

October 22nd, 2023
1st Presbyterian Church of Rockaway
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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”** **James H. Wood**

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**

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

We reach out to others with the same kind of love God has touched our lives with.

We follow Jesus of Nazareth, the Prince of Peace.

We are a people of peace, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

We say “no” to war, for war has no power to save us.

We strive to embody the command to love God and neighbor.

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Caesar, did you create the stars, hurl them to the reaches of the universe. Did you issue rules that keep the planets in place? Can you make blood course through our veins? Or craft an otter or a moonflower? Then keep your coins. They can't buy what we need.

God, it is your face we see in our world, our very selves, our breath, and love. We owe every single thing to you. Claim it all. Claim us. Please take us as your own. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN**

HE HIDETH MY SOUL

(See Back Of The Bulletin)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord said to Moses: There is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock.

When my glory passes by, I'll put you in a cleft in the rock. I will cover you with my hand

until I have passed by. Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection, as we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

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

"Word of God Speak"

**Bart Millard and Pete Kipley
FPCR Choir, Krista Sweer Directing**

Matthew 22:15-20

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

SERMON

Rev. Ryon Herin

"Seeing God's Face: Giving God When and Where God is Due"

***HYMN 203**

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]

***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.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
OFFERTORY**

“Andante con moto”

Dan Cassidy
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

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 546 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING**

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
3 Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Arr. Marilyn Ham

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! Put your completed pledge card in the offering plate or mail to the office and fill out your Gratitude Leaf and hang it on the Gratitude Tree in the Narthex. 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!!

Excerpt regarding the Quartet/Duet

Originally The intention was to form an Established Quartet. The Quartet would rehearse on Monday Evenings in the Sanctuary at Rockaway Presbyterian Church. In Lieu of rent for the rehearsal space, The Quartet would perform one Sunday every month at a service as payment for rent. The intention was to start an "Established" Quartet with "Like Minded Musicians" to perform as outreach to the Community and various performance venues in the Tri-State area. Due to scheduling conflicts, a Duet was formed. There are no coincidences.

DUET- as we are referred to today, has been rehearsing in the Narthex of the Sanctuary at Rockaway First Presbyterian Church since May 2023. We rehearse every Thursday between 9:30 am to about 1PM. It is an open rehearsal-all are welcome to come by for a listen. I must forewarn you though, if you do stop in during an "open rehearsal", please keep in mind that it is a REHEARSAL. There will be some off-color notes that will happen from time to time. Our repertoire includes works from Beethoven, Eichner, Mozart, Wolfhart, Halvorsen, Bach, The Beatles, and many other Various Composers.

The Quartet is still an open item. We are hopeful that in the near future, there will be a Quartet. In the meantime, please enjoy DUET as we continue our rehearsals and performances. We, **DUET** would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to the Congregation for listening, letting us share, and growing with us in our Musical Endeavors.

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

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, October 22 - Open Close – Laurie Morse

- 9:15 am – 10:15 am – Adult & Children Sunday School and Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook
- 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Rain date for the Cemetery Walk
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – October 23 – Office Closed

- 7:00 pm – Bible Study - Manse

Tuesday – October 24

- 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 – October 25 –

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

Thursday, October 26 –

- 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 27 – Office Closed

- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Community Cup – FH
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Bears Den Meeting – Scout Room

Saturday, October 28 –

- 8:00 am – 11:00 am – Rise Up Breakfast – FH
- 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Lennon’s House – Kim Tackett – FH
- 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Spooktacular – Parks Lake

Sunday, October 29 –Open & Close - ???

- 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
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

Scott Lovenberg, Cemetery Sexton

Karen Basile, Clerk of Session

Presbyterian Church Co-op Nursery School (PCCNS)

973-586-3665

Cheryl Piscopo – Director

E-mail – directorpccns@gmail.com

He Hideth My Soul

Verse

A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord,
With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment He crowns,
When clothed in His bright - ness, trans - port - ed I rise

A won - der - ful Sav - ior to me; He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
And filled with His full - ness di - vine, I sing in my rap - ture, oh, glo - ry to God
To meet Him in clouds of the sky, His per - fect sal - va - tion, His won - der - ful love

Where riv - ers of plea - sure I see. He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock
For such a Re - deem - er as mine!
I'll shout with the mil - lions on high.

That shad - ows a dry, thirst - y land; He hid - eth my life in the depths of His love,

And cov - ers me there with His hand, And cov - ers me there with His hand.

My.Hymnary - He Hideth My Soul

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

MUSIC (KIRKPATRICK 11.8.11.8. with Refrain): William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921