

INTERCESSOR LIST

- ◆ **Pink prayer request sheets** are available on the podium before worship. All are invited to write their joys and concerns; these will be shared with the congregation during the Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.
- ◆ **Names of extended church family and friends are added to the list for six weeks.** If you would like an extension at the end of the six weeks, phone or email the church office: 410-747-6180 or office@catonsvillepresb.org.

Your prayers are appreciated for those in our church family:

Family of Virginia
Katherine Crist
Samantha Enokian
Lockard/Dugan
Family
Tina Pritchard

Your prayers are appreciated for our extended church family and friends:

*Daniel W. Denton
George Paytas
Greg Ruchti
Jenny Taft
Michael Wheeler
*Elliott Wolf
*Jason Woolard

**Serving in the U.S.
military*

Your ongoing prayers are appreciated for our homebound members:

David Hardy, Jr.
Dot Kielman
Sandy Lord
James A. Nesbitt
Emma Pennington
Carolyn Respass
Janis Roberts
Pat Schwartz
Palmer Watkins

*To add a name, please
contact Rev. Kovacs
or Rev. Boulton at
410-747-6180.*

Life in the Community



For the week of November 19–25, 2017

We Choose Welcome!

Guest Preacher Today, November 19

We welcome the **Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd**, Minister Emeritus of The First Presbyterian Church in New York City. This is Barrie's third visit. He shared his poetry and prose during adult ed (9 a.m.) and is our guest preacher this morning. Barrie has preached and lectured extensively across the United States, Canada, UK, Europe, and Africa. He was named the William Belden Noble Lecturer at Harvard in 1995, and the prestigious Lyman Beecher Lecturer at Yale in 2002. Author of more than 15 books, Barrie's poetry appears frequently in such magazines as *Weavings*, *Christian Century* and *The New Republic*.

Christian Education

Please mark your calendars for The BIG Advent Feast: Sunday, December 3, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

At the BIG Advent Feast on December 3, we will be offering the opportunity to make advent wreaths for any interested member. Each wreath will cost \$10 to make. Please take a look at the models in fellowship hall, and let us know how many wreaths you would like to make of each design! Send your choices to Sarah Chame Martinez at schamemartinez@gmail.com no later than Sunday, November 26. We will collect money for your wreaths at the BIG Advent Feast. If you have any questions, contact Sarah at the email address above. We look forward to seeing you at the feast and making some beautiful wreaths together!

Christmas Eve Planning: We're looking for youth musicians, readers, and worship leaders for our 4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service. To help us start setting up a practice/rehearsal schedule, please contact either Dorothy Boulton or Doug Heist by Sunday, November 19th.

Growing in Grace: Adult Education Offerings.

9:00 a.m. in the library. Childcare is always provided.

November 19: Getting Ready To Get Ready. We welcome back the **Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd**, poet, preacher, author. Barrie will offer a look ahead, via poetry and prose, to the season of Advent, in spite of all those shopping days till Christmas. Copies of his book will be available for purchase after worship. Barrie will also be our guest preacher during worship this morning.

November 26: From Christ to Constantine. Embark on an exciting journey to the important historical places of early Christianity, starting from where Christianity was born, growing from a small movement called The Way to its eventual place as the official religion of the Roman Empire. The first of a six-part series (originally aired on PBS), this enlightening journey is full of sights and sounds that capture the essence of Christianity's early history and its incredible triumph against all odds.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: This fall we're exploring the nature of prophetic literature through some of the Minor Prophets—although there's nothing "minor" about them (they're just shorter compared with Jeremiah or Isaiah). We'll start with Hosea, and then make our way through Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, etc. We're reading Walter Brueggemann's classic text *The Prophetic Imagination* (Fortress Press, 2001 [Bring your Bible and join us on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the library.](#) We finish right at noon. *Led by Ken Kovacs*

Fellowship

Following the worship service **today, Sunday, November 19**, the Fellowship Committee will meet at **11:45 a.m.** in the **Church House conference room** to organize our annual BIG Advent Feast. All organized boards and groups of the church are asked to send at least one representative to this meeting with the authority to accept tasks and assignments on behalf of their group. Of course, the meeting is open to any member who wishes to help. *Reid Spearman (301-704-5199)*

Mission

Christmas at Sea Boxes: The Mission Committee is again coordinating the collection of gift boxes to be given to seafarers on ships visiting the Port of Baltimore. The committee will provide paperback New Testaments for the boxes, which will be wrapped at the Advent Feast, December 3. Here are other items that can be included (essentially all of which can be purchased for \$1 at a dollar store): ♦warm hat and/or ♦warm scarf or ♦gloves; ♦men's (or gender neutral) toiletries in their original packaging (almost all seafarers are men). Some of the following: ♦pens and ♦writing pads, ♦warm socks, ♦playing cards, ♦postcards of Baltimore, ♦small puzzle books that do not require fluency in English (such as Sudoku), etc. PLEASE, **NO FOOD**. Place these items in a standard size shoebox that should weigh no more than 3-1/2 lbs. If you are unable to do your own shopping, you can make a check payable to CPC and mark it for "Christmas At Sea."

Stewardship

Per Capita for 2017: \$34.15. To date, we have received **\$2,659** toward the 2017 yearly assessment of \$14,206. CPC pays this per-member assessment to the PC(USA) for administrative expenses of the Baltimore Presbytery, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the General Assembly.

Roster of Church Boards

Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Kovacs

Clerk: David Hutton

2017: Robert Burriesci, Vickie Lord, Megan Peercy, Reid Spearman,
Laurie White

2018: Raimon Cary, Wylene Davies, Cynthia Gunderson, Susan Krehbiel,
Jodie Virago

2019: Vitya Blay, Alison Enokian, Keith Glennan, Craig Hornig,
Ann Nickels

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Deborah Anderson

2017: Evelyn Hayner, Kristine Holmes, Richard Johns, Faith Mayange,
Aaron Plymouth

2018: Deborah Anderson, Jacqueline Hopkins, Kristin Koblisch, Ann Quinn,
Josephine Titanji

2019: Mary Blanchard, Judith Brownawell, Donna McAdoo-Bucher,
Eugene Wayne Ford, Agnes Schneider

Board of Trustees

President: John Dittman

2017: John Gaither, Jr., Norman Lazarus, Sandra McDermott, Susan Smith

2018: Gerald Brownawell, John Dittman, Joel Hutton, Todd Walther

2019: David Carr, Amy Oaks LoPresti, Gary Offutt, Carl Schneider

Envision Fund Board

Chair: Alex Hall

2017: Robert Cooper, Tracy Lantz

2018: Alex Hall

2019: Jeffrey Bolognese, Jeanne Mueller

Representatives of respective boards: Mary Blanchard (Deacons),
Amy Oaks LoPresti (Trustees), Laurie White (Session)

Church Treasurer: Hemi Lee Gallagher

Pledge Secretary: Marge Hetrick

Associate Pledge Secretary: Keith Glennan

Child Care Council

Co-Chairs: Meredith Keller and Christopher Coker

2017: Erin Flis, Meredith Keller, Lydia Reid

2018: Nancy Burke, Christopher Coker, Megan Long

2019: Jodie Mayes, Linda Meyer, Johanna Santa Rita

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

Actual Income as of 11/18/2017 \$ 451,885

Actual Expense as of 11/18/2017 \$ -456,630

Total \$ -4,745

The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends.

Retiring Our Mortgage through the

"Embracing the Vision" Capital Campaign as 11/19/2017

▶ Number of pledges to date	90
▶ Total dollar amount pledged	\$ 546,191
▶ Gifts received to date	\$ 618,582
▶ Current Mortgage Balance	\$ 22,309

Just One Can Plus ... Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Board of Deacons' annual Thanksgiving Food Drive **ends today, November 19**. We hope that you and your family will prayerfully join in contributing to our local food pantries so that others will be able to have a Thanksgiving holiday celebration. Here are some suggestions:

Canned fruit	Stuffing mixes
Canned vegetables	Instant mashed or scalloped potatoes
Canned pie filling	Rice
Boxed pie crust mix	Pasta
Corn bread mix	Pasta sauce
Baking mix (i.e. Bisquick)	Gravy mixes or jars
Cake mixes	Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
Brownie and cookie mixes	Fruit juices

All items can be placed in the wooden collection box in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please ask one of the Deacons. *Thank you.*

Deacon of the Day

There is a deacon available on Sunday mornings to help members of our church family and guests by greeting, assisting, and acting as a point person for congregational emergencies or special needs. The name of the deacon is in the bulletin, and he/she usually sits near the door leading into fellowship hall. Feel free to contact the Deacon of the Day or a member of the Board of Deacons with any issues or concerns. *Debbie Anderson*, Moderator

Annual Grounds Clean Up

Please join Scout Troop 306 & Cub Scout Pack 306 on Saturday, November 25, from 9:30 to 11:30. Bring a rake, gloves, & wear boots or closed-toe shoes. If some of you have a tarp and/or a blower to bring,

it will make the job easier. Light refreshments will be served around 11:30.

Our church grounds are extensive and many helping hands are needed to prepare for the winter season. Hope you will be able to join us for part or all of the morning on the 25th! *Thanks.*

This is also the first day of the Scout Christmas tree sale, so you will have a chance to make an early selection of a tree or to “look them over” before you choose the best one for you or your family. *Glenda K. Johnson* for the Scout groups

Community Event

The following program is being held at the **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum**, 300 Oella Ave., Catonsville. **Advance registration is required:** BannekerMuseum@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov or 410-887-1081.

Owl Prowl: Saturday, November 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Learn about the natural history of owls in Maryland, listen to their calls, and hike some trails as we listen for these nocturnal predators. Adults & children ages 6+. Nonmembers \$5/members \$3.

Calendar November 19–26, 2017

Sunday 11/19	Commitment Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Church School, ages 3 thru high school
9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, Library
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:45 a.m.	Peace & Justice Committee, France Rm
11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Committee, Conference Rm
3:00 p.m.	Concert by the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra, Sanctuary & Reception in FH
Monday, 11/20	
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Tutoring Syrian Family, Middle & High School Rms
Tuesday, 11/21	
9:30 a.m.	Needles Group, Library
Wednesday, 11/22	
Thursday, 11/23	Thanksgiving Day – Church Offices Closed
Friday, 11/24	Church Offices Closed
Saturday 11/25	
Sunday, 11/26	
9:00 a.m.	Church School, ages 3 through high school
9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, Library
10:30 a.m.	Worship

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The BIG Advent Feast

Sunday, December 3

5:00–6:00 p.m.	Crafts/Mission/Wreath-Making (with pre-registration)/Advent Discussion
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Worship

Growing in Grace: Adult Education Opportunities

9:00 a.m. in the library. Childcare always provided.

Waiting on the Word (December 3, 10, 17)

Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation in which the waiting itself is strangely rich and fulfilling. Its focus is on the coming of Christ—in humility in the manger at Bethlehem, in majesty as the fulfillment and finality of all things.... Poetry can help us fathom the depths and inhabit the tensions of Advent’s many paradoxes: past and future, dark and light, waiting and consolation, emptiness and fulfillment. ~Malcolm Guite

The Adult Education Committee invites you into this season of waiting through the gift of poetry. We’ve selected Malcolm Guite’s *Waiting on the Word: A poem a day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* (Canterbury Press, 2015), a beautiful collection of poems, ancient and new, to help us explore the richness of Advent.

Copies of *Waiting on the Word* will be available for purchase after worship, for \$10. The book is designed to be used as a daily devotional throughout Advent. On three Sundays in Advent, we’ll highlight several poems from the week and explore their meaning. Whether or not you purchase the book, feel free to attend the discussion.

Advent I: December 3: *Advent Sunday*, Christina Rossetti;
The Glance, George Herbert

Advent II: December 10: *Kenosis*, Luci Shaw; *In Memoriam XXVII*, Alfred Lord Tennyson

Advent III: December 17: *On the Morning of Christ’s Nativity*, John Milton; *Christmas (I)*, George Herbert.

Led by Ken Kovacs