

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

October 11, 2020 at 10am Twenty-eighth 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* "Andante Cantabile" by Widor  
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

WELCOME Rev. Leigh Gillis  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rosemary Schultz

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Skip Winter

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

**People: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

Leader: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**People: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

Leader: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

**People: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah!**

Leader: Sing praise to God who continually blesses our lives!

**People: In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.**

Leader: Our hope is in the Lord. Let all the people praise God.

**All: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Skip Winter

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that Jesus Christ intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, with infinite goodness and mercy. So, let us draw near to God in humility and sincerity, and pray together...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Skip Winter

**Healing God, we want to give thanks but our sin gets in the way. We want to live joyfully and thankfully but we are so consumed with what we think we lack, or what someone else has, that we overlook what we have received. Forgive our sin. Awaken us to your presence, in this time of celebration of being back in our sanctuary and always. We pray in thanksgiving for your grace and mercy. 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.*

*We Proclaim God's Word*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Skip Winter

**By your Spirit, Lord, as your Word is read and proclaimed, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Skip Winter

Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:1-9 Rev. Leigh Gillis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS" Rev. Leigh Gillis

*We Respond to God's Word*

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

COMMISSIONING OF VIRTUAL NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

**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 "Lord, You Have Come To the Lakeshore"  
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 Robert Grube, Jr.

*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

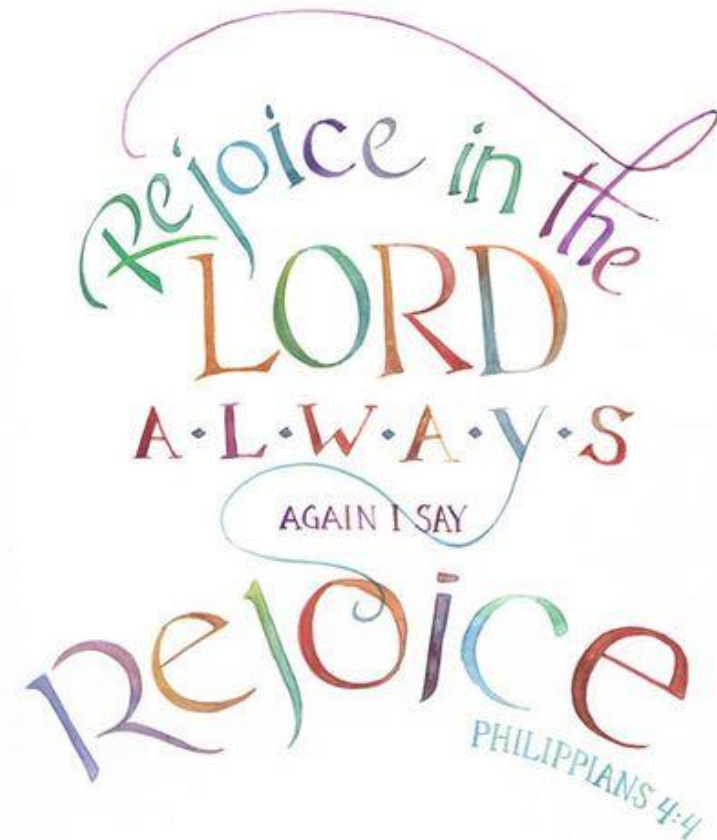
**Sunday Worship Action Team**

Pastor Leigh

Organist - Bob Grube  
Music Director - Elsa Hahn  
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

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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  
the Nicholls and Schomp Families on the passing of  
Dick Nicholls  
and 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).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN** - from 9:30am to 9:55am on Zoom. There are two groups. First through fourth grade is one group and fifth through eighth grade is the other. For registration and more information contact Daniel Velez at [daniel@firstprescranford.org](mailto:daniel@firstprescranford.org).

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are donated by a member and her family in memory of her father.

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

**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.** Thanks to all who responded to the poll. Masks are required.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** - The next Vespers service in the chapel will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required.

**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.*

## CROP WALK

We are having a special version of the CROP Walk this year on October 18<sup>th</sup>. 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. We will need one volunteer from each house of worship in Cranford to accept donations. Help setting up at 1:30pm and taking down at 3pm is also welcome. To volunteer, contact Rev. Cameron Overbey at the Methodist Church at 908-276-0936 or [coverbey54@gmail.com](mailto:coverbey54@gmail.com).

## Nicaragua Virtual Mission Trip

Fall 2020

### Participants

Rev. Brooks Smith

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Rev. Edwin Estevez

Rev. David Jahnke

Rev. John Ripton

Carol Berns

Jeff Bern

Doug Lynch

Gerry Provost

Tom Provost

Jim Roselli

Gerry McKenna

Kelli Bruno

Pam Heady

Lisa Black

Lynne Fitzpatrick

Madeleine Korfmacher

Walter Korfmacher

Rich McKeon

Barbara Boyer

Skip Winter

Phyllis Dunlop

Martha Scherpelz

Dr. Neema Adelaja

Margaret Colicchio

Will Henkel

Lorna Henkel