

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

March 3, 2019 at 10:00am

Transfiguration 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

*"Aria" by Martinson
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Kile

Introit

Chancel Choir, Alison R. Nead, Directing

***Call to Worship**

Tina and Vanessa Hechevarria

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

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Leader: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

***Hymn of Gathering #75 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"**

We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation

Tina and Vanessa Hechevarria

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. 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

Tina and Vanessa Hechevarria

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: Numbers 14:1-9 (O.T. pg. 164)

Tina and Vanessa Hechevarria

Children's Message

Rev. Chris Kile

Child care for infants to 2½ 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 3rd grade will be dismissed to the Chapel then go to their regular Sunday School rooms. Our 4th through 8th graders will remain in worship to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Anthem

*"The Table" by Alexander/Naish
Chancel Choir, Alison Ruth Nead, Directing*

New Testament Reading: Mark 2:1-12 (N.T. pg. 43)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Alive in Jesus: Making It Real"

Rev. Chris Kile

We Respond to God's Word

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Tina and Vanessa Hechevarria

Offertory

*"Cantilena" by Foote
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 #399 "We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"*

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

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Jesus

Making It Real

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 by Patti Williams in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Trackett, sisters Barbara and Jacque, cousin Bob and niece, Keri.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 16th – Ashes will be distributed at 6:30am at the Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Rustic Mill and at a worship service in the Chapel at 7:30pm. Men and women are invited to stop by the Rustic Mill for ashes and all are invited to begin Lent in prayer and worship in the evening.

Congregational Meeting

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, 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	

Monday, March 4th

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

5:00 pm Pancake Supper	Bates Hall
6:00 pm Operation Warm Heart	Alliance Church
6:00 pm Capital Campaign	Board Room
7:00 pm Service and Mission	Board Room

Wednesday, March 6th – Ash Wednesday

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	Rustic Mill Diner
7:30 pm Worship Service	Chapel

Thursday, March 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

Saturday, March 9th

8:00 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study and Prayer	Thomson Youth Center
11:00 am Memorial Service for Helen Baer	Chapel

Sunday, March 10th - Gifts of Women Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Begins	
8:30 am Bible Explorers	Board Room
10:00 am Worship – Chapter 27	Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
11:15 am Deacons	Board Room



Presbyterian Women understand the scriptures to implore us to be the hands of the Holy Spirit in the world. To this end, PW groups across the country are engaged in bringing justice, peace and comfort to those in need. Tackling local and national concerns, they are guided by the Holy Spirit, ever mindful of PW's purpose to strengthen the Presbyterian Church USA and be a witness to God's Kingdom on earth.

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First Pres Cranford will be celebrating "Gifts of Women" Sunday on March 10th. PW will be honoring their commitment to help others by holding a Presbyterian Women Sharing and Caring Bake Sale on March 10. All proceeds will go to PW projects such as:

- Elizabethport Resource Center
- Mencuel School, New Mexico
- YWCA Women's Shelter, Elizabeth
- Presbytery Hunger Programs.

Please support our efforts and play your part in helping others.

If you would kindly like to bake, please contact Karin Burk at 908-272-4791 or hjburk@comcast.net.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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