

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

November 11, 2018 at 10:00 am

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *We Gather Around God's Word*

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

*Prelude*

*"Let All Things Now Living" by Wood  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

*Introit*

*Chancel Choir, Alison R. Nead, Directing*

Welcome

Rev. Janet Pederson

## **\*Call to Worship**

Lou Koehler

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.**

Leader: Bless the Lord's works, in all places of God's dominion.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

## **\*Song of Gathering #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

## **We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation**

Lou Koehler

**Merciful God, we thank you for your infinite grace and love and find comfort knowing that whenever we ask for your mercy, it is there. It is true we have not loved you with a pure heart, neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**In your great compassion, forgive our sins and the opportunities we have missed to love you and our neighbor through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray and offer our 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. Janet Pederson

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**

Lou Koehler

**Open our hearts and minds, O God, by your Spirit, that we may hear with refreshed hearts and renewed minds your Word prepared for us this day. Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:5-17,21-22 (O.T. pg. 498)

Lou Koehler

### Children's Message

Beth Marshall

Child care for infants to 2 ½ year olds will be held 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 8 will be dismissed to the Chapel then go to their regular Sunday School rooms which are listed in the bulletin insert.

*Anthem*

*"The Time For Turning"*

*Chancel Choir, Alison Ruth Nead, Directing*

New Testament Reading: Acts 16:16-31 (N.T. pg. 166)

Rev. Janet Pederson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Why Praise God?"

Rev. Janet Pederson

## *We Respond to God's Word*

**\*Hymn of Response #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Janet Pederson

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Lou Koehler

*Offertory*

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Wood  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

### **\*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. Janet Pederson

\*Hymn of Sending #417 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Benediction

Postlude

Bob Grube

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF CRANFORD**

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

*Why Praise  
God?*

The Ministers of the First Presbyterian Church, Cranford NJ:

The Entire Congregation of FPCC

Pastor and Head of Staff – Rev. John Christian Kile

Music Director – Alison R. Nead

Assistant Music Director – Elsa G. Hahn

Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.

Administrative Coordinator – Carol Thee

Sunday School Coordinator – Beth Marshall

**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 in memory of Issac Arlequin and in honor of all veterans and members of the Armed Forces by Betsy Arlequin and family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Pick-up will continue to be following the service at the classrooms listed below:

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)
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 301 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor of Education building)
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Conference room (across from rear of chapel)

### 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). The music is awesome and Inspirational to play as well as getting to spend time with a great group of musicians and rock out on occasion. Come and join the band!

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY** - Serving the hearts of mothers. We are proud to announce the beginning of a Mom's Bible Study at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. We will be following the program created by Karen Stubb's Ministry for Moms, *Birds on a Wire*. It is our goal to provide Godly practical advice and inspire each other in God's Word. It is a journey of motherhood for a mom who has a newborn, a mom to-be, or moms who are empty-nesters. No matter where you are in your journey of motherhood, come and join us on Thursdays at 9:15 to 11a.m. in Mettam Lounge. Breakfast and childcare will be provided. We are also looking for volunteers in childcare, so please contact either Sabrina Legiec at 732-823-7684 or Ashley Kile 215-869-8325 for details.

**SOCK REQUEST** - It is that time of year again. Cold weather is just around the corner and so is our gifting of socks to the guests that we serve in our mission programs. For our Warm Heart Guests and our Soup Kitchen Guests, keeping warm can be very difficult. This year Operation Warm Heart and the Soup Kitchen are collaborating with our annual sock collection. Please consider donating unisex warm socks to these programs. Just put your donation in the Soup Kitchen box by the Main Office. Our guests will be very grateful. Thank you for your kindness! Catherine Feligi and Jean Wands

**GAME NIGHT** – has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Thomson Youth Center.

**SAVE THE DATE** - for the Annual FPCC All Church Christmas Party! It will be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm in Bates Hall. Join us for a Pot Luck Meal, caroling, a performance by the Cranford High School Madrigals and the always popular Twelve Days of Christmas!

**OFFICE RENOVATIONS** – The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. A Boy Scout will be updating the office for his Eagle Scout Project. It should be finished for Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> when we will all be treated to a lighter, brighter office space.

## THIS WEEK AT FPCC

### Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Bible Explorers	Board Room
10:00 am Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am Deacons	Board Room
6:00pm Youth Fellowship	Room 302

### Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Observed

Church Offices Closed

### Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Operation Warm Heart Organizational Meeting	Bates Hall
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### Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, November 15<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
7:00 pm Worship Forum	Thomson Youth Center
7:30 pm Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

High School Retreat	Camp Johnsonburg
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### Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study and Prayer	Thomson Youth Center
9:00 am Craft Fair	Bates Hall

### Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - Dedication Sunday

8:30 am Bible Explorers	Board Room
10:00 am Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship	Library
11:30 am Worship Forum	Thomson Youth Center
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship – Middle School	Room 302

## Lord & Taylor Fund Raiser

Shop smart

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A SHOPPING EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL GROUPS

**25% OFF PLUS 15% OFF**

ALMOST EVERYTHING ALMOST ALL BEAUTY

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

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See Barbara Matten

**ADVENT STUDY** – A Study for Advent, “The Light Will Shine”, will begin Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the Board Room. See beyond the hustle and glitter of commercial Christmas to discover New Light in traditional texts and seasonal themes. Contact Mark Oricchio to register at [moricchio@verizon.net](mailto:moricchio@verizon.net).



# Artisan Craft Fair

Saturday, November 17th  
from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

All Handmade and Unique Crafts  
and Artwork!

FPCC Bake Sale  
Home Made Goodies!!

Get your holiday shopping done with  
beautiful handcrafted goods.

No need to go to the mall!  
Shop in Bates Hall!

## Operation Warm Heart

### Description of Roles:

- **Breakfast/Dinner Host:** Cooks and serves dinner for 17-23 individuals maximum (14-20 guests and 3 overnight hosts). Will be notified the Friday prior to hosting approximately how many people to cook for. Assembles breakfast bags for guests so that they can eat breakfast on the go.
- **Overnight Host:** Sleeps over at the church. Usually leaves by 7:45 AM. Is always partnered with a church member. We try to get three volunteers but always require two.
- **Nurse:** Gives "drive-by" medical advice (blood pressure, advising, etc). Must have proper credentials.
- **Lawyer:** Gives "drive-by" legal advice (domestic violence, evictions, job loss, SSI, etc). Must have proper credentials.
- **Behavioral Therapist:** Gives "drive-by" therapy advice OR can run a small group-therapy session. Must have proper credentials.
- **Social Butterfly:** Walks around and makes sure guests feel welcomed. Fills in roles as required.
- **Sewing Volunteer:** Performs minor sewing repairs. Feast or famine role. We have a sewing machine and all materials.
- **Hair Stylist:** Cuts hair and beards for guests. Must bring your own equipment, but we do have a chair to use. Must have proper credentials.
- **Fruit/Milk Provider:** Provides a half-gallon of milk (for coffee) and fruit of your choice for guests. Can be dropped off prior to Tuesday hosting.
- **Pop-Up Shop Helper:** Helps run the pop-up clothing shop (acts as a personal shopper for guests, notifies me if guests have certain needs, keeps things tidy).

### Roles Still Needed, Separated By Date:

**Tuesday, December 4th:** One overnight host, One lawyer, One sewing volunteer

**Tuesday, December 11th:** One overnight host, One lawyer,

**Tuesday, December 18th:** One nurse, One lawyer

**Tuesday, December 25th (still seeing if this date is feasible):** One overnight host

**Tuesday, January 1st:** One overnight host