A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD’S DAY  
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  

March 11, 2018 at 10:00 am  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  

We invite you to please enter quietly during the Prelude and prepare for the service to begin.

Prelude  
“Canon in A Minor” by Schumann

Welcome  
Rev. Chris Kile

Introit  
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship  
Mark Cassidy

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;  
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Thou art our God, and we will give thanks to Thee;  
People: Thou art our God, and we will extol Thee.

All: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Gathering #485 “To God Be the Glory”

Prayer of Adoration and Confession  
Mark Cassidy

God our Creator, you have made all things good, blessed us in Christ, and called us to be your people, and yet we stray. Have mercy upon us according to your loving kindness, according to your abundant mercy. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew in us a right spirit. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us but restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray and offer our silent confession…

Congregational Response  
Mark Cassidy

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)  
Mark Cassidy

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  
Mark Cassidy

Prayer For Illumination  
Mark Cassidy

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by your Spirit, that we may hear with refreshed hearts and renewed minds your Word prepared for us this day.  
Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 (O.T. pg. 174)  
Mark Cassidy

Baptism  
Rev. Chris Kile

Words of Introduction  
Rev. Chris Kile

Presentation  
Elder Alex Lehner

Baptismal Questions for the Parents, Sponsors and Congregation  
Rev. Kile and Elder Lehner

Renunciations and Apostles’ Creed  
Rev. Chris Kile

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

Thanksgiving Over the Water  
Rev. Chris Kile

Sacrament of Baptism and Laying on of Hands  
Rev. Chris Kile

Welcome (unison)  
Mark Cassidy

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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.
We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response #309 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering
Offertory Anthem “Kyrie Eleison” by Bach/Sharp

*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 #376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Benediction

Postlude

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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, for married couples facing turmoil, first responders, those in leadership of our nation, and for peace in our country and the world.

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.

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.

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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.

TO REACH THE PASTORS

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given in loving memory of a husband and a sister.

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!

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TODAY

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JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS – HEALING THE GRIEVING HEART –The next seminar will begin on April 15th and will run for six weeks. It will be facilitated by Patti Williams and Virginia Waters. Sessions will be held from 4pm to 6pm in Thomson Youth Center. To register call Patti at 908-709-1341.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Here! VBS 2018 will be held July 23-27 and registration is now open! Children who will be attending K-5th grade in the Fall can be registered for $55. Discounts available for volunteers. Forms are available in the Sunday School office. Return forms to the church office or Sunday School teacher. Questions? Contact Danielle Bruno-Arlequin at dsbruno95@gmail.com or (908) 370-1590.

SOLIDARIOS - An Ecumenical Love Justice Interfaith Worshipping Community Service Please plan to join us on Sunday, March 25, at 3 PM, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 315 First St. Westfield 07090 for the first monthly Solidarios Interfaith Worshipping Community Service. The seed for this service was planted during the Nicaragua Mission Trip. Each month, a different “Saint” will be the focus of discussion, along with poems, readings and songs. Oscar Romero, who was assassinated while he was serving as the Bishop in El Salvador, will be the first “saint” presented. Others will include Nelson Mandela, Dorothy Day, Sister Maura Clarke and Martin Luther King, Jr. Kelli Bruno will be joining us to share her musical talents on March 25. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service. Contact Skip Winter ahwinterjr@aol.com with questions.

EASTER FLOWERS - Please help FPCC beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday with spring flowers and plants. Please provide your name, phone #, and dedication wording with your donation. You may use a pew envelope and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Your dedication will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Thank you.

Your Name ____________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________

Flowers Donated in Memory of:

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THIS WEEK AT FPCC

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Thomson Youth Center
Mettam Lounge
Bates Hall
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. 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

Please join us for our Spring Friends At Home Communion Service with Luncheon following
Now scheduled for March 22nd from 11am to 1pm
in the Dorothy Snyder Chapel and FPCC Library.
All are welcome!

RSVP to the office at 276-8440.