

September 10th, 2023
Homecoming 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 **“Theme from the 9th Symphony”** **Arr. Frances L. Callahan**
Genesis Ringers, Kathy Siegrist 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**

People of God, open your eyes!

Look around!

The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—

Among us and within us.

God’s salvation is close at hand—

Nearer than you know.

So, open your hearts and minds to the Spirit,

Let’s worship God together!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of justice, peace and righteousness come into our midst this morning.

**Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening,
your imagination on us. Wake us up! Open our eyes. Unplug our ears.**

That we might hear. That we might see. That we might grieve. That we might dream.

That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 409 GOD IS HERE!**

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our sins weigh us down, and we struggle to live in freedom and joy. When we turn and return to the God who loves us, God finds pleasure. We turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From selfishness and vain desires,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ.

Gathered in Christ's name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

***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 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.

³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

(Traditional)

FPCR Choir, Krista Sweer Directing

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

SERMON

Rev. Ryon Herin

"Settling Disagreements on Earth and in Heaven: Taking to Heart the Lord's Commandments"

***HYMN TEACH ME, O LORD, YOUR WAY OF TRUTH (SEE BACK OF BULLETIN)**

***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

"Ain't No Grave"

**By Jeremy Wilkerson
Joe Martinoni and FPCR Choir**

***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

Ever-present God,

Just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

***HYMN 529**

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

2. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe by G.F. Handel, arr. Jim Paterson

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for our **Homecoming Luncheon** after!*

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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
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Bible Study Return

Our Bible Studies are returning this week!! **Monday Study** will start a new endeavor, studying Revelation with the help of Eugene Peterson’s Book, *Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John and the Praying Imagination*. The book will be helpful but not required. Contact Pastor Ryon if you need help ordering the book. Monday Study meets at the church manse (101 Church Street) at 7pm on Mondays. We will begin with an overview of the author and context of Revelation this Monday. **Tuesday Study** is resuming its chapter-by-chapter journey through the Book of Acts. This Tuesday, we will begin discussing Chapter 13. We meet at 9:30 AM on Zoom starting this Tuesday. Contact Pastor Ryon for the link.

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)

Our Cemetery Sexton, Rob Nichols, is retiring on September 15, 2023

Rob has been our Cemetery Sexton for 20 years!

If you would like to make a donation for a gift for Rob, please see Pat Budis or a member of the Office Staff. Thank you for your generosity.

Men’s Breakfast

September 16th, 8 AM @ Hibernia Diner

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Sara Circle

Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm

Sara Circle is starting next Tuesday, September 12th. We will meet at 7pm in the Library in front of Fellowship Hall.

We are a welcoming group that includes devotionals, fellowship and community outreach. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month throughout the year. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

Any questions, please call Donna Schrader 973-876-9315

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!

An easy way to help support our church!

Calendar

Sunday, September 10 – **Homecoming Sunday** - Open Close – Joe Martinoni

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 – Homecoming Luncheon – Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

5:00 pm – Girl Scout Daisy Bridging Ceremony – Fellowship Hall

Monday – September 11 – Office Closed

7:00 pm – Bible Study - Manse

Tuesday – September 12

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

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

7:00 pm – Sara Circle Meeting - Library

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

Wednesday – September 13 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Den Meeting – FH

7:00 pm – Property/Cemetery Meeting – Smith's

7:30 pm – Troop 113 Meeting – FH & SR

7:30 pm – Venturing Scouts - Canteen

Thursday, September 14 –

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 15 – Office Closed

Saturday, September 16 –

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast – Hibernia Diner

Sunday, September 17 – Open & Close - Carol Lutcza

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 – Adult Youth Coordinators Meeting – BK Room

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

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
Linda Sunderman
Linda Urwin
Barbara Weinberg

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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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973-586-3665

Cheryl Piscopo – Director

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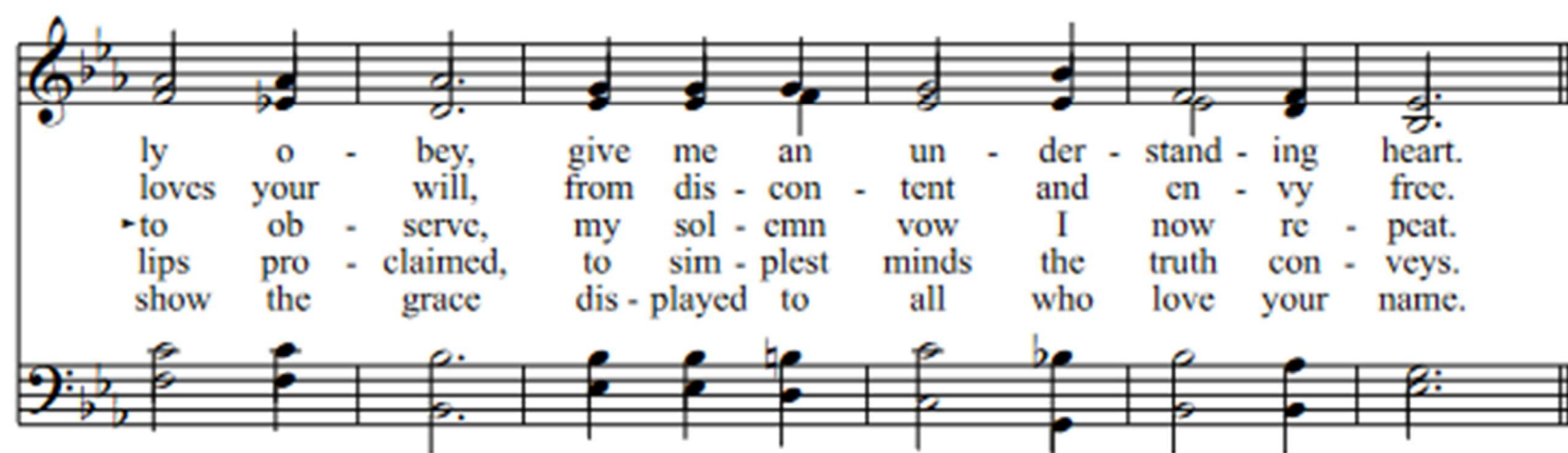
Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth



1 Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it
2 In your com - mand - ments make me walk, for in your
3 Your word sheds light up - on my path; a shin - ing
4 Your won - drous tes - ti - mo - nies, Lord, my soul will
5 I thirst for your com - mand - ments, Lord, and for your



I will not de - part; that I may stead - fast -
law my joy shall be; give me a heart that
light, it guides my feet; your right - eous judg - ments
keep and great - ly praise; your word, by faith - ful
mer - cy press my claim; O look on me and



ly o - bey, give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.
loves your will, from dis - con - tent and en - vy free.
to ob - serve, my sol - emn vow I now re - peat.
lips pro - claimed, to sim - plest minds the truth con - veys.
show the grace dis - played to all who love your name.

Text: Psalm 119:33-36, 105-106, 129-132; vers.
Psalter, 1912, alt.
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1862



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ST. CRISPIN
www.hymnary.org/text/teach_me_o_lord_thy_way_of_truth

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