

August 27th, 2023

1st Presbyterian Church of Rockaway

Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 9:30 AM EST)

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Arr. Bill George

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

*The Christ Candle will be lit by the **Pulpit Assistant** during the Prelude.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners-and-losers,
and too many left behind, we come together.

The world's ways are not our ways.

The world's ways are not Christ's ways.

Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power
we gather as Koinonia, as God's people.

God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all peoples.

Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits! Swim and splash in the cleansing
waters of divine community! Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!

Praise be to the Everlasting One!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Faithful God,

**We come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love
and faithfulness. You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You,
You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we
find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. And so, we come before
You gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our
eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice.**

**And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful
disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 645**

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God
of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless
murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and
stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful
song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take
your part: to God all praise and glory!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven
and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord,
confessing our sin, and seeking forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God,

We confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. *Silent Prayer.* We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

We would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord who is on our side.

And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (581)**

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Ryon Herin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 1:8-2:10

⁸ Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." ²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. ²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

² Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were

walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" ⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"

Barbara Glass, Clarinet

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

Rev. Ryon Herin

"God's Name to People Who Don't Know or Have Forgotten"

***HYMN**

BUILT ON THE ROCK (SEE INSERT)

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"O Salutaris Hostia"

Alexandre Guilmant

***606 DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God,

You took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for your people in this land and throughout your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***HYMN 310**

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
4 Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trust in God”

Orlando Gibbons

Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for lemonade and fellowship after!

GIVING TO 1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY

Go to our web page (fpcrockaway.org), go to the Online Giving page, select the “donate” button and give electronically <http://www.fpcrockaway.org/giving> or mail to:

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ 07866

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Worship Hour changes to 10:30 am on September 10

Sunday School for children and adults begins on September 10 at 9:15 am

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Save the date ! September 10

Reason: Homecoming luncheon!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the service.

We are asking for sides and desserts. If you can help with either please bring it along.

Drop off in the kitchen before the service.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Linda Urwin – Congregational Care Chairman

Bible Study Break

Our Bible Studies will be taking a break for the next two weeks and will resume the week of September 11th. Tuesday Study will resume its chapter-by-chapter journey through the Book of Acts.

Monday Study will start a new endeavor TBD.

New Membership Classes

If you are interested in becoming a new member, we will be hosting new membership classes in a few months. The class usually runs around a month and meets before church or at a time during the week agreeable for all interested. In this class, you will learn about our church history, what it means to be Presbyterian, and how our church is involved in our community. Contact Pastor Ryon if you are interested (ryon@fpcrockaway.org)

Stewardship Committee Members Needed

It is that time of year again that we need to establish a Stewardship Committee. We need people who are willing to serve on the committee that will begin meeting in September and complete their responsibilities by the end of November. This committee works with the pastor to establish the theme for our Stewardship Campaign, prepare and mail Pledge Cards, and contact members concerning pledging.

Please Contact Rev. Ryon if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Quarter Tube!

The quarters that are put in the Quarter Tube in the front of the sanctuary are used for the Mission work of our church. Simply place your quarters in the tube so we can further our mission work.

Food Closet Needs Your Assistance

There is an increase in families asking for assistance – with the increase in food prices people who were just making it can't anymore. Please consider donating a couple of items each week – needed most – cereal, peanut butter, tuna, soup, pasta and pasta sauce, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, crackers, coffee, and tea.

Any non-perishable food welcome. Thank You! Linda Kirby



SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS!!

When you purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards from our church the church receives 5% of the cost of the gift card. (No extra cost to you). We have been selling Shop Rite Gift Cards at the church for many years. The profits we receive have been used to pay for programs/projects in our church. We all need to eat! It is a 'win win' for our church. Contact Pat Budis if you have any questions 201-230-2286. You can pick them up from Pat or she will even deliver! Another easy way to help support our church!

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Community Cup

September 8

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Bring a Friend for a time of fellowship

Calendar

Sunday, August 27 - Open Close – Donna VanDuyne

9:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

11:30 am – Outreach Committee Meeting – BK Room

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – August 28 – Office Closed

Tuesday – August 29 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – AA Meeting- BK Room

7:30 pm – CE Meeting – via Zoom

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – August 30 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, August 31 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:30 am – 11:30 am = Baroque Quartet Practice - Sanctuary

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – AA Meeting – BK Room

6:20 pm – 7:30 pm – Bells Rehearsal

Friday, September 1 – Office Closed

Saturday, September 2 –

Sunday, September 3 –Open & Close - Rich Basile

9:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Elders

Rich Basile – Finance Comm. Chair & Property Comm
Lillian Blair – Church Treasurer & Finance Committee
Debbie Harrington – Outreach Committee
Carol Lutcza – Personnel Comm. Chair & CE Comm.
Joe Martinoni – Worship Comm Chair & Personnel Comm.
Laurie Morse – Outreach Committee
Barbie Restaino – Worship Committee & CE Comm.
Kathy Shuey – Congregational Care Committee
Kathy Siegrist – Christian Ed. Committee & Newsletter
Donna VanDuyne – CE Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair

Deacons

Lisa DiBonaventura
Debbie Garris
Alison Molinaro
Vicki Philhower
Linda Sunderman
Linda Urwin
Barbara Weinberg

Outreach Committee Chair – Dan Cassidy
Congregational Care Committee Chair – Linda Urwin
Property/Cemetery Committee Chair – Pat Budis

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Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am

Office Hours 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Krista Sweer, Music Minister

Robert Nichols, Cemetery Sexton

Karen Basile, Clerk of Session

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Cheryl Piscopo – Director

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Built on the Rock

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Words: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1857. Translated Carl Døving, 1909. Music: 'Kirken Den Er Et Gammelt Hus' Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1840. Setting: "The Lutheran Hymnary", 1913.
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1. Built on the Rock the church doth stand, E - ven when stee - ples are fall -
2. Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands, God, the Most High, is not dwell -
3. We are God's house of li - ving stones, Built for His own hab - i - ta - -
4. Now we may ga - ther with our King; Ev'n in the low - li - est dwell -
5. Still we our earth - ly tem - ples rear, That we may her - ald His prais -

ing; Crum - bled have spires in e - very land, Bells still are chim - ing
ing; High a - bove earth His tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples
tion; He through bap - tis - mal grace us owns, Heirs of His won - drous
ing; Prais - es to Him we there may bring, His won - drous mer - cy
es; They are the homes where He draws near And lit - tle child - ren

and cal - - ling; Cal - ling the young and old to rest, But a - bove all
ex - cell - - ing; Yet He whom heav'n's can - not con - tain Chose to a - bide
sal - va - - tion; Were we but two His Name to tell, Yet He would deign
fore - tell - - ing; Je - sus His grace to us ac - cords, Spi - rit and life
em - brac - - es, Beau - ti - ful things in them are said, God there with us

the soul dis - tressed, Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - - - ing.
on earth with men, Built in our bod - ies His tem - - - ple.
with us to dwell, With all His grace and His fa - - - vor.
are all His words, His truth doth hal - low the tem - - - ple.
His cov'n - ant made, Mak - ing us heirs of His king - - - dom.