

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY WITH HOLY COMMUNION

December 2, 2018 at 10:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

## *We Gather Around God's Word*

We invite you to please enter quietly during the Prelude and prepare for the service to begin.

*Prelude* "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling" by J. S. Bach  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

*Introit* Chancel Choir, Alison R. Nead, Directing

Welcome Rev. Chris Kile

**\*Call to Worship and We Light the Candle of Hope - Advent 1** - based on Isaiah 64:1-2  
The Legiec Family

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

**People: We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens and come down to save us.**

Leader: We watch for the day when God's name will be made known among the nations.

**People: We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.**

Leader: Come let us walk in the light of God!

**All: In hope, let us worship God!**

*\*Song of Gathering #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

**We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation** Mason Towery

God who is with us, and God who is coming still, we confess that we do not watch or wait for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us.

Jealousies, quarrels and ambitions command our attention. We hear your promises, Lord, but do not dare to trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming, so that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. In Christ's name we pray and offer our own silent confession...

*Congregational Response*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord  
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.*

Assurance of Reconciliation and **\*Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Everyone is invited to share Christ's Peace with one another.)

*\*We Give Glory to God (raising hands)*

*Glory be to the Father*

*And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

## *We Proclaim God's Word*

**Prayer For Illumination** Mason Towery

**O Lord, no one lives by bread alone but by your eternal Word. By your Spirit, make us hungry for this spiritual food, that we may live according to your will for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:6-11 (O.T. pg. 816)

Mason Towery

*Special Music*

*"I Will Magnify the Lord"*

*Cherub Choir, Beth Keat, Directing*

Children's Message

Beth Keat

Child care will be provided for infants to 2 ½ year olds in the Nursery on the first floor across from Thomson Youth Center. Children in Pre-K should go directly to their classroom. Children in grades K through 3 will be dismissed to the Chapel then go to their regular Sunday School rooms which are listed in the bulletin insert. All 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:67-79 (N.T. pg. 70)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Alive In Jesus: Promised Land, Promised Time"

Rev. Chris Kile

## *We Respond to God's Word*

*\*Hymn of Response #48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

*Offertory Anthem*

*"Jesu, Rose of Heaven" by Lippencott  
Chancel Choir, Alison R. Nead, Directing*

Mason Towery

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Chris Kile

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Chris Kile

**\*Invitation to the Table and Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed, Traditional**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

The Words of Institution

Communion of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Chris Kile

*\*Hymn of Sending #332 "Live Into Hope"*

Benediction

Postlude

Bob Grube

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

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**Mission Statement**

As the body of Christ inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be faithful disciples, living our lives as a testimony of Christ's love for all. We welcome diversity and strive to respect and care for all of God's creation. We seek to share God's Word and invite others to live Jesus' commandment to love one another as the Lord first loved us.

## Prayers of the Church Family

Pray for those in the FPCC Family facing health challenges and the loss of family members.

Pray for loved ones and friends of the FPCC Family.

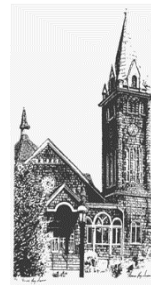
We pray for people all over the world who are seeking asylum or a better life for themselves and their families. We pray that as a nation, we respond to all people in need in a way that Christ would affirm. We specifically pray for children and parents separated at the border and for their quick reunification.

We pray for the youth of FPCC and the adults who are in their lives. Prayers for peace, understanding and love for all.

Please ask for God's daily blessing for all in need, for those serving in the military, for married couples facing turmoil, first responders, those in leadership of our nation, and for peace in our country and the world.

***Emergency and immediate prayer support is available for friends and family of the Church! Please join over 200 of us on the First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain. We would love to have you. There are no calls to make; simply receive emails and add them to your prayer list. We are here to help you with this special Spirit-filled ministry. To add someone, contact Linda Thorn at [lindathorn427@gmail.com](mailto:lindathorn427@gmail.com), at 908 358 8127.***

If you would like someone added to the prayer list, fill out a Prayer Request form in the pew or call the office at 908-276-8440.



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**TO REACH THE PASTORS** – Pastor Chris Kile can be reached via cell phone at 215-933-8805 or at [jckile@firstprescranford.org](mailto:jckile@firstprescranford.org). Pastor Chris' office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 2:30pm or by appointment.

## TODAY

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given by a daughter and family in loving memory of her mother.

**GIVING TREE** – Please consider helping someone in need by taking a tag, signing the clipboard and buying a gift. Gifts can be returned to the Tree on Sundays or to the church office at any other time. Gifts will be delivered on December 10<sup>th</sup> so they must be received before that date.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – at 3pm this afternoon! To be followed by pizza. See Marge Nicholls to sign-up.

**THANK YOU!** A very big thank you to all who donated turkeys for Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen. These tender turkeys will be made into Presbyterian Turkey Stew. This gourmet meal is prepared and served by the FPCC adult team and is a favorite of our guests. Thank you! Your kindness is appreciated.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Preschool Class Room 101 (1<sup>st</sup> floor of Education building)  
Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade Room 201 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education building)  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Room 202 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education building)

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Feeling INSPIRED?** Our contemporary music group is looking for new members, If you play an instrument such as bass guitar, keyboards, drums or if you like to sing, please get in touch with Alison Nead at [music@firstprescranford.org](mailto:music@firstprescranford.org).

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY** – All are welcome on Thursdays at 9:15 to 11a.m. in Mettam Lounge. Breakfast and childcare are provided. We are also looking for childcare volunteers. Contact Sabrina Legiec at 732-823-7684 or Ashley Kile 215-869-8325 for details.



**Socks and Gloves Sunday  
Sunday, December 16**



Bring a pair of socks or gloves to church the next two Sundays, to be distributed to the Homeless of Union County. December 20<sup>th</sup> is the Winter Solstice - the longest night of the calendar year. On that night, we will remember those who lost their lives, because they had no shelter from the cold at a Vigil for the Homeless at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield at 7p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

December 9 at 5:00pm: A Service of Healing and Hope - for all who have experienced loss and anyone who would like to pray for hope for the world at this holiday time. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

December 16 at 10:00am: Worship Service

December 23 at 10:00am: "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" by the Chancel Choir

December 24 at 4:00pm: Children's Christmas Pageant "Christmas Special Delivery"

December 24 at 8:00pm: Traditional Family Worship with Candlelight

December 24 at 11:00pm: Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

December 30 at 10:00am: Worship Service

December 31 at 10:30pm: New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk

**Journey to Wholeness** – The next Grief Seminar will begin January 13<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 202. Call Patti Williams to register at 908-709-1341.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

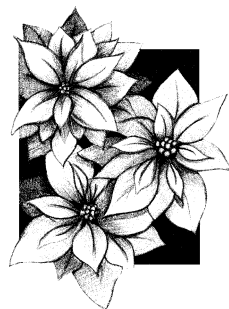
**I would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers**

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My envelope number is \_\_\_\_\_



**THIS WEEK AT FPCC**

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am	Bible Explorers Advent Study	Board Room
10:00 am	Worship – Chapter 14	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen Team #1	
1:00 pm	Labyrinth	Bates Hall
3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling	
6:00 pm	Grief Seminar	Mettam Lounge

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm	Operation Warm Heart	Bates Hall
7:30 pm	Service and Mission	Board Room
7:30 pm	Worship and Music	Church Office

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Rustic Mill Diner
7:30 pm	Personnel	Board Room

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 am	Mom's Bible Study	Mettam Lounge
3:30 pm	Caroler Choir	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Crusader Choir	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Jubilee Bells	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am	Women's Breakfast Bible Study and Prayer	Thomson Youth Center
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**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am	Bible Explorers Advent Study	Board Room
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
11:30 am	Deacons	Board Room
1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen Team #2	
5:00 pm	Service of Healing and Hope	Chapel Room 302
6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship	



**Operation Warm Heart still needs:**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:** One sewing volunteer  
**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>:** One overnight host  
**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:** One nurse  
**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** One overnight host  
**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:** One overnight host

Contact Catherine Felegi if you can help at [Catherine.felegi@gmail.com](mailto:Catherine.felegi@gmail.com).