

November 12, 2023

Outreach Sunday

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

“We Gather Together”

**Genesis Ringers
Laurie Morse, Directing**

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**

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of Holiness,

You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us,

So you speak to us in parables, so we might pay careful attention to your words;

You tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith,

so we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and theirs.

Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, you make us ready to welcome

Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 362**

REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS

1 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.

Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.

Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead,

O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

We confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. *Silent Prayer.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*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

Psalm 70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

² Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me. ³ Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame. ⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" ⁵ But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Arr. Donald Moore
FPCR Choir, Krista Sweer Directing

Matthew 25:1-13

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERMON

Rev. Ryon Herin

"Deliverer of the Needy: Keeping Watch for God's Action"

*HYMN 350

KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain: Sisters, don't grow weary; brothers, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

2 It's our faith makes us happy; it's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

3 We are climbing Jacob's ladder; we are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

4 Every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Excerpt from *The Confession of 1967*, adapted

The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls everyone to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their family and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise our hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Nora Godown, Community Engagement Director for Family Promise

OFFERTORY

"He Looked Beyond My Fault"

arr. Bill George and Dino Kartsonakis

***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

O great and loving God,

We give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

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 780**

COME QUICKLY LORD, TO RESCUE ME

1. Come quickly, Lord, to rescue me and hasten to my help, I pray.
May all who seek to take my life be put to shame without delay.
2. May all who seek your name rejoice, your praise in gratitude record.
May those who love your saving power say evermore, 'Exalt the Lord!'
3. Yet I am poor and needy, Lord: be quick to hear my urgent plea.
You are my help, my Savior God! Do not delay; remember me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

Joy F. Patterson

Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for coffee hour after!

Please stay after church in Fellowship Hall for program graduate, Jessica Delgado's testimony and more from Nora Godown about their shelter program.

We will also be having a Blood Drive from 11:30-3:30 in Fellowship Hall.

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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Info About Family Promise Speaker: Nora Godown

Nora Godown first became involved with Family Promise of Morris County in 2016 as a volunteer through the Emergency Shelter Program. She joined Family Promise as an intern in 2019 and then became a part-time staff member as the Congregation Coordinator. She took the full-time role of Community Engagement Coordinator in 2021.

Stewardship 2024 and your Pledge Cards

Our Stewardship Theme for this year is Giving Thanks for God’s Gifts with Gratitude. We are thankful for all our church members and the many ways that you give abundantly to our church! If you did not pick up your Pledge Cards and Stewardship Letter, they have been mailed to you! Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Fundraiser Concert

4pm on December 3rd featuring *Duet*

"Le Musique Pour Tout Le Monde"
Established 2023

Violinist Anna David and Violist Laura Layton
Classical/Pop Duet Music

Featuring works from Beethoven to the Beatles.

Please join us for some Holiday tunes as well

Tickets: Adult: \$25, Children/Youth (5-18): \$15, Children Under 5: Free
Concert in the Sanctuary, Tickets Available at the Door: Cash Only

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Rockaway Assembly of God

113 E. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ
Sunday November 19th at 7 PM.

Join us as we give thanks to God with gratitude and humility as the many congregations of Rockaway. We welcome non-perishable food items for the Rockaway Food Closet to be collected before and after the service. There will also be a freewill offering to RiseUp Rockaway, our local interfaith food and clothing distribution non-profit.

Venturing Crew 17 Fundraiser

My name is Enrique Adams, and I am in charge of a Krispy Kreme fundraiser for Venturing Crew 17, chartered with FPC of Rockaway. We will be taking preorders for doughnuts and Coffee until November 25th (Prices listed below). Doughnuts will be available for pickup/delivery on the 3rd of December at the church.

Please email me at Adamshouse2019@gmail.com for orders!

Glazed doughnuts: \$15

Flavored (Lemon, Raspberry, Chocolate, Cream-filled): \$16

Coffee (decaf or regular): \$10

Calling all youth and adult volunteers for a Mission ‘Week-end’ Project. Summer 2024!

Date / Time / Details TBD at a later date.

If this is something you'd be interested in doing, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Please write your name / a skill or skills you have that you feel comfortable performing on a job site/ distance you're willing to travel to and from.

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

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.

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!

Calendar

Sunday, November 12 – Outreach Sunday - Open Close – Donna VanDuyne

9:15 am – 10:15 am – Adult & Children Sunday School and Confirmation Class

10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

11:30 am – 3:30 pm – Blood Drive

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – November 13 – Office Closed

6:30 pm – Girl Scout Troop 98657 – Scout Room

7:00 pm - Bible Study – Manse

Tuesday – November 14

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom

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

7:30 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – November 15 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

7:30 pm – Scout Troop 113 – FH & Scout Room

Thursday, November 16 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:30 am – 11:30 am – Duet Practice - Sanctuary

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

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Food Closet Food Sorting for Thanksgiving Bags - FH

6:20 pm – 7:30 pm – Bells Rehearsal

Friday, November 17 – Office Closed

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Food Closet Preparing the Thanksgiving Bags

Saturday, November 18 –

8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast – Red Hut Diner

9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Food Closet Distributing Thanksgiving Bags

Sunday, November 19 - Open & Close – Rich Basile

9:15 am – 10:15 am – Adult & Children Sunday School and Confirmation Class

10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

7:00 pm – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – Assembly of God Church

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

Dan Cassidy – Outreach Committee Chair

Pat Budis – Property/Cemetery Committee Chair

Linda Urwin – Congregational Committee Chair

Deacons

Lisa DiBonaventura

Debbie Garris

Alison Molinaro

Vicki Philhower

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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

Scott Lovenberg, Cemetery Sexton

Karen Basile, Clerk of Session

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