

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2019 at 10:00am

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *We Gather Around God's Word*

Prelude

*"Aria" by Callahan  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Chris Kile

Introit

*Chancel Choir, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing*

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

Kristine Farley

Leader: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

**People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.**

Leader: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

**People: For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### *\*Song of Gathering (White Insert) "Days of Elijah"*

Inspire Band

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

Kristine Farley

**Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you and so we now pray and offer our silent confession...**

### *Congregational Response*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord  
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.*

### 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**

Kristine Farley

**Gracious God, as we prepare to hear your word to us, quiet other voices that would draw us away from attentive listening and faithful responding. Grant us new understanding and insights to help us follow you more faithfully. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:23-32 (O.T. pg. 1038)

Kristine Farley

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Chris Kile

Childcare 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 class in Room 101. Children in grades K through 8 will be dismissed to the Chapel then go to their regular Sunday School rooms.

Anthem

*"We Thank You, Lord" by Besig  
Chancel Choir directed by Elsa G. Hahn*

New Testament Readings: Luke 18:9-14 (N.T. pg. 99)

Rev. Chris Kile

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Divine Mercy"

Rev. Chris Kile

## *We Respond to God's Word*

*Hymn of Response #171 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call for Offering

Rev. Chris Kile

Offertory

*"Be Thou My Vision" by Hebble  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

### **\*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 #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Benediction  
Postlude

Rev. Chris Kile  
Robert Grube, Jr.

*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 our college students, all students and their teachers.

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 ICE activities. And most of all, we pray for the children who have been affected by this.



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### **TODAY**

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given in loving memory of a mother from her daughter and son-in-law.

**CLASS ROOM ASSIGNMENTS** – Children can be picked up after worship in Sunday School classrooms:

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Room 201

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades – Room 202

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades – Room 301

Middle School – Board Room

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Semi-Annual Fall Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday October 27, 2019 following the 10:00 am Worship Service.

The purpose of the meeting is:

- a) Approve the minutes of the Semi-Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation Sunday, March 3, 2019, Special Congregational Meeting of April 7, 2019,
- b) To introduce the 2020 Stewardship campaign
- c) To elect candidates to the Nominating Committee
- d) To receive a report from the Board of Trustees

Signed: Rev. Chris Kile, Moderator, Donna Graziano, Clerk of Session  
Derik Bracke, President & Secretary, Board of Trustees

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We congratulate Skip Winter, who received the Community Access Unlimited Ira Geller Award on October 24th, in recognition of his volunteer work with the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council. Thank you Skip, for your ministry!

## 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.

**SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND** – MVF (The Members, Visitors and Fellowship team) is seeking team players to join fellow members who are focusing on making an impact on our members, visitors and congregation through fellowship and fun here at FPCC. The MVF committee meets once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. For more details and information, please contact Phyllis Howard at 908-931-0362 or Rev Chris.

**SOCK REQUEST** - It is that time of year again. Cold weather is just around the corner and so is our gifting of socks to the guests that we serve in our mission programs. For our Warm Heart Guests and our Soup Kitchen Guests, keeping warm can be a very difficult thing. Socks are necessary to keep our feet warm and dry. This year Operation Warm Heart and the Soup Kitchen are collaborating on our annual Sock Collection. Please consider donating warm unisex socks. Put your donation in the Soup Kitchen box by the Main Office. Our guests will be very grateful and so are we! Thank you for your kindness, Catherine Felegi and Jean Wands, program coordinators.

**ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR** - The Artisan Craft Fair at FPCC will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Bates Hall.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** If you are willing to spend a few hours this school year teaching God's young people, call the church office. All materials will be provided and the commitment would be for teaching a class monthly or being a substitute teacher when needed. Also, there are several weeks available in the Nursery for care of infants to 2 ½ year olds during worship. Please consider helping these very important ministries.

**ARE YOU INSPIRED?** Do you tap your toes and sing with gusto with the **Inspire Band**? If you're thinking that you'd like to be up there, too--please do! The Band would love to have you, old or young, and especially if you're a drummer or keyboard artist. The band practices Sundays at 9am in the sanctuary. If you'd like more info, you can contact Laura or Al Simone or Chris Kile. Please come!

Also - Chancel Choir would love to have you, too! It meets in the music room THURSDAY EVENINGS from 7:30-8:30. You are welcome to join us!

**FROM PASTOR CHRIS** - Just a reminder that I'll be away for continuing education at the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (Lombard IL) from the evening of Sunday, 10/27 to Wednesday 10/30, followed by one day of vacation Thursday 10/31 back at home.

For pastoral emergencies:

10/27-10/29: Rev. Jeremy Jinkins of Westfield Pres. at (908) 233-0301

10/30-10/31: Rev. Ken Macari (Honorably Retired) at (732) 501-6373

## THIS WEEK AT FPCC

### Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Congregational Meeting

6:30 pm Youth Fellowship

6:30 pm Grief Seminar

### Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:30 pm Caroler Choir

4:30 pm Crusader Choir

6:30 pm Jubilee Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am Work Day

### Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

1:00 pm Labyrinth

6:30 pm Grief Seminar

6:30 pm Youth Fellowship

Sanctuary  
Thomson Youth Center

Chapel

Rustic Mill Diner  
Choir Room  
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Bates Hall  
Chapel

**“Days of Elijah” by Robin Mark**

*Verse 1:*

These are the days of Elijah,  
declaring the Word of the Lord.  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,  
righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trials,  
of famine and darkness and sword;  
still we are the voice in the desert crying  
“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!”

*Refrain:*

Behold He comes,  
riding on the clouds,  
shining like the sun  
at the trumpet’s call;  
lift your voice,  
it’s the year of jubilee  
and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes!

*Verse 2:*

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of your servant Cyrus  
rebuilding a temple of praise;  
and these are the days of the harvest,  
the fields are as white in the world;  
and we are the laborers in your vineyard,  
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*Bridge:*

There’s no God like Jehovah! (4x)

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