

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

January 6, 2019 at 10:00am

Epiphany of the Lord

We Gather Around God's Word

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

Prelude

*"Andante Cantabile" by Widor
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

Introit

Chancel Choir, Alison R. Nead, Directing

Welcome

Rev. Chris Kile

***Call to Worship (Psalm 117)**

Skip Winter

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

People: Extol him, all you peoples!

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Song of Gathering #63 "As With Gladness, Men of Old"**

We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation

Skip Winter

God our Creator, you have made all things good, blest us in Christ, and called us to be your people, and yet we stray. Have mercy upon us according to your loving kindness, according to your abundant mercy. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew in us a right spirit. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us but restore to us the joy of your salvation 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. Chris Kile

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**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

Skip Winter

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 60:1-6 (O.T. pg. 844)

Skip Winter

Children's Message

Rev. Chris Kile

Child care will be provided for infants to 2 ½ year olds in the Nursery on the first floor across from Thomson Youth Center. Classes will be held for children ages 3 years through 3rd grade in their Sunday school classrooms. All 4th through 8th graders will remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Anthem

*"Gifts From Afar" by McGlynn
Chancel Choir, Alison Ruth Nead, Directing*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (N.T. pg. 2)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Sharing Gifts"

Rev. Chris Kile

We Respond to God's Word

**Hymn of Response #66 "We Three Kings" verses 1 and 5*

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Skip Winter

Offertory

*"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" by Callahan
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. 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

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!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Hymn of Sending #62 "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love"*

Benediction

Postlude

Bob Grube

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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Sharing Gifts

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! Join over 200 people on the First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain by receiving emails and adding people to your prayer list. To add someone, contact Linda Thorn at lindathorn427@gmail.com, at 908 358 8127, fill out the Prayer Request in the pew or call the office at 908-276-8440.

THIS WEEK AT FPCC

Sunday, January 6th

8:30 am Bible Explorers Board Room
10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
11:15 am Fellowship Thomson Youth Center

Monday, January 7th

7:00 pm Presbyterian Women Thomson Youth Center

Tuesday, January 8th

6:00 pm Operation Warm Heart Zion Lutheran Church
7:00 pm Children and Youth Thomson Youth Center
7:30 pm Worship and Music Church Office

Wednesday, January 9th

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

Thursday, January 10th

3:30 pm Caroler Choir Choir Room
4:30 pm Crusader Choir Choir Room
6:30 pm Jubilee Bell Choir Choir Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Room

Saturday, January 12th

8:00 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study and Prayer Thomson Youth Center

Sunday, January 13th

10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship Thomson Youth Center
11:15 am Deacons Board Room
6:30 pm Grief Seminar Begins

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**TO REACH THE PASTOR** – 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 to the Glory of God in memory of mothers.

**Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex.** If you have not been assigned envelopes and would like a set, contact Lou Koehler ([loukoehler1@yahoo.com](mailto:loukoehler1@yahoo.com)).

**“SHARE THE SPIRIT” FOOD COLLECTION** – As part of our preparation of the Lord's Table today we will bring forth an offering of non-perishable grocery items which we will donate to local food banks. Additional donations can still be made during the month at the bins across from the church office.

**THE “LOOSE OFFERING”** – Undesignated cash and coin given today and every Communion Sunday supports the Deacons' Fund assisting those in need in our community.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED** – Elders and former Elders are needed to serve communion on the first Sunday of the month. If you can serve, or have questions, contact Rob Berns at [roberthberns@gmail.com](mailto:roberthberns@gmail.com).

**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.