A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD’S DAY
February 25, 2018 at 10:00 am Second Sunday of Lent

We Gather Around God’s Word
We invite you to please enter quietly during the Prelude and prepare for the service to begin.

Prelude   “Idyll” by Rheinberger
Welcome   Rev. Chris Kile
Introit    “Poor Wayfaring Stranger” arr by Waldrop Jubilee Bells

*Call to Worship
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
People: For His steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,
People: For His wonderful works to humankind.
Everyone: Praise the Lord.

*Hymn of Gathering #417 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Prayer of Adoration and Confession Mark Oricchio
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
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Assurance of Reconciliation and *Passing of the Peace Rev. Caroline Unzaga
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(Everyone is invited to share Christ’s Peace with one another.)

*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 Mark Oricchio
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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 (O.T. pg. 15) Mark Oricchio

Anthem
“The House of the Lord” by Ker Caroler Choir
“Go Down, Moses” arr by Emerson Crusader Choir

Children’s Message Rev. Caroline Unzaga
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 8th grade in their Sunday school classrooms.

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38 (N.T. pg. 53) Rev. Chris Kile
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Trusting in Righteousness” Rev. Chris Kile

We Respond to God’s Word

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
We Worship With Our Offerings
Call For Offering Mark Oricchio

Offertory Anthem “Timeless One” by Keveren Chancel Choir

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. Caroline Unzaga

*Hymn of Sending #84 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
Benediction
Postlude

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
Associate Pastor – Rev. Caroline Unzaga
Music Director – Alison R. Nead
Assistant Music Director – Elsa G. Hahn
Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.
Administrative Coordinator – Carol Thee
Sunday School Coordinator – Beth Marshall
Youth Fellowship Coordinator – Ashley Kile

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mission Statement
As the body of Christ inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be faithful disciples, living our lives as a testimony of Christ's love for all. We welcome diversity, and strive to respect and care for all of God's creation. We seek to share God’s Word and invite others to live Jesus' commandment to love one another as the Lord first loved 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.

Please ask for God’s daily blessing for those serving in the military, especially Sam and Nick Rosales, US Air Force, 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 for friends and family of the Church! Please join over 200 of us on the First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain. We would love to have you. There are no calls to make; simply receive emails and add them to your prayer list. We are here to help you with this special Spirit-filled ministry. To add someone, contact Linda Thorn at lindathorn427@gmail.com, at 908 358 8127.

If you would like someone added to the prayer list, fill out a Prayer Request form in the pew or call the office at 908-276-8440.

TO REACH THE PASTORS – 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.

Pastor Caroline Unzaga can be reached at the church office (extension 13), at 609-902-4487 or at caroline.unzaga@firstprescranford.org. Pastor Caroline’s office hours are Monday 9:30am to 1:30pm, Tuesday 12noon to 6pm, Friday 9:30am to 2:30pm.

TODAY

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given in honor of a special person as she celebrates her birthday this week.

New Small Group Study Opportunity – begins TODAY! This Lenten season, come explore spiritual practices that are part of everyday life, as presented by Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor in her book, “An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith.” We will meet in Mettam Lounge after worship. Open to all who want to deepen their faith.

PRAYER AND INSPIRATION TREE – Please come and use our Prayer and Inspiration Tree. As we journey through Lent, let us be mindful of God in our lives. Use the leaves provided in the basket near the tree to express where you have seen God in your life or where you hope to see God in your life or in the world. You may also have a special person you wish to remember in prayer or an inspirational message to contribute. We hope this will be meaningful to our church family.

LOOKING AHEAD

GREETERS NEEDED - The Membership and Fellowship team is looking for volunteers to greet people as they arrive for worship. Greeting is fun and easy! Greeters arrive at church twenty minutes prior to the start of the worship service to open the door and welcome fellow churchgoers with a smile, handshake and a friendly hello. We'd love to have your help. It is an important, yet easy way to improve our hospitality to all who enter our doors. Our dates are all filled through February so we need help beginning in March. If you are interested in greeting for one Sunday, please see or email bethkeat@gmail.com to find a date when your welcoming smile is needed!
2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - “All God's Creation is Very Good” is the theme for the 2018 World Day of Prayer celebration on Friday March 2. This annual event sponsored by the Cranford unit of Church Women United will be held at Saint Mark A.M.E. Church, 34 High Street. The hour of music, prayer and worship begins at 12Noon followed by a light refreshment and fellowship. All are welcome!

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL REPORT/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
The 2017 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 are available today. The Treasurers 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 4, 2018 in the chapel immediately following worship. The Agenda, 2018 Terms of Call and the 2018 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 4, 2018 in the chapel immediately following the 10:00am worship service. The purposes of the meetings are:

a) To receive and review the 2018 Budget, approved by Session on February 20, 2018.

b) To act on Session’s recommendation to approve the 2018 Terms of Call for:

   The Rev. J. Christian Kile, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
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c) To receive the 2017 Annual Report

d) To act on the Nominating Committee’s Slate of Nominees for Church Leaders-Nominating Committee, Elders, Deacons and Trustees, Class of 2021 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 25th**
- 8:30 am Bible Explorers
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Fellowship
- 11:15 am New Members
- 11:15 am Book Club
- 11:15 am Public Relations and Outreach (PRO Team)
- 1:00 pm Soup Kitchen Team #1
- 1:00 pm Nicaragua Reunion
- 6:30 pm Grief Support Group

**Tuesday, February 27th**
- 6:00 pm Operation Warm Heart

**Wednesday, February 28th**
- 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- 11:00 am Pray First
- AGAPE Pick-up

**Thursday, March 1st**
- 3:30 pm Caroler Choir
- 4:30 pm Crusader Choir
- 6:30 pm Jubilee Bell Choir
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:30 pm Special Session Meeting

**Saturday, March 3rd**
- 9:00 am Building and Grounds Day

**Sunday, March 4th – Gifts of Women Sunday**
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DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS:

It is that time of year again when we like to ask our Sunday School children to bring in supplies so that our older children can make Easter Baskets to donate to families that may be less fortunate. We will be putting the baskets together on Palm Sunday, March 25. They will be delivered to the Division of Children and Youth (foster care) as well as Cranford Family Care on Monday, April 2. We like to make the baskets diverse, so we ask that the children donate the following items:

- Pre-School – Small Stuffed Toys
- Kindergarten/1st – Bubbles & Chalk
- 2nd/3rd Grade – Coloring Books & Crayons (small boxes)
- 4th/5th Grade – Activity toys (like jump ropes & yo-yo’s)
- 6th-8th Grade – Candy (Individually wrapped and no nuts or peanuts please!)

We ask that some of our members donate baskets and grass.

Please bring in your items by 10 am on Sunday, March 25. If you are dropping off early, bring them to the office, outside the office or put them in the Sunday School office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Happy Easter to you and your family!

If you have any questions, contact me at bmarshall@firstprescranford.org.

Sincerely,
Beth Marshall

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Lord & Taylor Fund Raiser

All proceeds go to FPCC.
See Barbara Matten or call 908-858-4114 to purchase.
Please join us for our Spring Friends At Home Communion Service with Luncheon following on March 8th from 11am to 1pm in the Dorothy Snyder Chapel and FPCC Library. All are welcome!

RSVP to the office at 276-8440.