

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2020 at 10am Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather Around God's Word

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

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" by J. S. Bach
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

WELCOME Rev. Leigh Gillis
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rosemary Schultz

CALL TO WORSHIP Betsy Koehler

Leader: God remembers and visits us and restores us to the community of faith.

People: In our distress, suffering and loss, we know the assurance of God's presence.

Leader: When we feel we are in hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles' wings.

People: In the loneliness of our entrenched opinions, God grants healing and transformation.

Leader: Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving God meets us here.

People: We assemble expectant that God has much good in store for us.

Leader: The good gifts God bestows on us here are for us to use in reaching out to others.

All: We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

— Fresh Winds of the Spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION Betsy Koehler
It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us speak our confession together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Betsy Koehler
Lord God of Creation, you have promised that you will never leave us; but how quickly we turn from you and from each other! We are content to let our goodness and our worship remain theoretical. Let your word of hope speak in and through us. May it sound in the cities and the voice of your mercy comfort the towns. Give us all

teachable hearts and minds, that we may learn once again what things come first, what truths endure, what actions are worthy of your grace. Forgive us in Christ's name we pray. 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 "On Eagles' Wings"
Elsa G. Hahn, Soloist

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Betsy Koehler
Open our hearts and minds, O God, by your Spirit, that we may hear with refreshed hearts and renewed minds your Word prepared for us this day. Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

Psalter Psalm 99 Betsy Koehler

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 33:12-33 Rev. Leigh Gillis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU" Rev. Leigh Gillis

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Apostles' Creed - 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.

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Offertory

“He Hideth My Soul”

Elsa G. Hahn, 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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” by Hal Hopson

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, Cranford NJ:

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

Sunday Worship Action Team

Pastor Leigh

Organist - Bob Grube

Music Director - Elsa Hahn

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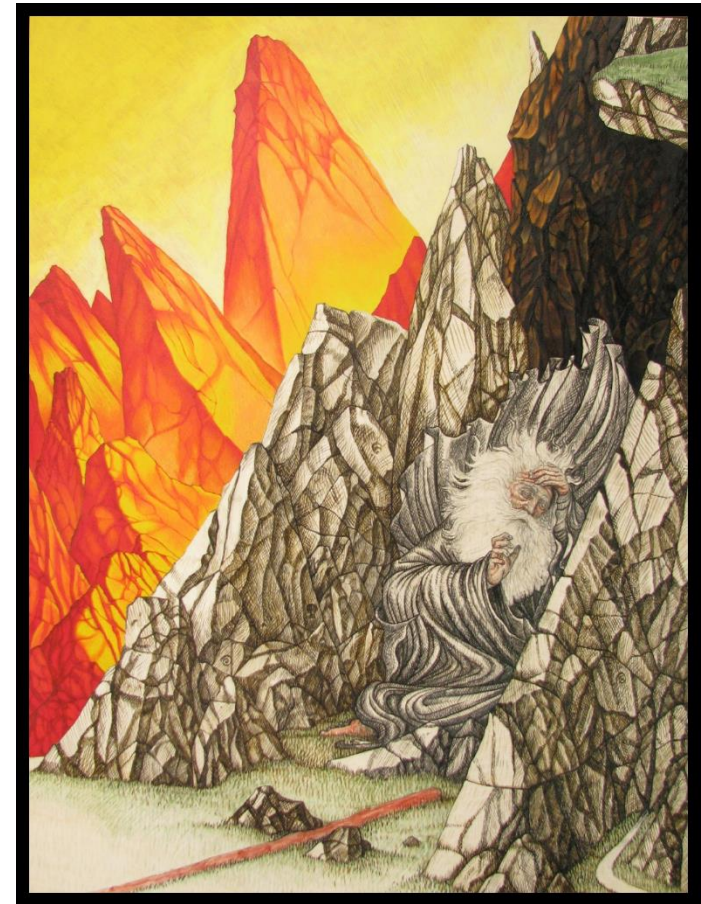
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Mission Statement

*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.

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, or at 908 358 8127.

*Our Prayers of Condolence for
the Nicholls and Schomp Families on the passing of
Dick Nicholls
and for all who have lost a loved one.*



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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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are donated by Joann Brown in loving memory of a husband.

The basket is donated in memory of beloved mother and grandmother.

CROP WALK will be held today. We are having a special version of the CROP Walk this year. Rather than gathering at Cranford United Methodist Church and walking together in a group around town, we are inviting folks to walk together in their families and/or "pods". Participants should get friends and family to make pledges, collect the donations and make CUMC a stop on their 3 mile walk to drop off their donations. We will also be collecting food pantry items for Cranford Family Care. A Tent and collection station will be set up in the church parking lot from 1:30 to 3pm.

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

KIDS' BELL CHOIR - Did you know there is a new Kids' Bell Choir this year? If we can't sing, we certainly can ring! We meet on Thursday 3:30 to 4:30 in the choir room. Grades 4-8 kids welcome, no experience necessary. Come join us this week!

BIBLE EXPLORERS – meet after worship on Sunday mornings at 11am. Contact Mark Oricchio to register at morichio@verizon.net.

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 or the church office.

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - The next Vespers service in the chapel will be October 20th 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 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.

OPERATION WARM HEART FUNDRAISER – For tickets, call Sheila Casey at the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless (908-355-2060 ext 202).



YOU'RE INVITED

Harvest Dinner

A grab-and-go dinner to benefit Operation Warm Heart, a program aimed at helping adults experiencing homelessness through the winter months

Saturday, October 24th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

\$20 per meal
(includes raffle)

Entree (pick one)	Sides (pick one)	Vegetable (pick one)	Dessert (pick one)	Drink (pick one)
Chicken	Rice and Peas	Greens	Cookies	Water
Fried Whiting	Mac and Cheese	Salad	Cupcake	Juice
Pasta Primavera				

*Meals will be available for pick-up at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford,
11 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016
Register at <https://bit.ly/3iXLAY7>*



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