

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

February 16, 2020 at 10:00am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *We Gather Around God's Word*

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

*Prelude* "Andante (Chanson de Nuit)" by Elgar  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Welcome Rev. Chris Kile

*Introit* Chancel Choir, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing

\*Call to Worship Carol Berns

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**People: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,

**People: For His wonderful works to humankind.**

**Everyone: Praise the Lord.**

\*Hymn of Gathering (white insert) "I Will Follow"

We Are Called to Confession and Reconciliation Carol Berns

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. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for turning 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*

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here.*

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here.*

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here.*

*O, Lord, come by here.*

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 Carol Berns

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open us so that as the Scriptures and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (O.T. pg. 233) Carol Berns

Baptism

Words of Introduction Rev. Chris Kile

Presentation Elder Mark Oricchio

Baptismal Questions for the Parents, Sponsors and Congregation

Rev. Chris Kile and Elder Mark Oricchio

Renunciations and Apostles' Creed Rev. Chris Kile

**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**

Thanksgiving Over the Water Rev. Chris Kile

Sacrament of Baptism and Laying on of Hands

Welcome (unison)

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

Children's Message Daniel Velez

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 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

*"Simple Praise" by Cortney*

*Chancel Choir, Elsa G. Hahn, Directing*

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (N.T. pg. 203)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Choices"

Rev. Chris Kile

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***We Respond to God's Word***

***\*Hymn of Response (white insert) "I Will Come To You"***

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

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Offertory "Canzona (Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)" by Purvis  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

Carol Berns

***\*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 #467 "How Great Thou Art"***

Benediction

Postlude

Bob Grube

***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  
Director of Children, Youth and Families - Daniel Velez-Acevedo  
Music Director – Alison R. Nead  
Assistant Music Director– Elsa G. Hahn  
Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.  
Office Administrator – Carol Thee

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**Choices**

***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. We pray for God's 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.

*Emergency and immediate prayer support is available for friends and family of the Church! Join over 200 of us on the First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain. To add someone, contact Linda Thorn at [lindathorn427@gmail.com](mailto:lindathorn427@gmail.com), or at 908 358 8127.*

**LENTEN YOGA:** The 7-week yoga practice is coming together. The cost will be \$10 per week. We will have a professional yogi to lead us in basic poses, with chair yoga adaptations. We need a minimum of 10 people to sign up. PLEASE LET AMY AAROE KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE PART. (908-403-5321)



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### TODAY

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given in loving memory of a wife and mother from her family.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you, small quiet words, yet they mean so much. On Super Bowl Sunday \$668.15 was raised for the Cranford/Elmora Soup Kitchen. A very appreciative thank you to the Children and Youth Team and the Youth Group for planning and implementing this event. It took a lot of work and planning to carry out. A very appreciative thank you to all of you for purchasing soup and chili to be enjoyed by your families and which helps us with our ongoing concerns with funding. An additional thank you to this warm and caring congregation for your constant encouragement and support of the Soup Kitchen Program. From donating hams and turkeys, cooking and cutting and freezing bags of turkey meat, donating socks, gloves, and supermarket bags used for bagging bread for our guests to take home, to anything we ask for. You are always there supporting us. Thank you are two small quiet words but are the only ones that express our appreciation and love for this church family.

May God Bless You All!

The Mission Team

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Registration for Youth Confirmation 2020 is Open!** Do you have questions regarding God, faith, the bible, church, baptism and how it all ties in with your life and the world around you? Well, we are here to help and to walk with you in your faith journey. One of the ways we do this is through Confirmation. If you want to register or have any questions, please email Daniel A. Velez at [daniel@firstprescranford.org](mailto:daniel@firstprescranford.org). Must be 13 or older to attend Confirmation classes.

**YOU ARE INVITED!** After worship on Sunday, February 23, we will have a Farewell Reception for Pastor Chris and family. Come wish him well and share in a brunch with light refreshments. Meet in Thomson Youth Center. If you need assistance managing the stairs, please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

## THIS WEEK AT FPCC

### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Bible Explorers  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
6:30 pm Grief Seminar

Board Room  
Sanctuary  
Thomson Youth Center

### Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Presidents' Day

Church Offices closed

### Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Operation Warm Heart  
7:30 pm Session

TBD  
Thomson Youth Center

### Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Members and Visitors

Church Office

### Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

3:30 pm Caroler Choir  
4:30 pm Crusader Choir  
6:30 pm Jubilee Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

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### Friday, February, 21<sup>st</sup>

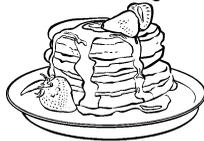
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### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 am Bible Explorers  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
6:30pm Youth Fellowship Meeting  
6:30 pm Grief Seminar

Board Room  
Sanctuary  
Thomson Youth Center

Shrove  
Tuesday



### **Pancake Supper!**

Shrove Tuesday, known as Pancake Day in many countries, is the day the larders were emptied of rich foods. Foods such as eggs, butter and sugar were traditionally eaten up before the beginning of Lent. Thus – Pancake Day was born!

**Join us for a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
from 5:30 to 7pm in Bates Hall.**

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday and enjoy delicious food and fellowship as we prepare for a season of personal reflection and growth.

Tickets will be available at coffee time and at the door for \$5 per family.

## **This serves as official notice of a vote at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on March 1, 2020:**

The Operations Manual currently reads:

Sec 100.

6. C. The Board of Deacons shall consist of not less than twenty-one members divided into three classes. (pg.14)

Sec 303.

A. The Board of Deacons consists of no less than twenty-one persons, plus the Pastor who serves as advisor. (pg. 47)

Proposed By Law Change:

**“The Board of Deacons shall consist of no less than three member, divided into three classes”.**

This was APPROVED by Session on November 19, 2019.

Once approved by Session, the Congregation must also vote to approve this change to the By-laws at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation on Mach 1, 2020.

Session has approved Deacons' request to reduce size of the Board of Deacons from 21 (seven per class) to 18 (6 per class), beginning with Class of 2023 on November 19, 2020  
Signed, Donna Graziano, Clerk of Session

### **NOTICE FOR ANNUAL REPORT/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The 2019 Annual Report will be emailed this week to all members for whom we have valid email addresses. A limited number of paper copies have been printed and will be available on Sunday, February 23. The Annual Report is also available on the church website, without financial data, at [www.firstprescranford.org](http://www.firstprescranford.org) It was prepared with a great deal of effort and cooperation of many people. It is available for members to become familiar with the information prior to the Congregational Meeting. The Stated Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is on Sunday, March 1, 2020 in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The Agenda and the 2020 Budget will be emailed next week, prior to the meeting and a limited number of paper copies will be available on the day of the meeting. If you have not received an e-copy of the Annual Report or Agenda and would like one, please contact the church office: [office@firstprescranford.org](mailto:office@firstprescranford.org) or Donna Graziano [dagrazrdh@gmail.com](mailto:dagrazrdh@gmail.com)

*The Semi-Annual Stated Meetings of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, NJ will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:00am worship service. The purposes of the meetings are:*

- To receive and review the 2020 Budget, approved by Session on February 18, 2020.
- To receive the 2020 Annual Report
- To act on the Nominating Committee's Slate of Nominees for Church Leaders-Nominating Committee, Elders, Deacons and Trustees, Class of 2023 and any open positions
- To transact any other business that may come before the body.

Signed, Rev. Byron Leasure, Moderator

Donna Graziano, Clerk of Session

Derik Bracke, Secretary, Board of Trustees



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

(Guitar Interlude)

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;  
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight,  
High above my life; I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love; how You serve I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You,  
I will follow You,  
Light unto the world, light unto my life  
I will live for You alone.

You're the one I seek, knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love; how You serve I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You, yeah

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy, unending joy  
And I will follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You, yeah

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

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## I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.