

# Cranford United Methodist Church

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

February 2, 2025

11:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**People: In your righteousness deliver us and hear our cries for justice and peace.**

Leader: In the Holy One, we draw strength; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**People: Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress.**

Leader: In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**All: Rescue us, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel, for you, Holy One, are our hope and trust. AMEN.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH #578

*God of Love and God of Power*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we come to you this day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* UMH #881

GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

ANTHEM

*Come, Share the Lord*

Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*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.**

SERMON

*Rev. Heewon Cho*

Love: The Greatest Spiritual Gift

COMMUNION

UMH #9

\*\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH #408

*The Gift of Love*

\*\*EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**\*\* If you or your child must get up during the service, please do so only during the hymns. Please do not get up during the affirmation of faith, prayer, scripture reading or the sermon out of respect for God's worship service.**

***WELCOME VISITORS!*** *We are delighted to have you here, whether you are visiting from out of town, are new to our area, or seeking a place for spiritual refreshment and enlightenment. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you will come again often. Please fill out a visitor card located in the pew, as well as the black attendance book that will be coming around.*

- Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 11 am.
- Bell Choir on Thursdays at 6pm!
- Choir is at 7pm on Thursdays!
- UMYF, please meet up in the Sunday School room after service. We will have a short lesson, and meeting about youth stuff. We will also meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> after church to decorate Lewis Hall for the Sweetheart Dinner.
- Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> is the UMYF's Sweetheart Dinner. Tickets are available from any youth member. Adults are \$20 and Kids 12 and under are \$15. The youth decided that the money raised will go toward a new playground/playground equipment.
- Youth Sunday is coming up! On March 9<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual YOUTH/SCOUT Sunday. We will need to meet on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> to plan the service.

## *Please Pray For*

- *Jeanne Clapp (Glaucoma)*
- *David late stages of MS (friend of Lisa Olson)*
- *Papi is doing well, He has a Spanish speaking helper come each day to help him while Celi is at work. Things are much better! Please continue to keep Celi and Papi in your prayers.*



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## *Our Homebound*

*Please reach out and call, send a card or even visit!*

### *Peggy & Owen Johnson*

*8306 Dixon Street  
Lorton, Virginia 22079*

### *Alfredo (Papi) Ortiz*

*2985 District Avenue #160  
Fairfax, VA 22031*

### *Doris Benton*

*13100 Tazanari Way Apt. #101  
Woodbridge, VA 22191*

### *Ruth Nelson*

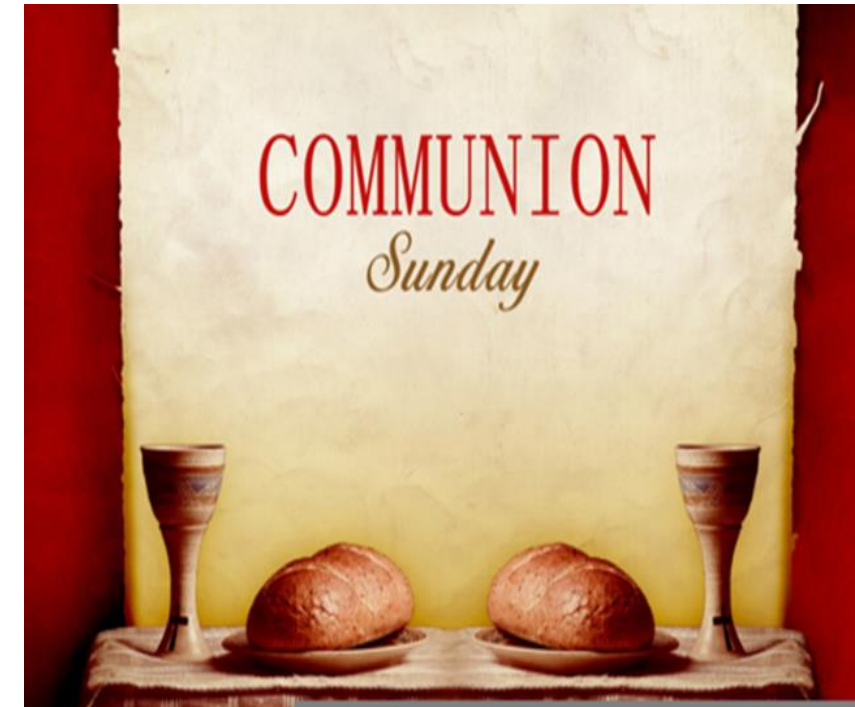
*1506 Lakeview Parkway  
Locust Grove, Virginia 22508*

### *Lorraine Hicks*

*305 Kendall Court  
Front Royal, Virginia 22630*

### *Barbara McDonald*

*Preston Healthcare Center  
87 Birdsong Way Unit #33 Dogwood  
Hilton Head, South Carolina 29926*



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## *February 2, 2025*

**Sunday Mornings at Cranford**

Sunday School 10am

Celebration of Worship 11:00am

**Invite someone to share in the fellowship of Christ.**