

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

August 25, 2019 at 10:00am

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *We Gather Around God's Word*

Prelude  
Welcome

Mel Freda  
Rev. Chris Kile

### **\*We are Called to Worship:**

Carol Berns

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing.

**People: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!  
Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

**People: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and  
His faithfulness to all generations.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### *\*Song of Gathering #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Carol Berns

**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*

*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. Byron Leasure

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**

Carol Berns

**By your Spirit, Lord, as your Word is read and proclaimed, may the words of  
our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and  
our redeemer. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 103:1-8 (O.T. pg. 681)

Carol Berns

Children's Message

Amy Aaroe

Child care will be provided for infants to 5 year olds in the Nursery on the first floor  
across from Thomson Youth Center.

*Special Music*

Rev. Chris Kile

New Testament Reading: Luke 13:10-17 (N.T. pg. 92)

Rev. Byron Leasure

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Are We Free Or Not?"

Rev. Byron Leasure

## *We Respond to God's Word*

*\*Hymn of Response (Insert) "Sometimes a Light Surprises"*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call for Offering

Carol Berns

*Offertory*

Mel Freda

*\*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. Byron Leasure

*\*Hymn of Sending #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Byron Leasure

Mel Freda

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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**"Woman,  
you are set free from your ailment."**

Luke 13:12, NRSV

The Ministers of the First Presbyterian Church, Cranford NJ:

The Entire Congregation of FPCC

Pastor and Head of Staff – Rev. John Christian Kile

Administrative Coordinator – Carol Thee

Music Director – Alison R. Nead

Assistant Music Director – Elsa G. Hahn

Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.

*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: *College Students, member who has been deployed to Kuwait.*

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. Prayers for all our college bound students.

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 Rev. Steven Bryant and the First Presbyterian Church of Canton, Mississippi, whose active members were impacted by the ICE activities on 8/7. They are helping and doing Christ's work for over 125 families and for their neighboring church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which is also listening to God's Call in action and love by helping those impacted by the activities, again, many of their own active members. And most of all, let's pray for the children who have been affected by these raids.

**We pray for all college students as they begin the semester.**



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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](mailto: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 this week are given in praise of The Great Physician, who heals and comforts, and in deep thanks for my earthly doctors and nurses who took such good care of me during chemotherapy. A Member

There are several weeks available for flower dedications. If you would like to sign up or get information, contact Judy Bobucky at 272-3643 or [jbobucky@verizon.net](mailto:jbobucky@verizon.net).

**WELCOME!** Today we welcome Rev. Byron Leasure who will join us to lead worship.

**MUSICAL FAMILY** – The Hymn of Response today found in the insert was arranged by Alfred Fedak. His name is listed on the last line. He is the brother of today's organist, Mel Freda!

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### LOOKING AHEAD

**BIBLE EXPLORERS** - A new season of weekly meetings (8:30 AM in the Board Room) will begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We are currently studying the Parables of Jesus. All adults are welcome to attend - study guides are available. Contact Mark Oricchio at [moricchio@verizon.net](mailto:moricchio@verizon.net) or just walk in on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ROOTS AND WINGS COLLECTION IN SEPTEMBER** - It is that time of year again! Each September we collect gift cards for the Roots and Wings Program. **This preventative program, sponsored by the Congregational Church of Westfield, helps young adults who have been in the NJ Foster Care Program but have aged out at 18.** Roots and Wings provides a learning experience of occupational skills and independent living skills with the emotional support of a proctor. There are 10 students, male and female, presently living in 4 apartments in the area. Items of household living are needed to help maintain this program. **Your Service and Mission Team has decided, once again, to gather gift cards.**

If you would like to help, please purchase a **Shop Rite, CVS or Target** gift card in whatever amount you would like and bring it to church no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>. This year a new request has been added. **Uber** gift cards, are also available on gift card racks. Please give your gift card to Carol Thee or Jean Wands. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wands at 908-245-3394. Please help us to help these young people help themselves. Give them a fishing pole. Thank you.

Service and Mission Team

**NICARAGUA TRIP** - Planning is underway for the 2020 Nicaragua Mission Trip. We will be traveling from Saturday, January 18 thru Sunday, January 26, 2020. Please consider joining us as we work to assist those in need. Contact Skip Winter at [ahwinterjr@aol.com](mailto:ahwinterjr@aol.com) or (908) 625-9676 for more information.

**ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR** - The Artisan Craft Fair at FPCC is a great venue for craft artists to display and sell their work. We pride ourselves on being a handcrafted only fair and no direct sales or manufactured items are allowed. This year's fair is on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Bates Hall. Tables are 8' with chairs for \$30.00 each and each additional table for \$25.00. Contact Alison Nead for more information or reservations at 908-230-4794 or [neadsbeads@gmail.com](mailto:neadsbeads@gmail.com).

**THIS WEEK AT FPCC**

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship with Rev. Byron Leasure Chapel  
 11:00 am Fellowship Library

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Rustic Mill Diner  
 7:30 pm Members and Visitors

**Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

PresEvents Deadline

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am Worship Chapel  
 11:00 am Fellowship Library  
 1:00 pm Labyrinth Bates Hall

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day**

Church Offices closed

**FISH VOLUNTEER SIGNUP FOR OCTOBER 2019**

Members and Friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford:  
 Attention Former and Future "FISH HEADS"

You are Invited to Assist in the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of FPC's Dedication  
 To Serve Those in Need

From September 29 through October 12, 2019, FPC will be hosting guests in need of housing. Please consider the many ways that you might serve and assist women and children in need of loving care. The following service opportunities are available:

Saturday Morning, Sept. 28 – Set up comfortable and inviting rooms for our FISH guests.

Sunday Afternoon, Sept. 29 – Be part of a committee to welcome our guests.

Sunday Evening, Sept. 29 through Saturday Evening October 12 – Our FISH guests always enjoy a nourishing Dinner prepared by the wonderful cooks of our congregation. Meals are served at 6 pm. Please consider sharing your favorite recipe and joining our guests for dinner and fellowship.

Sunday Evening, Sept. 29 through Saturday Evening, October 12 - Hospitality is the backbone of our FPC Congregation. Please consider sharing the energy and care of your family from 6-9pm with our guests.

Sunday Evening, Sept. 29 through Saturday Evening October 12 - Two Overnight Hosts are needed each night from 9 pm to 7am. One host must be an FPCC member.

Saturday Morning, October 5 and October 12 – Prepare or Provide Breakfast.

Sunday Morning, October 13 – Transport belongings to the next Host Site and breakdown Fish Guest Rooms.

If Becoming a Member of the FPC FISH Family Excites You.... Please contact:

Lou Koehler at [loukoehler1@yahoo.com](mailto:loukoehler1@yahoo.com) for Overnight Hosting

For Dinner Reservations: Jean Wands at [wandsmj@aol.com](mailto:wandsmj@aol.com), Lee McArthur at

[bobleemca@gmail.com](mailto:bobleemca@gmail.com) or Phyllis Howard at [boohoward@verizon.net](mailto:boohoward@verizon.net)

Skip Winter for hospitality or inquiries at [ahwinterjr@aol.com](mailto:ahwinterjr@aol.com) or (908) 625-9676

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**YES - I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN FPCC "FISH HEAD"**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS (circle all that apply): Dinner    Hospitality    Overnight

## 800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



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