Advent leads us to the most wonderful miracle of our faith: the birth of our Saviour in a stable in Bethlehem. We (the Adult Education Committee) invite you to join Pastor Maureen for an informal and spirit-building discussion of that morning's sermon. Coffee and bagels will be provided. Please join us and share your interest and knowledge about this glorious series of events. We will meet in the church house parlor. Childcare can be provided if pre-arranged.

#### Sermons in Advent

**November 28**, Rev. Dennis Jones Preaching:  
*The Hope of Christmas: Hope Amidst the Storm*

**December 5**, Dr. Maureen Paterson Preaching:  
*The Peace of Christmas: Impossible Realities*

**December 12**, Rev. Dennis Jones Preaching:  
*The Joy of Christmas: Surprised by Joy*

**December 19**, Rev. Dennis Jones Preaching:  
*The Love of Christmas: God's Love Revealed in Us*

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study: *Pausing on the Road to Bethlehem*



As it does every year, Advent comes upon us much too quickly, and we get caught up in the whirlwind of activities and preparations that lead to Christmas. It will be January before we know what hit us. We will have rushed through another Advent, hardly stopping to take a breath and wonder at the good news of Emmanuel, "God with us."

Join us on each Wednesday morning in December from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to slow down and sink into the Advent season. All are welcome to come on this "advent-ure" with us as we prepare ourselves more faithfully to welcome the birth of the Christ child.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### Want more freedom and joy in your life?



Want to feel like you are really making a difference in the lives of others? Then Stephen Ministry might just be the thing for you!! If you sense that God has given you the gifts of caring and compassion, of love and mercy, and of patience and understanding and you would like to learn how to exercise those gifts more effectively in God's service, then Stephen Ministry training can help you to grow in your faith and in your service to others.

We will be beginning a new Stephen Ministry training class in February of 2011. The class will enable and equip us with the tools we need to bring Christ's love into the lives of those who seek his comfort and presence. For many years Stephen Ministers have quietly and faithfully been delivering confidential care to members of our congregation and community. For many years we have been blessed by this team of trained volunteers who support one another and learn from one another. Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to be part of this vital ministry of compassion and care.

For more information about becoming a Stephen Minister or to request the assistance of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Maureen Paterson (766-1616 ext. 11) or one of our Stephen Leaders: Joan Anson (647-9470), Jane Mahan (234-0605) or Helen Hoens (204-1962). Application forms to become a Stephen Minister are available in the Church Office.

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

### Guest Speaker at the December 16 Men's Luncheon is Dr. Peter Blank



Our next luncheon for men will be held on December 16 at 12 noon in the church house parlor. Please feel free to extend an invitation to men outside our church family to join us for a wonderful feast provided by chef Gary Ingram, and a fascinating talk by Dr. Peter Blank, the head of the NJ Center for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

We've asked Dr. Blank to talk with us about how men of every age can do some practical things to keep our joints and muscles working. Dr. Blank has worked with many people in our area, and brings an extraordinary knowledge of the newest surgical techniques and fresh insights in the field of sports medicine.

Call the church house to make a reservation. A great lunch is just a \$7 donation.

## SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

### New Small Groups

This year, small groups were created within Senior High Fellowship that are each led by a team of advisors and will continue to meet throughout the year. The groups were created to reach out to more students and to build an atmosphere of comfort and security to allow deeper conversations and more personal relationships. The groups will also allow advisors to be shepherds of Christ, serving as lasting, strong mentors for each child.

Senior High Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. If you have any questions about Fellowship, please contact advisor Pete Sorge at 908.295.8669 or any of the other dedicated advisors: Sarah Conway, Gary Ingram, Sherb Naulty, Betsy Stout, Sarah Stout and Steve Thomas.



Senior High Fellowship enjoyed some fall fun at the annual Haunted Hayride on Sunday October 24, 2010.

### December Fellowship Schedule

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>December 5</b>  | Oratorio Service                                    |
| <b>December 12</b> | Topic Night led by Sarah Stout                      |
| <b>December 19</b> | Christmas Party and<br>White Elephant Gift Exchange |
| <b>December 26</b> | No meeting, Merry Christmas!                        |

## CHILDREN



*Advent  
Festival and  
Musical  
December 12*

### "Light of the World" Children's Musical

Come to the Advent Festival on December 12 at 3 p.m., then join the children's choirs at 4:30 p.m. in taking the LIGHT out into the world!

The children will tell the Christmas story through this musical which combines original songs and familiar carols from around the world. Through narration, drama and song, the children will share how Jesus came to be the "Light of the World" over 2,000 years ago. The narration begins with the story of creation, turns to the prophetic words of Isaiah, and then recounts the events of Jesus' birth. Throughout the musical, a single burning candle symbolizes the light of Christ. This light is shared with the congregation at the close of the musical with an invitation to "take the Light" out into the world.



*O Come,  
Let Us Adore Him*

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A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 5, 2010  
4 and 6:30 P.M.

*Carols by:  
Sweelinck, Stroope, Rutter, Paulus,  
Fraser, Dobrinski and others*

Presented by:  
The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge  
Oratorio Choir, Knox Bell Choir, Instruments and Organ

Directed by:  
Mary Lou Stevens, Minister of Music  
Susanna Miller, Handbell Director

All are welcome.  
No ticket needed. A free-will offering will be received.  
Childcare (age 5 and under) available at the 4 P.M. service.  
Reception to follow the 6:30 P.M. service.



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Come celebrate the Christmas season at this beautiful service of music and worship.  
All members of the church and community are invited. Please tear out this flyer and pass along to a friend!

# Christmas WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 P.M. In this service designed for preschool children, we will witness the love that God has for all of us through carols, Scripture and song. The children's Cherub choir will participate in this service to help us recapture the beauty and the wonder of this amazing story.

7:35 P.M. Everyone is invited to the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the *Caroling on the Green* for this service designed for elementary school children and their families. Rev. Dennis Jones will share a Christmas meditation and the Carol and Spirit children's choirs will lead us in many favorite Christmas carols. All are welcome to come receive the wondrous news of the birth of Christ.

10 P.M. In this candle-lighting service, Rev. Dennis W. Jones will share a Christmas meditation and special music will be offered by the Chancel Choir and Alumni and by the Senior Choir. Following the lighting of the candles, we will lift our voices in singing *Silent Night* to welcome the Christ-child of Bethlehem into our lives.

*To you  
is  
born  
this  
day  
in the  
city of  
David  
a  
Savior.  
Luke 2*

## CHRISTMAS

11 A.M. Come dressed in your favorite Christmas attire – maybe a new sweater or your comfy pajamas – to this informal yet meaningful service where we will share a series of readings, our favorite Christmas hymns and will hear a Christmas message from Dr. Maureen Paterson.

## SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE

### Search and Shop at Goodsearch.com

**Earnings this year: \$200.03** If you are shopping on-line this Christmas season, your purchases can earn money for the church! This is a simple and free fundraiser through Goodsearch.com that can be used now and throughout the year. Just designate the "Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church" as the "group you goodsearch for" on their homepage and each on-line mall purchase earns, on average, 3% of the purchase cost. (Internet searches earn one penny each.) The Goodsearch mall lists hundreds of stores –Amazon, Ebay, Best Buy – so simply click on the store link, then make your purchases through the store's site as usual. Every penny counts, so please give Goodsearch a try!

### Recycle Printer Cartridges Here

We are recycling and earning money for empty inkjet printer cartridges through a program called Empties 4 Cash. Any inkjet cartridge (no laser toner) with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Bring in your empty cartridges (placed in the original box or ziploc bag to prevent spills/damages) to the church house office or place in the Westminster Hall collection box. Thank you for your donations!

**Earnings this year: \$212.60**

### Baptisms

**Alex Michael DeCou**, son of Michael and Samantha DeCou, baptized October 24, 2010.

**Ryan Elizabeth Fitzpatrick**, daughter of Reese and Janet Fitzpatrick, baptized October 24, 2010.

### Deaths

*Prayers of help and comfort for the families of:*

**Delano May**, (SCEEP tutor and Oak Tree Quilter), on her death, October 22.

**Wilson Kenney**, grandfather of Mia Stuart, on his death, October 31.

**Electa Baker**, former member, on her death, November 2.

**Allan Reeder**, on his death November 3.

**Mary Ward**, grandmother of Susanna Miller, on her death, November 4.

**Mary Alberton**, grandmother of Jason Pinto, on her death.

*If you would like to sign up for email notifications of losses in our church family, please contact Cara Burchett at 908.766.1616 x19 or cburchett@brpc.org.*

### Merry Christmas from Charlie Church Mouse



"DECK THE HALLS.."

(Charlie Church Mouse by Herb Ryder)

### Christmas Social - December 11 at 5 p.m.

*Sign up by December 5*

Fellowship Council, in concert with many others, has planned a wonderful adult Christmas Social for Saturday, December 11 from 5 to 8 p.m.! Jeff & Jane Sell have graciously offered to host the event at their home in New Vernon. Come for an early evening of great fellowship, hearty hors d'oeuvres including some of Joanne Howell's wonderful creations and, of course, some Christmas cheer! Look for the sign-ups in Westminster Hall Sundays through December 5; the cost is \$25 per person. We hope to see everyone there!



### Thank You Note from Kathryn Mustaro

*Kathryn is a church member who was recently ordained in our Sanctuary as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and will be serving as a pastor in Andover, NJ.*

Sincere thanks to the many friends and mentors who have nurtured my faith and have prayed for and encouraged me on my journey toward ordination. I thank God daily for the many ways I have been blessed by all of you: my family, pastors, friends and faith community. Special thanks to my husband, Fran, and daughter, Julia, for their love, support and patience; to the faculty and staff of Princeton Theological Seminary for challenging and kindling heart as well as mind; to Elizabeth Presbytery for spiritual discernment and guidance; to my sisters in P.E.O. for their support and affection; to Oasis Ministries for compassion, prayer and contemplation leading to joy and new life; and to my friends at BRPC for your grace, encouragement, and nurture.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Philippians 1:3

In trust and in faith,  
Kathryn Mustaro

### Looking for Help with Funeral and Memorial Service Receptions

This is an opportunity to provide needed support in helping congregation members during their time of need. The Deacons are looking for volunteers to support the Deacon Hospitality Committee, which provides receptions following funeral and memorial services. Responsibilities include setting up the refreshment station, serving the refreshments, and cleaning-up. If you are interested, please contact Helen Mallon at 908.647.2834.



**Upcoming Special Events  
Sundays in December**

**December 5**

*2nd Sunday of Advent  
Oratorio Service at 4 & 6:30 p.m.*

**December 12**

*3rd Sunday of Advent  
Advent Festival & Musical at 3 p.m.*

**December 19**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

**December 26**

*First Sunday After Christmas*

December 2010						
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**A Typical December Week at the Church**

**SUNDAY**

- Worship ..... 8:30 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday School ..... 10:15 a.m.
- Coffee Hour ..... 11:15 a.m.
- Book Group ..... 11:15 a.m.
- Adult Education Forum ..... 11:30 a.m.
- Middle School Fellowship ..... 5 p.m.
- Chancel Choir ..... 6 p.m.
- Senior High Fellowship ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Adult Small Group Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**

- Little Spirit ..... 3:45 p.m.
- Tai Chi ..... 7:15 p.m.
- Council and Board Meetings ..... 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

- Oak Tree Quilters ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Alpha Bell Choir ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Knox Bell Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Adult Small Group Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Women's Meditation Group ..... 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Spirit Program ..... 3:45 p.m.
- Senior High Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

- Boy Scout Troop #351 ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Men's Coffee & Conversation ..... 7:30 a.m.
- Advent Chapel Services ..... 5 p.m.



*Therefore encourage one another  
and build each other up, as indeed  
you are doing. The grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I Thessalonians 5:11, 28

**Statement of Purpose**

*Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church*

God calls the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church to be a living community and light to the world, guided by the Holy Spirit and transmitting God's love revealed through Christ Jesus. In response to God's call, we seek to realize the Kingdom of God as we

- WELCOME** everyone into our community with open arms,
- CARE** for each other both in times of joy and in times of sorrow,
- WORSHIP** together creatively and enthusiastically in gratitude to God,
- PREPARE** each other through Bible-based education and open discussion to
- SERVE** Jesus Christ as disciples in local and global ministry and to
- SHARE** our wealth, time, talents and faith with the world.

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## SERMONS AND SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2010



**8:30 A.M. CHAPEL — 10 A.M. SANCTUARY**

*In addition to the Sunday services listed below, join us on Saturday evenings  
during Advent for informal worship at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.  
See front cover and the pastor's letter for details.*

**December 5** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: *The Peace of Christmas*  
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12  
Sermon: *Impossible Realities* Dr. Maureen Paterson

**4:30 & 6 p.m.** Christmas Oratorio Services

**December 12** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: *The Joy of Christmas*  
Scripture: Isaiah 35: 1-10; John 15: 9-17  
Sermon: *Surprised by Joy* Rev. Dennis W. Jones

**December 19** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: *The Love of Christmas*  
Scripture: I John 3: 1-3, 4: 7-12; Matthew 1: 18-25  
Sermon: *God's Love Revealed in Us* Rev. Dennis W. Jones

**December 24** Christmas Eve (See page 9 for full descriptions.)  
**4:30 p.m.** Children's Service  
**7:35 p.m.** Family Service (After the Caroling on the Green)  
**10 p.m.** Candlelight Service

**December 25** Christmas  
**11 a.m.** "Come as You Are" Service Dr. Maureen Paterson

**December 26** First Sunday after Christmas  
Lessons and Carols Dr. Maureen Paterson

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