



# The Chimes

November / December 2024

203 Years Strong  
doing Christ's ministry

## Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

### How does worship build up the community?

Pastors David Annett, Becky Bosarge and Chris Torrey have discussed the ways our weekly worship unites us as a congregation. We are thankful for those who sign up to be liturgists, for Karen Roberts and her ongoing music leadership, and to Bob Lees for making sure the online service reaches beyond the walls of our building.

This past year we welcomed a significant number of new members. Church attendance has gone up. We celebrate the increased energy we're feeling each Sunday morning. How do we build on that and lead Cranston into the future toward which God is calling us?

Beginning with Advent we look forward to deepening the sense that liturgy – a word meaning the work of the people – is shaping our congregation's life together, even as we have different voices in the pulpit week to week. We're open to your suggestions and plan to seek the guidance of the whole congregation in shaping our worship life together. Stay Tuned!



*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1)*



TEAM WORK

After Carol Porter's funeral in October we served a meal to the crowd who attended the service. Ruth Saylor commented, **"I've never seen us work better as a team."** There were at least five kinds of chili, with signs to identify each one. There was fruit salad, cake, so much good food, and a team who had everything ready when our guests arrived and stayed to clean up. Thank you to everyone who worked on this. What a tribute to Carol!

### Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship at  
10:45 am

- November 3—David Annett (Communion / Time Change)
- November 10—Becky Bosarge
- November 17—David Annett
- November 24—Chris Torrey
- First Sunday of Advent**
- December 1—David Annett (Communion)
- December 8—Becky Bosarge
- December 15—David Annett
- December 22—Chris Torrey

**7 pm Christmas Eve:**  
Tuesday, Dec. 24—David Annett

December 29—*To Be Announced*

### November / December Birthdays!

- November 3** — Helen Barkley
- 12—Griffin Bennett
- 19 — Madeline Bennett
- 21 — Jackie Nelson
- 24 — Annie Annett
- 28 — Jim Gibson

- December 4** — Debbie Clepper
- 7—Andrew Reed
- 7—Jan Annett
- 7—Mark Grippa
- 29—Kristen Annett
- 29—Steven Van Eman

### November / December Anniversaries!

- Nov. 26**—Jim & Janet Gibson
- Dec. 9**—Chris Torrey & Dawn Butler
- 11—Ken & Maxine Ellis

Let Jackie Nelson know if we can add your name(s) to the lists!

### ADVENT

Beginning on December 1 we celebrate the Season of Advent, dedicated to the great proclamation, **"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."** (John 1:14). The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions—past, present, and future. The four Sundays before Christmas prepare us for the Good News of Christmas! **Purple** is the color for the Season of Advent.



Cranston welcomes new members Cathy Kirschner (September 15th) and Todd Houston (October 6th). ***If you are interested in joining speak to Pastor David!***

The CHIMES interview took this issue "off" after eight straight issues with an interview! Did you know that you can read previous issues of the CHIMES on the front page of the Church website?

<https://www.cranstonchurch.org/>

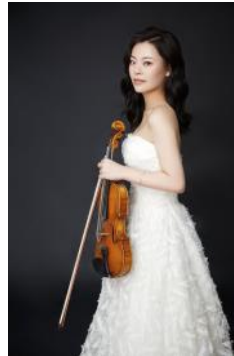
### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE  
Make yourself at home!

On Sunday, December 8th we welcome violinist Bo Yun Li back to Cranston as part of the morning worship service.



**New Richmond Area Ministries (NRAM)** continues to serve the community with the Food Pantry, currently located at the New Richmond Church of the Nazarene. The Thanksgiving-Season dinner for the whole community is being planned. We'll share information at Church on Sundays about when the meal takes place.



Please remember that 10% of every contribution in our offering plate goes to Missions!

In response to recent hurricanes, as a church we made contributions to the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church (near Asheville, and Montreat) and to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Learn more: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>



Youth Night resumes starting in November! Speak with Shannon Martin to find out more about our scheduled events at the church later this fall!

The Giving Tree returns this Christmas Season! Watch for details about how you can contribute to Christmas for families in need.



## More About Missions!

Ongoing support from Cranston Offerings supports The John Skeel Missionary Foundation (JSMF). The JSMF works primarily in Uganda, promoting personal self-development by providing local teachers who offer vocational training and adult literacy classes to those who actively participate and complete their programs. They substantially improve the quality of life for all through various initiatives such as adult literacy and vocational training programs, building churches and orphanage buildings, forest and farm projects, drilling and maintaining water wells. More information: <http://www.skeeljohn.com/>

**Listen for Announcements in November about our Winter Coat Drive, back again this year! Donations brought to the church will be delivered to those in need!**

*Thank you for Supporting our Missions!*



**NOVEMBER** is Noisy Offering Month at Cranston! Bring change (and bills!) to put in the cans the children will carry. All proceeds go to Heifer Project International. We've been holding this special offering for some time now. Every Sunday in November is Noisy Offering Time!



*The Noisy Offering*