

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

February 3, 2019 at 10:00am

Fourth 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 "Communion" by Purvis
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Chris Kile

Introit Chancel Choir, Alison G. Nead, Directing

***Call to Worship** Amy Aaroe

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

Leader: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

Leader: The righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

All: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Gathering #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation Amy Aaroe

Eternal God our Creator, at your invitation we gather to commune this day with you and one another at the table of your Son. In our gathering, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God and forgive us all our trespasses. By your Holy Spirit, grant us your mercy, that hereafter we may love you more openly, follow you more earnestly, and serve you more fully, to the praise and glory of Christ Jesus, 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 Amy Aaroe

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: Proverbs 3:1-12 (O.T. pg. 720) Amy Aaroe

Special Music "This Little Light of Mine"
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. Classes will be held for children ages 3 years through 3rd grade in their regular Sunday School classrooms. Our 4th through 8th graders will remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

New Testament Reading: Mark 4:1-20 (N.T. pg. 46) Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Alive in Jesus: Jesus the Teacher" Rev. Chris Kile

We Respond to God's Word

*Anthem of Preparation "Come To the Banquet My Friends" by Cox/Stone
Chancel Choir, Alison Ruth Nead, Directing*

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering Amy Aaroe

Offertory "My Lord, What a Morning" by Haan
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 #332 "Live Into Hope"*

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

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Jesus the Teacher

Mission statement - As the body of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live God's Word and inspire others to embrace Jesus' commandment to love one another as the Lord loves 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! 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.



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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. 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 honor of Elders, Trustees and Deacons in recognition of their time and talent given in service to the congregation.

SOUPER BOWL – TODAY! The Youth Fellowship will be hosting the Souper Bowl of Caring during Coffee Hour. Homemade soups will be available for \$5 per pint. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Fellowship Mission Trip and the Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen.

Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex - Contribution envelopes are an easy way to make donations to the church. Labeled boxes of envelopes are in the narthex now. If you have not received 2019 envelopes, contact the Treasurers Office. Donation statements for IRS reporting have been mailed. If you have not received your statement, contact the Treasurer at treasurer@firstprescranford.org or 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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - The FPCC Adult Education Team is planning to offer a Lenten Devotional booklet as we did last year, and we are inviting members of the congregation to join us again. We are planning to publish the booklet and have it available for distribution by Ash Wednesday, March 6.

The Lenten passages will be taken from scriptures relating to the season of Lent. Participants will be given a passage to reflect on and decide how it resonates with them. They will then write a brief statement, or if they choose, use poetry, music or art to express their creativity. We hope that everyone will read and enjoy the personal messages in the devotional as we journey through the Lenten season.

We are asking that all statements be submitted to the Adult Ed Team or the church office on or before February 17. They will be incorporated into one booklet. We hope anyone interested will sign up soon so they may have time to write their statement.

If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact Betsy Koehler at 908-276-3297 or bearkoeh1@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT FPCC

Sunday, February 3rd

8:30 am Bible Explorers	Board Room
10:00 am Worship – Chapter 22	Sanctuary
11:15 am Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
1:00 pm Labyrinth	Bates Hall
6:30 pm Grief Seminar	

Monday, February 4th

7:00 pm Presbyterian Women	Thomson Youth Center
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Tuesday, February 5th

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

Wednesday, February 6th

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

Thursday, February 7th

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

Friday, February 8th

5:30 pm Pajama Bingo	Bates Hall
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Saturday, February 9th

8:00 am Women’s Breakfast Bible Study and Prayer	Thomson Youth Center
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Sunday, February 10th

10:00 am Worship – Chapter 23	Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
11:15 am Deacons	Board Room
6:30 pm Grief Seminar	