

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

July 27, 2014 at 8:30 am and 10:00am

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather Around God's Word

Prelude

Robert Grube, Jr. Organist

***Call to Worship**

Alex Lehner and Christine and Addison Eposito

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

People: And we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.

Everyone: Let us praise the Lord our God!

***Hymn of Gathering #274 "O God of Earth and Space"**

Leoni

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Almighty God, maker and preserver of all things visible and invisible, we adore you in your infinite majesty, and praise you for your wondrous love revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son. We confess that we have strayed from your ways, and followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have not always followed your will, neither have we served you diligently. Forgive us, dear Father. Lift us up, and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord in whose name we offer our silent confession...

Congregational Response

Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Rev. Chris Kile

***We Give Glory to God (holding hands)**

Gloria Patri

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.

Announcements

Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and legibly, pass it along and return it to its starting point. Be sure the page is dated.

Children's Message/A Time for Children

Child care for infants to 5 year olds will be held in the Nursery on the first floor across from Thomson Youth Center.

We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Alex Lehner and Christine and Addison Eposito

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open us so that as the Scriptures and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

String Presentation

Scripture: Romans 8:22-30 (N.T. pg. 192) Alex Lehner and Christine and Addison Eposito
Genesis 29:15-28 (O.T. pg. 32) Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message: "Lessons From Jacob: Assume(ing)"

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response #279 "Lord of Our Growing Years"

Little Cornard

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Chris Kile

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory

Robert Grube, Jr. Organist

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

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

**Hymn of Sending #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*

Sicilian Mariners

Benediction

Postlude

**Go In Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!
Christ Changing Lives**

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Happy are
those whose
help is the
God of Jacob,
whose hope is
in the LORD
their God.
Psalm 146:5, NRSV

Pastor and Head of Staff – Rev. John Christian Kile

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WORSHIP BAGS for children may be found in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please return the worship bags following the worship service.

FLOWER INFORMATION – For several years, Ellie of Cranford Florist has very faithfully created and delivered two bouquets to the church each week for worship on Sunday. She considers it a privilege to provide this service. She has with great regret sent notification that because of increased expenses, the cost of providing flowers each week will be fifty dollars beginning September 1st.

SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED – for August 10 and August 24. Contact Alison Nead at music@firstprescranford.org to volunteer. Please consider sharing your talents during worship at 8:30 and 10am.

PRAY FIRST – On Wednesday mornings at 10am, all are invited to join the staff and others in the Chapel for a half hour of silent prayer for the congregation and our ongoing ministry. If you cannot be present, you can join your prayers with ours wherever you are at that time.

HELP WANTED: Do you have a knack for organization, rallying together large groups and a passion for helping others overcome obstacles such as hunger? Consider becoming the coordinator for Cranford's CROP Hunger Walk. Last year Cranford raised \$10,000. If you are interested in playing a vital role in this life-altering experience, contact Cindy Hannen at 272-9133. This is sponsored by the Interfaith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy Council which consists of members from all houses of worship in Cranford and Osceola Church in Clark.

What's Happening at First Presbyterian Church this Week?

Sunday, July 27th

8:30 am	Worship	Chapel
9:30 am	Fellowship Time	Patio
10:00 am	Worship	Chapel
7:00 pm	Grief Support Group	Mettam Lounge

Monday, July 28th

9:00am	Vacation Bible School	
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Tuesday, July 29th

9:00am	Vacation Bible School	
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Wednesday, July 30th

6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Rustic Mill Diner
9:00am	Vacation Bible School	
10:00 pm	Pray First	Chapel
11:30am	Phyllis Snyder Memorial Service	Chapel

Thursday, July 31st

9:30am	Vacation Bible School	
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Friday, August 1st

9:00am	Vacation Bible School	
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Sunday, August 3rd

8:30 am	Worship – Communion Sunday	Chapel
9:30 am	Fellowship Time	Patio
10:00 am	Worship	Chapel
7:00 pm	Grief Support Group	Mettam Lounge

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**Megan Pringle honored by College Women's Club** - Megan, daughter of Dave and Laurie Pringle (and granddaughter of Ruth Pringle), was awarded a scholarship by the College Women's Club. Megan excelled in academics and sports, and participated in student government at Cranford High School. She has served as a Sunday School teacher and usher at FPC, and volunteered at the Elmora Soup Kitchen and other community organizations. Megan will attend the University of Miami.

#### **Please save Box tops and Labels for Education for the Menaul School in New Mexico.**

They sell the labels and purchase equipment for their school. On the last card received from the school we were told that they earned \$8000 for this purpose. Please give the labels to Mamie Parker or put them in the basket on the table in the Narthex. During the summer the basket will be on the table by the Chapel. Your contributions will be appreciated!



### **Back-To-School Shopping That Supports 1<sup>st</sup> Pres!**

We're in the middle of summer, but as every parent knows, back-to-school time is coming soon—and those school supply lists need must be filled! You can help support First Pres. Church by shopping for pencils, books and picture day outfits with Scrip gift cards. The back-to-school order form provides a great list of school supply and apparel retailers from Staples (notebooks and more) to LL Bean (for those great backpacks). Each gift card purchased through First Pres' helps support our ministries.

Order forms can be dropped in the collection plate on Sunday, or at the church office during the week. **First Pres. will place this special Back-To-School order on Aug. 16.** (Cards will be back the following Sunday for pickup.)

Thank you for supporting First Presbyterian Church!

If you have questions, please contact Christine Esposito, Scrip coordinator, 908-276-4099 or [cesposito@rodmanmedia.com](mailto:cesposito@rodmanmedia.com).