

October 15th, 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

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Arr. Gail Smith

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**

When we pass through the waters,

God is there with us.

When we suffer and feel hopeless,

God is there with us.

When we are joyful and celebratory,

God is there with us.

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

God is there with us, always.

Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,

God with us.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Dear Lord, through light and shadow we are led, we follow, through the ins and outs the ups and downs of these days, when our heart is failing when our spirit rejoices, when we can barely put one foot in front of the other still you beckon us on...

When we stumble you support us, when we can go no further you carry us,

through light and shadow, in death's dark vale, and on the mountain peaks

You lead us, through tangled webs, on rocky ground, on smoother paths, through

light and shadow you lead us, we follow, may we never walk alone. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 620 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;

praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt.

While our means are different, our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our

brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed!

***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 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am, Lord"

**Arr. Jack Schrader
FPCR Choir, Krista Sweer Directing**

Matthew 22:1-14

²² Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

SERMON

"Resistance and Grace. "

Carl Kline

***HYMN 343**

WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE (V. 1-4)

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

3 From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

4 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

***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

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Arr. Mark Hayes

***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

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat.

Through Christ, our shield, and our stronghold. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 401**

HERE IN THIS PLACE (GATHER US IN)

1 Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;

call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;

give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion give us to eat, the bread that is you;

nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in, and hold us forever; gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **“I’m Gonna Eat At The Welcome Table”** **Arr. Carl Diton**
Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for coffee and fellowship hour 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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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.

Volunteers and Donations for Park Lakes Spooktacular with our Confirmation Youth

We will once again be participating in the Park Lakes Spooktacular on October 28th from 5- 8 with our confirmation youth! We are looking for volunteers to help the confirmation youth pass out candy, decorate and come up with a theme, as well as tear down/setup. We also are requesting donations for **candy (and non-candy prizes)** once again to pass out. We can always use more as there are always a lot of cute ghosts and goblins!

Contact Pastor Ryon or the Confirmation Teachers, Barbie Restaino, and Ken Blair to help!!

Presbyterian Church Co-op Nursery School Fundraiser

Save Around 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!!

Historic Cemetery Tour and Outreach Cookout

Join us on October 21st from 11 am-4 pm (rain date: the 22nd from 1-5) for a tour through Rockaway’s historic cemetery (35 Church Street) with live reenactors telling the stories of those who lived in and helped shape Rockaway. Portrayals include William Winds, Mary Estill, Joseph Tuttle, and Stephen Jackson. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for all from 11 am-2 pm the same day!! **Tickets: \$15 each, \$5 for children 10 & under, \$40 family deal**

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway and Rockaway Borough Historical Committee
Contact the church office and leave a message or Ryon Herin for advanced tickets.

Please see the Outreach Committee if you are interested in helping with the cookout!!

Please see Donna Van Dyke to be a cemetery guide!

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!

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Calendar

Sunday, October 15 - Open Close – Lillian Blair

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 – October 16 – Office Closed

No Bible Study

Tuesday – October 17

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 – 9:30 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – October 18

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

7:00 pm – Session – BK Room

7:30 pm – Scouts Troop 113 – FH & SR

Thursday, October 19 –

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, October 20 – Office Closed

6:00 pm – Pack 147 Meeting - FH

Saturday, October 21

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

11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Cemetery Tour

11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Food Available

Sunday, October 22 – Open & Close - Laurie Morse

Rain Date for Cemetery Tour – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

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 & Outreach Comm.

Kathy Siegrist – Christian Ed. Committee

Donna VanDuyne – CE Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair

Dan Cassidy – Outreach Committee Chair

Pat Budis – Property/Cemetery Committee Chair

Linda Urwin – Congregational Committee Chair

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Debbie Garris

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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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