

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2019 at 10:00am

Second Sunday of Easter

We Gather Around God's Word

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

Prelude

"Lied" by Vierne

Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Kile

Introit

"Abiding Nearer to Thee" by Edwards

Jubilee Bells, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing

***Call to Worship**

Kate Bracke

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 #108 "Christ Is Alive!"**

We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation

Kate Bracke

God of grace and goodness, what we claim as our own, you create and give to us.

What we would use for ourselves alone, you entrust to us for the blessing of all.

Where we perceive scarcity, you provide enough for all. Where we grasp and

hold, you invite us to share. Where we privilege some at the expense of others,

you endow all with value, worth and dignity. Where we divide and exclude,

you invite and welcome all to the table. When we turn from your way, you love

us still. When we fall short, you make possible new beginnings. God of grace and

goodness, forgive us, renew us. Open us afresh to the leading of your Holy

Spirit. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and offer our silent

confession...

Congregational Response

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Assurance of Reconciliation and ***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Chris Kile

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** (holding 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

Kate Bracke

Loving God, we praise you for your Word which is truth. By your Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your Word that we may be guided all our days for the sake of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Presentation of Bibles

Rev. Chris Kile and Beth Marshall

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:27-29 (O.T. pg. 695)

Bible Recipients

Special Music "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "Kum ba Yah"

Helen K. Baldwin Children, Karen Dermody, Directing

Children's Message

Rev. Chris Kile

Child care for infants to 2 ½ 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 8 will be dismissed to the Chapel then go to their regular

Sunday School rooms.

New Testament Reading: John 20:19-31 (N.T. pg. 141)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "The Uprising of Friendship"

Rev. Chris Kile

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation and Recognition of Helen K. Baldwin Staff Laura Gardner and Rev. Chris Kile

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Kate Bracke

Offertory Anthem *“Christ Has Conquered the Grave”*
Chancel Choir, Alison R. Nead, Directing

**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

**Hymn of Sending #118 “The Day of Resurrection!”*

**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
Music Director – Alison R. Nead
Assistant Music Director – Elsa G. Hahn
Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.
Administrative Coordinator – Carol Thee
Sunday School Coordinator – Beth Marshall

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The Uprising of
Friendship

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 especially children and parents separated at the border.

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

We pray for members, staffs and communities of the three churches burned in Louisiana last week. They are St. Mary Baptist Church, Greater Union Baptist Church and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

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 in memory of deceased family members.
JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS – HEALING THE GRIEVING HEART –The next seminar will begin TODAY and will run for eight weeks on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the PrimeTime Room. To register call Patti at 908-709-1341.

LOOKING AHEAD

PUB THEOLOGY, a monthly gathering of thirsty and talkative adults needs a facilitator. If you would like to be that facilitator, please contact Mark Oricchio at morichio@verizon.net.
HANDBELL RINGERS WANTED! Do you love to hear the bells ring? Wouldn't you like to be part of it? Jubilee Bells needs two more ringers. Requirements? Must be able to count to 4 and to come to practice at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings. Positions immediately available. Come now and learn the basics before you begin in September. Contact Elsa Hahn at elsagailhahn@hotmail.com to volunteer or have your questions answered.

SUBS AND SERVICE – Everyone is invited to join the church family and wrap socks for the Soup Kitchen guests and eat subs after worship on Cinco de Mayo, May 5th.

SAVE THE DATES!

April 28 – Helen K Baldwin Appreciation Sunday
Grief Seminar Begins

May 5 – Communion Celebration Sunday – Officer Ordination and Installation

May 12 – Children's Cantata

June 2 – Teacher Recognition Sunday

June 9 – Youth Sunday

Confirmation Recognition

Strawberry Festival

THIS WEEK AT FPCC

Sunday, April 28th – Helen K Baldwin Appreciation

8:30 am Bible Study	Board Room
10:00 am Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center

Tuesday, April 30th

7:30 pm Session	Thomson Youth Center
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Wednesday, May 1st

6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast	Rustic Mill Diner
7:30 pm Personnel	Board Room

Thursday, May 2nd

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, May 4th

9:00 am Building and Grounds Day

Sunday, May 5th – Communion Celebration Sunday

8:30 am Bible Study	Board Room
10:00 am Worship – Ordination and Installation of Officers	Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
11:00 am Subs and Service	TBD
1:00 pm Labyrinth	Bates Hall
1:00 pm Soup Kitchen Team #1	
6:30 pm Grief Seminar Begins	PrimeTime Room



Easter Flowers 2019



A donation has been made by:

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Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School

The Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School was founded in 1956. The church chose to open a nursery school for members of the church and the community at large. Its original name was the Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School and it opened with 12 children in one, 5 day a week class. The first teachers were Mrs. Helen Baldwin and Mrs. Nellie Johnson. It was originally housed in the Sunday School classroom in an area roughly corresponding to the current Board Room and Mettam Lounge (which predates Memorial Hall).

As enrollment increased over the years, new classes, teachers and classrooms were added. In 1974, the church school and community united to honor Mrs. Baldwin for her 60 continuous years in the education of young children. It was on this occasion that the school was renamed in her honor, The Helen Klase Baldwin Nursery School.

In 1981, Mrs. Baldwin retired at the age of 89. Mrs. Mary Wells, teacher and Assistant Director, was named Director.

In 1991, Mary Wells retired after twenty-five years of service. Fifteen as teacher and ten as Director. She was replaced by Karen Dermody, who was a teacher at the school for ten years. In 2004 Karen Dermody retired, but continues to share her musical talents with all of the students. In 2004, the current Director, Laura Gardner was appointed by Valencia Norman and the Nursery School Board.

Current Teachers are:

- Kris Gerrity
- Joelle Gioioso
- Astri Myhre
- Lynda Coan
- Melissa Dowd
- Claudia Zuckerman
- Christine Smith
- Laura Dillon