

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY WITH HOLY COMMUNION

September 1, 2019 at 10:00am

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *We Gather Around God's Word*

*Prelude*

Welcome

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

Leader: O Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

**Everyone: For the Lord is a great God. Let us worship the Lord!**

*\*Song of Gathering #486 "When the Morning Stars Together"*

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**You are holy, Lord. We sing our praises to you and glorify your Name. In your merciful presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are sorry for the many ways we have turned from you. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live in your light, walk by your ways, and exemplify your love, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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**

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**

**O Lord, no one lives by bread alone but by your eternal Word. By your Spirit, make us hungry for this spiritual food, that we may live according to your will for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51 (O.T. pg. 640)

Children's Message

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*

New Testament Reading: Luke 10:38-42 (N.T. pg. 87)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Can't Spell 'Good' without 'G-O-D'"

## *We Respond to God's Word*

*\*Hymn of Response #375 "Lord of All Good"*

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call for Offering

*Offertory*

*\*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

Kelli Bruno

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. K.J. Marks

**\*Invitation to the Table and Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed, Traditional**  
**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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

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

The Words of Institution

Communion of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**\*Hymn of Sending #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"**

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. K.J. Marks

Kelli Bruno

**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

Administrative Coordinator – Carol Thee

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. 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. And most of all, let's pray for the children who have been affected by this.

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



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### **TODAY**

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given in memory of deceased parents.

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. K.J. Marks who will join us to lead worship. Pastor K.J. Marks has ministered to the Body of Christ for the past 18 years beginning as a volunteer in youth ministry, serving on a large church's youth staff, being a solo-youth pastor, through his most recent role as Associate Pastor at Cranford Alliance Church. His educational experiences attending a private Christian school K-12 and then Grove City College for a BS in Biochemistry drive him to push up against people's beliefs, challenging them to question and think deeply about their faith, so that they would move beyond knowing about Jesus to knowing him and trusting him with their lives.

Pastor K.J. has been married to his wife, Erin, for over 16 years, and they have three children, Vanessa, Kyle, and Corinne. They are following Jesus by faith to become bi-vocational ministers on Long Beach Island. Pastor K.J. enjoys books, movies, and board games, and has a borderline-unhealthy obsession with Star Wars, donuts, and coffee.

**THE "LOOSE OFFERING"** – Undesignated cash and coin given today and every Communion Sunday supports the Deacons' Fund assisting those in need in our community.

**"SHARE THE SPIRIT" FOOD COLLECTION** – As part of our preparation of the Lord's Table today we will bring forth an offering of non-perishable grocery items which we will donate to local food banks. Additional donations can still be made during the month at the bins across from the church office.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**REV. BYRON LEASURE** – is available to meet with members of the congregation. If you would like an appointment, call Carol in the office to schedule.

**BACKPACKS** – Blessing of backpacks will take place next Sunday during the outdoor worship service.

**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, 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

### Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 pm	Service and Mission	Board Room
7:30 pm	Children and Youth	Church Office

### Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Building and Grounds Day

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Back To Church Sunday

10:00 am	Worship Outdoors	Front Patio
11:00 am	Fellowship and Bar-B-Que	Bates Hall and Patio

## SAVE THE DATES!

September 11 – Service of Remembrance at 6:30pm in Memorial Park or FPCC in case of rain

September 15 – Grief Seminar begins at 6:30pm

September 22 – Staff Appreciation Sunday

September 24 – Union County Day of Prayer at 7pm at Westfield Presbyterian Church

September 29 – FISH Guests arrive

**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