

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

August 3, 2014 at 8:30 am and 10:00am

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather Around God's Word

Prelude

Tyler Simko, Organist

***Call to Worship**

Anita Walsh and Amy Aaroe

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord

People: for all the good things God has done for us?

Leader: We will lift up the cup of salvation

People: and call on the name of the Lord.

Everyone: Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Gathering #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

Sweet Spirit

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Merciful God, as you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you, so we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your gracious Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray and 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. Liz Alexander

***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)

Anita Walsh and Amy Aaroe

Draw us in thy Spirit's tether, O Lord, for in your name we humbly gather around your Word, to listen, and then proclaim. Be in our midst, Lord Christ. Amen.

Special Music

Catherine Felegi, Soloist

Scripture: 1 John 4:1-6 (N.T. pg. 292)

Anita Walsh and Amy Aaroe

Genesis 32:22-31 (O.T. pg. 37)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message: "Lessons From Jacob: Wrestling With God"

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response #529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Union Seminary

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Chris Kile

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory

Tyler Simko, 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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Liz Alexander

***Invitation to the Table and Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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!

The Words of Institution

Communion of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Hymn of Sending "Come! Live in the Light!" (insert)*

Benediction

Postlude

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

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Assistant Music Director – Elsa G. Hahn

Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.

Administrative Coordinator – Carol Thee

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

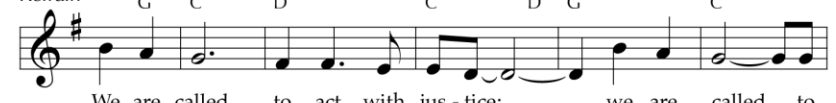


to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



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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 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: The Cranford Interfaith Council has decided to undertake the CROP Walk instead of letting it dissolve due to lack of interest for a host house of worship. It generates over \$10,000 for food supplies in our area. Cindy Hannen is hoping to recruit volunteers from each house of worship to work as a team for this cause. The walk will take place on Sunday October 19th. Former FPCC member, Mavis Serafin was a champion for Crop Walk from its origins.... so we need another Mavis or two... If interested please contact Cindy directly at Cindy@patwin.com or if you have some questions or would like more info contact Phyllis Howard at 908 931 0362.

“SHARE THE SPIRIT” FOOD COLLECTION – Every Communion Sunday, as part of our preparation of the Lord’s Table we will bring forth an offering of non-perishable grocery items which we will donate to Cranford Family Care. 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.

What’s Happening at First Presbyterian Church this Week?

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

Monday, August 4th

7:30pm	Personnel Meeting	Board Room
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Wednesday, August 6th

6:30 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast	Rustic Mill Diner
10:00 pm	Pray First	Chapel

Sunday, August 10th

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



Back-To-School Shopping That Supports 1st 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 must be filled! You can help support First Pres. Church by shopping 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 available 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.