

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

February 24, 2019 at 10:00am

Seventh 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

"Psalm Prelude" by Howells
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Kile

Introit

"Amazing Grace" by Dobrinski
Jubilee Bells, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing

***Call to Worship**

Virginia Waters

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name.

People: Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations,

People: His marvelous works among all the peoples.

Everyone: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Gathering #477 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"**

We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation

Virginia Waters

Great God, abundant in mercy and abounding in compassion, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength; neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, and the praise of Jesus Christ, your Son, 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. Amen.

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

Virginia Waters

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Matthew 16:13-25 (N.T. pg. 22)

Virginia Waters

Special Music

"Keep Me As the Apple of Your Eye" by Kosch
Caroler Choir, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing

"Goliath!" by Martin
Crusader Choir, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing

Children's Message

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.

Anthem

"I Believe" by Miller

Chancel Choir, Alison Ruth Nead, Directing

This poem was discovered in a dark cellar in Cologne, Germany where thousands of Jews hid from persecution from the Nazis. "I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, I believe in love even when I don't feel it, I believe in God, even when He is silent.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12 (O.T. pg. 836)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Alive in Jesus: Jesus, Violence and Power"

Rev. Chris Kile

We Respond to God's Word

Welcome New Members

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

**Offertory Hymn #527 "There is a Place of Quiet Rest"*

**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*

**Hymn of Sending #179 "God Is My Strong Salvation"*

Benediction

Postlude

Virginia Waters

Rev. Chris Kile

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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"YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING GOD."

MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV



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, *especially for those about to be deployed*, 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 loving memory of a wife and mother.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

SAVE THE DATES! There are several upcoming events. They are:

March 10 at 10am – Gifts of Women Sunday and Bake Sale

March 16 at 7pm – Game Night in Thomson Youth Center

April 6 – Progressive Dinner – Contact Marge Nicholls if you would like to host dinner at your house

Watch for details in future bulletins!

PANCAKE SUPPER - The Youth Fellowship Team will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Bates Hall, Tuesday, March 5 from 5-7 pm. Tickets will be available from Youth Fellowship members during coffee hour.

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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL REPORT/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual Report was emailed last week to all members for whom we have valid email addresses. A limited number of paper copies have been printed and will be available on Sunday, February 25. The Treasures Office will distribute financial data separately The Annual Report is also available on the church website, without financial data, at www.firstprescranford.org It was prepared with a great deal of effort and cooperation of many people. It is available for members to become familiar with the information prior to the Congregational Meeting. The Stated Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is on Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the chapel immediately following worship. The Agenda, 2019 Terms of Call and the 2019 Budget will be emailed next week, prior to the meeting and a limited number of paper copies will be available on the day of the meeting. If you have not received an e-copy of the Annual Report or Agenda and would like one, please contact the church office: office@firstprescranford.org or Donna Graziano dagrazrdh@gmail.com.



The Semi-Annual Stated Meetings of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, NJ will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the chapel immediately following the 10:00am worship service. The purposes of the meetings are:

- a) *To receive and review the 2019 Budget, approved by Session on February 19, 2019.*
- b) *To act on Session's recommendation to approve the 2019 Terms of Call for:*
The Rev. J. Christian Kile, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
- c) *To receive the 2018 Annual Report*
- d) *To act on the Nominating Committee's Slate of Nominees for Church Leaders-Nominating Committee, Elders, Deacons and Trustees, Class of 2022 and any open positions*
- e) *To transact any other business that may come before the body.*

*Signed, Rev. Chris Kile, Moderator
Donna Graziano, Clerk of Session
Derik Bracke, Secretary, Board of Trustees*

THIS WEEK AT FPCC

Sunday, February 24th

8:30 am	Bible Explorers	Board Room
10:00 am	Worship – Chapter 25	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
6:30 pm	Grief Seminar	

Tuesday, February 26th

6:00 pm	Operation Warm Heart	Calvary Lutheran Church
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Wednesday, February 27th

6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast AGAPE Drop-off	Rustic Mill Diner
7:00 pm	Membership	Board Room

Thursday, February 28th

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, March 2nd

8:00 am	Women's Breakfast Bible Study and Prayer	Thomson Youth Center
9:00 am	Building and Grounds Day	

Sunday, March 3rd

8:30 am	Bible Explorers	Board Room
10:00 am	Worship – Chapter 26	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
1:00 pm	Labyrinth	Bates Hall
6:30 pm	Grief Seminar	