

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Day

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

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Arr. Phillip Keveren

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**

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

We come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

We come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

We come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours.

We come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people today.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life.

Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace: so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of the Risen One we pray: Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 299**

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM

1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

2 Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have.

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,

all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus fed those who were hungry...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...

We pray, **may we be more like Jesus. *Silent Prayer.* Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people, saints, and instruments of God's way.

***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

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Water is Wide"

**Arr. Gilbert M. Martin
FPCR Choir, Krista Sweer Directing**

1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SERMON

"The Love of The Lamb: Being God's Servants"

Rev. Ryon Herin

HYMN 326*FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

NAMING OF THE SAINTS***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**"A Mighty Fortress"**

Arr. Gary Lanier
Barbara Glass, Clarinet

***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

Faithful God, source of every blessing: teach us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who persecute us, to turn the other cheek, to share our possessions, to give to those who are in need, and to do to others as we would have them do to us, so that we may join that company of blessed saints who feast with you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 839**

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!

1 Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
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2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley

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



The flowers for this

Sunday have been donated by the Rich & Karen Basile in loving memory of Marion Basile, mother of Rich Basile.

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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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.

Remembering the Saints

We remember those in our church who have passed away in the last year:

Bob Ziese

Kathleen Hammer

Eleanor Moravec

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.

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Christmas Luncheon

December 10, 2023 – following Worship Service

Tickets on Sale beginning today, November 5, thru December 3

Presbyterian Church Co-op Nursery School Fundraiser

SaveAround North Jersey coupon books for sale and in stock at PCCNS. Either call or email, see PCCNS contact information on the back of the bulletin. They make great HOLIDAY gifts!!

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



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 5 – All Saints Day - Open Close – Kathy Shuey

- 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 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – November 6 – Office Closed

- 7:00 pm - Bible Study - Manse

Tuesday – November 7

- 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 – CE Meeting via Zoom
- 7:30 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – November 8 –

- 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open
- 6:00 pm – Den Scout Meeting – FH
- 7:30 pm – Scout Troop 113 – FH & Scout Room

Thursday, November 9 –

- 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, November 10 – Office Closed

- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Community Cup - FH

Saturday, November 11 –

- Memorial Service Susan Kenlon’s Brother - FH

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 – 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
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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

Presbyterian Church Co-op Nursery School (PCCNS)

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