

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2019 at 10:00 am

Fourth 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 "Andante Sostenuto" by Widor
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Chris Kile

***Call to Worship** Mason Towery

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing.

All: Let us worship God!

**Hymn of Gathering #469 "Morning Has Broken"*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession Mason Towery

God the birther of all creation, we worship and praise you for you have created all things good, blessed us in Christ and breathed into us your life. Too often we hurt each other and your world with careless words, selfish actions, and even our indifference. Forgive us, we pray, and renew our hearts and minds by your guiding Spirit, that we may hear your Word prepared for us this day and live fully and completely. We ask this in the name of Christ and offer our silent prayers before you now...

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 (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 Mason Towery

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.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3: 1-12 (O.T. pg.62) Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Dismissal Rev. Chris Kile

Childcare will be provided for infants to 5 year olds in the nursery on the first floor.

All other children will remain in worship.

(Insert) Litany of Dedication for the Caroler and Crusader Choirs Rev. Chris Kile

"Moses and the Freedom Fanatics"

By Tom Long and Allen Pote

Caroler Choir and Crusader Choir

Directed by Elsa G. Hahn

Ann Weeks, Pianist

"Chant of the Slaves"

"Slaves' Lament"

"Freedom Fanatics"

"Dance of the Frogs"

"Song of the Insects"

"Sing Unto the Lord"

"A Farewell Blessing"

"Freedom Marching Song"

Recognition of Choir Members and Presentation of Certificates

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Offertory

"Berceuse" by Vierne
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Mason Towery

***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 #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

Benediction

"A Farewell Blessing"
Caroler and Crusader Choirs, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped to make the Cantata happen!

Thanks to Ann Weeks for her endless patience and super accompaniment, to Rosemary and Terry Schultz, for sound, to Carol Thee for scripts, certificates and bulletins. Thanks to Moms and Dads for lines and support. And thank you to the children in the cast for their hard work in preparing for today!

Elsa Hahn

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.

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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 two houses of worship in California that suffered last weekend, Chabad of Poway and Escondido Orthodox Presbyterian 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.

Litany of Dedication of Children's Choirs

Rev. Kile: In our moments of greatest joy and deepest sorrow,

People: the gift of song softens our sadness and heightens our gladness.

Rev. Kile: We gather today to dedicate the choristers of the First Presbyterian Church Caroler Choir and Crusader Choir,

People: for they lead us in our songs of praise to the God who puts music in our hearts and voices in our throats.

The Chorister's Prayer

Crusader and Caroler Choir singers – Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in Thy temple, grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Congregation's Prayer

People: Dear God, as these singers learn to blend their many voices into one voice of joyful praise, let us see the joy of God in their eyes, to honor their present and their future, and find inspiration in their young voices and willingness to us in worshipping you. May they carry us into your Presence, O Lord, into that place where words fail and all turns to music. Amen.



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THIS WEEK AT FPCC

Sunday, May 12th- Mother's Day

8:30 am	Bible Study	Board Room
10:00 am	Worship – Children's Cantata	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
1:00 pm	Soup Kitchen Team #2	
6:30 pm	Grief Seminar	PrimeTime Room

Tuesday, May 14th

7:00 pm	Children and Youth	Thomson Youth Center
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Wednesday, May 15th

6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Rustic Mill Diner
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Thursday, May 16th

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

Sunday, May 19th

8:30 am	Bible Study	Board Room
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship	Thomson Youth Center
11:00 am	Deacons	Board Room
6:30 pm	Grief Seminar	PrimeTime Room

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 today in honor and in memory of all the Mothers and Daughters who have held us close with their love and faith.

LOOKING AHEAD

BIBLE EXPLORERS is starting a new seven lesson study, "Parables-Stories for Life in God's World". Jesus was the master of the parable! Deceptively simple, these timeless stories were used by Jesus to bring new life to old ways. Kerygma classes will discover God's truth for today's dilemmas. Bible Explorers meets Sunday mornings 8:30 - 9:30 AM in the Board Room. All adults are welcome. If you would like to join the group, please contact Mark Oricchio at moricchio@verizon.net.

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 moricchio@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.

SAVE THE DATES!

- June 2 – Teacher Recognition Sunday
- June 9 – Youth Sunday
- Confirmation Recognition
- Strawberry Festival

