

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY  
WITH THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND  
HOLY COMMUNION**

November 1, 2020 at 10am

All Saints' Day

***We Gather Around God's Word***

**We invite you to listen quietly during the Prelude and prepare  
for the service to begin.**

*Prelude Nimrod (Enigma Variations) by Edward Elgar  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist*

**WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Leigh Gillis  
Rosemary Schultz

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mark Cassidy

Leader: Today is a day that is held in tension.

**People: We are surrounded by the past, yet looking toward  
the future.**

Leader: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God  
with us in joys as well as in sorrow.

**People: And a future filled with promises.**

Leader: A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will  
be no more.

**People: And God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."**

Leader: Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.

**All: We worship in word, prayer, and service.**

**Let us worship God!**

*Based on Revelation 21:1-6a*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Mark Cassidy

Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water  
of life as a gift. The grace of God flows freely here. In penitence and  
faith, let us confess our sin together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mark Cassidy

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to  
live and die in faith. We confess that we can be indifferent to your  
will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call  
us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. We look to others for strength  
instead of to you. In your mercy, forgive us. May your Spirit give us  
courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those from ages  
past, we may serve you in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Leigh Gillis

***We Give Glory to God***

***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.***

*Anthem*

***"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*  
Lynn Pinto, Soloist**

***We Proclaim God's Word***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Mark Cassidy

**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.**

Psalter - Psalm 34:1-10

Mark Cassidy

New Testament Lesson Revelation 7:1-12

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Who Me? A Saint?"

Rev. Leigh Gillis

***The Sealing of the Word***

**BAPTISM**

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Words of Introduction

Presentation

Elder Mark Oricchio

Baptismal Liturgy

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Sacrament of Baptism

At the conclusion:

**People: 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.**

*"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*  
Lynn Pinto, Soloist

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Leigh Gillis

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Rev. Leigh Gillis

*Offertory*

*Lynn Pinto, Soloist*

***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. Leigh Gillis

Benediction

Rev. Leigh Gillis

*Postlude "For All the Saints" by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*Robert Grube, Jr., Organist.*

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

Streaming after the service: Daniel Velez - Children's Message

The Ministers of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford:

The Entire Congregation of FPCC

Pastor – Rev. Leigh B. Gillis

Director of Children, Youth and Families - Daniel Velez-Acevedo

Music Director– Elsa G. Hahn

Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.

Office Administrator – Carol Thee

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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.*



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## 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.

Prayers for those who feel forgotten or unloved, for those feeling overwhelmed. Prayers for healthcare and essential workers. We pray for people seeking asylum. We pray that as a nation, we respond to all people in need in a way that Christ would affirm. We pray for the youth of FPCC and the adults who are in their lives. We pray for those serving in the military, for married couples facing turmoil, 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! To add someone, contact Linda Thorn at [lindathorn427@gmail.com](mailto:lindathorn427@gmail.com), or at 908 358 8127.***

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*Our Prayers of Condolence for  
all who have lost a loved one.*

**PASTORAL CARE** – For Pastoral Care needs and concerns, contact

President of Deacons, Amy Aaroe at 908-403-5321.

Amy will contact the pastor for you.

Pastor Leigh Gillis can be reached at 908-432-3959

[pastorleigh@firstprescranford.org](mailto:pastorleigh@firstprescranford.org).

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are donated in loving memory of Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams, husband, father, grandfather, friend and pastor. Given by his wife Patti and family in gratitude for all he taught us, for his love and ministry for 27 years. He will be missed forever!

## ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Members who have died since last All Saints' Day

Mamie Parker 12/5/2019

Harry Loeser 12/10/2019

John Dizzia 12/22/2019

Elma Munster 4/ 22/2020

Ruth Pringle 5/8/2020

Joyce Owen 5/24/2020

Richard Nicholls 10/5/2020

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN** - from 9:30am to 9:55am on Zoom. For registration and more information contact Daniel Velez at [daniel@firstprescranford.org](mailto:daniel@firstprescranford.org).

**KIDS' BELL CHOIR** – Bell choirs have been suspended due to Covid. Watch for info about restarting.

**FOOD DONATIONS** - Food donations will now be accepted each Sunday in the Narthex. Donations continue to be accepted any time. They can be dropped off on the porch of 214 Pawnee Road in Cranford. Mary Petty will deliver the food to local distribution sites.

**LABYRINTH** – Labyrinth will begin the first Sunday in DECEMBER which is the 6<sup>th</sup> and not November as was previously announced.

**BIBLE EXPLORERS** – meet after worship on Sunday mornings at 11am. Contact Mark Oricchio to register at [moricchio@verizon.net](mailto:moricchio@verizon.net).

**UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** - The next Vespers service in the chapel will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required.

**JOIN US!** FPCC has begun a weekly service of morning prayer on Tuesday mornings. You are welcome to gather for "Morningsong". The Morningsong prayer service in the chapel will be at **8:30 a.m.**

**FLOWERS** – Thank you for your continued donations of flowers for Sunday worship. To donate flowers "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" someone special to you, contact Judy Bobucky to reserve your choice of dates at [jbobucky@verizon.net](mailto:jbobucky@verizon.net) or 908- 272-3643 dates. The flowers will be delivered by the Deacons after the service to someone who is in need of support at that time. The cost is \$50 which can be mailed to the church directly. Please be sure to note that the money is for flowers.

## **PASTORAL THOUGHTS**

*Let's make Advent special this year!*

*It begins November 29 and we will be putting together an Advent booklet to enrich the time before Christmas for all of us, individually and in our families at home. All ages are to be included, so please be a contributor!*

*Send a comment, a paragraph, a drawing, a special Christmas memory or even a recipe to be included in this collection.*

*We will determine formatting by what is contributed, but I believe we can make this a daily blessing for us all as we celebrate the 27 days of this time that we "prepare the way of the Lord" as Christmas approaches.*

*The deadline is the end of October.*

*Send to [pastorleigh@firstprescranford.org](mailto:pastorleigh@firstprescranford.org) or the church office.*

**FROM DANIEL** - We would like to thank Caroline, Kelsey, Maya, Evie, Carolina, Vanessa, Ellie, Alex, and Tina for helping in the Soup Kitchen. They made 100 meal bags in an hour! Thank you for the amazing work!

Thank you to all who donated candy, their trunks, and their time to help in Trunk or Treat. The kids had a great time!

November 15, Family Cornhole Tournament in Bates Gym.

Prizes included! Registration deadline November 8.

Confirmation begins on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Daniel Velez to register.

**TURKEY TIME** - The year has slipped past one day, one week and one month at a time. Now we have arrived at the time of Thanksgiving. Once again the Soup Kitchen Program is asking for your help. If you are offered a **turkey or ham** and will not be using it for your family, would you consider donating it to the Soup Kitchen? It will be used to help us feed the many appreciative people that we give food to each Sunday. Some will be made into sandwiches and some will be made into delicious soup which is frozen in containers and given out each Sunday. We have been able to give food beyond just one meal because we have been fortunate to have the help of Joe Turso from Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Joe obtains donated vegetables from Clark's Shop Rite which he and his fellow chefs turn into wonderful soup that is eagerly looked for by our guests. The turkey and/or ham that you gift to us will become a part of this Souper Project. After all these years, the name Soup Kitchen finally applies because we are serving soup to very thankful guests. We are thankful to you for being an integral part of this program!

**CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS** - Hello friends! The worship Team is very busy planning for a joyous Christmas with all of you. We know we may not all be able to be together in person, but we want you all to feel connected spiritually.

We are planning to place the Christmas tree front and center and hope to decorate it with all of our church family. Please email or snail mail to the church office a family photograph that we may mount and place on the tree. It will be so special for us to be together in this way. Those present will be able to see friends, and those at home may view the pictures during live streaming. Kindly send your photos to the office by November 31. Christmas may not be the same this year, but it can still be joyous in a new way.

Stay tuned for more plans.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 REGULAR SESSION MEETING

### APPROVALS

- Accept in to active membership Katherine (Katie) and Joseph Jones on letter of transfer from The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.
- Approve baptism for infant Molly Jones, child of Katherine and Joseph Jones for Sunday, November 1, 2020. Elder Sponsor Mark Oricchio
- Approve minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of September 15, 2020 and Special Congregational Meeting of September 20, 2020
- Accept resignation for Deacons Barbara Wheatley and Susan Ruggiano, both of Class of 2021
- Accept resignation of Elder Phyllis Howard, Class of 2021
- Formalize e-vote of October 5, 2020 to approve Elder Laura Simone as Commissioner for the October 13 Presbytery Meeting.
- Accept reports: Treasurer, PRO Team, Personnel Committee, Service & Mission Team, Worship & Music Team, Director of Children, Youth & Families, Deacons-accept report
- Approve UCCICC Homeless Vigil Service for December 21, 2020
- Approve snow removal contract for 2020-2021 season.
- Approve monthly Labyrinth walks, beginning in November, in Bates Hall, with the proper procedures for safety

### DISCUSSIONS

- Longaker Scholarship
- Confirmation Class invitation extended to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Organization of Teams and Committees

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PresEvents**- deadline for the November issue is October 23, 2020. Please remit information to Amy Aaroe
- **Trunk or Treat**-Saturday, October 31, 2020, 5:30-6:30pm in Gray's parking lot
- **Training-all officers**-Saturday, November 14, 2020, 10:00am, Bates Hall
- **Regular Session Meetings:** Tuesdays 7:30 pm 2020: 11/17, 12/15

### Sunday Worship Action Team

Pastor Leigh

Organist - Bob Grube

Music Director - Elsa Hahn

Videographers - Laura Simone, Kris and Colin Farley, Sarah Cassidy

Sound - Terry Schultz, Rob Berns, Janice Grevious

Worship Elder - Rosemary Schultz, Tina Hechevarria, Assistant

Head Usher - Larry Imboden



## Cranford Elmora Soup Kitchen

We are still going strong and have been distributing over 100 picnic meals every Sunday throughout the pandemic!

### How Can You Help?

Donations needed

(all individually packaged):

- granola bars
- fruit cups
- snack bags (chips, trail mix, etc.)
- Thanksgiving candies/treats
- cash or check so we can purchase needed supplies

All donations can be dropped off on the front porch at either 15 Waverly Place, Cranford or 210 Oak Lane, Cranford.

Thank You!