

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH  
DECEMBER 28, 2025  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN CHRISTMASTIDE  
APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "What a Beautiful Day" German 14<sup>th</sup> C

Greeting: (Responsively)  
L: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
**P: Amen.**

Call to Worship:  
L: All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son,  
**P: light in the darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us.**  
L: With singing angels let us praise your name and tell the earth of his story,  
**P: that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer

Salutation:  
L: Grace, peace, and mercy be yours from God the Father, Jesus Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit now and always.  
**P: Amen.**

\*Song of Praise: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" R #98

Prayer of Confession: **O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96 p. 550

Passing of the Peace: Leader: ... The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you**

\*Sing: "Grace, Peace, and Love" Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 55: 12-13 p. 686  
Luke 2: 8-20 p. 58  
**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

Sermon: "The Need For Rejoicing" Pastor Mary Stegink

\*Hymn "How Great Our Joy" R #90

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

\*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Music Ministry "Turn Eyes And Ears To Judea"

Music & Words: Daniel Doumbe Eyango

\*Doxology #965

\*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" R #93

\*Benediction

Postlude: "King Of Beings And Things" German 14th C

\*Indicates where those who are able may stand. Please join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Kindly fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and place it in the collection plate. If we can be of help, please call the church office at 201-529-3075.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH!

We are delighted you chose to worship with us this morning. We sing from two different hymnals notated by the letters "R" (the red "Lift Up Your Hearts" hymnal in the pew rack) and "G" (the green "Sing" book). Following the passing of the peace, we sing a song, "Grace, Peace and Love," which was written for our congregation by our music director, Justin Dimbeng. You can find the words on a laminated sheet in the pew rack. Children ages 3 - 8th grade are invited to attend Sunday school following the Children's Message. They are dismissed with their teacher, Marian Latz, and will return at the close of the service. Please consider joining us in the coffee room following the service for a time of fellowship and treats! Again - we are happy to have you with us this morning!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you have not received your offering envelopes, they are in your church mailbox.

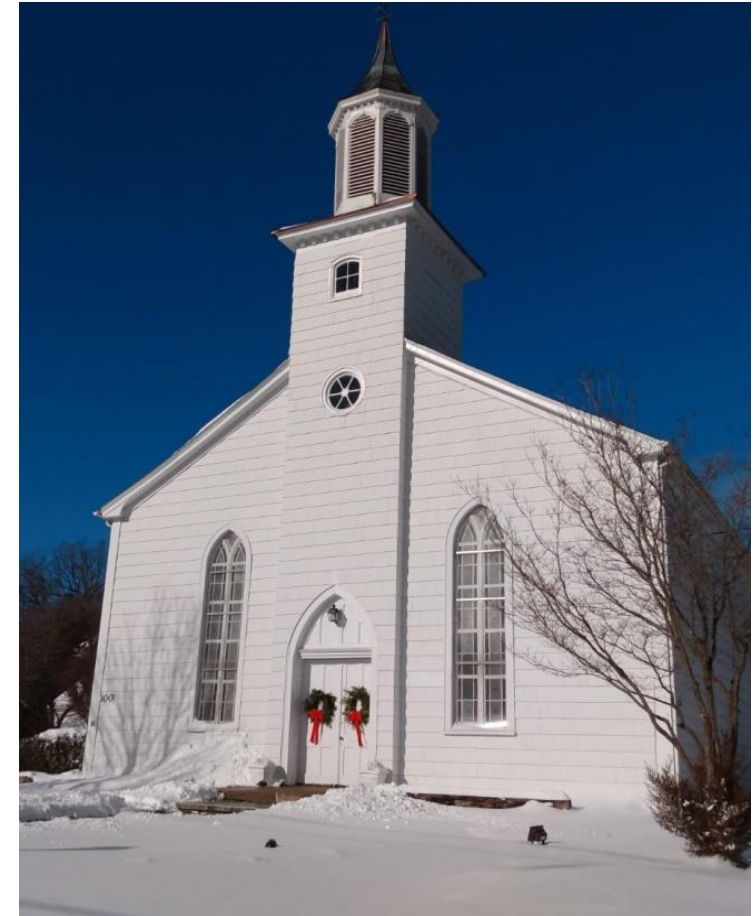
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — will be January 4<sup>th</sup>, following church service. There will be two items that require your vote. Roger Knauss, as deacon to replace Joanna Hannon for a one-year term, and Sharon Pike (Spike) for a three-year term as elder. We would also like to add one deacon to our consistory and that will require an amendment to the by-laws to reflect this change.

**BREAKFAST FOR ALL!** Please join us Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am at IHOP for a time of good fellowship & Fun. All are welcome!

**ANNUAL MEETING** — will be January 25<sup>th</sup>, following church service.

**LOOKING AHEAD!** Women's Bible Study 1/13, Karaoke Night 1/30

*Anchored in the past – Sharing Christ's message today – Growing in faith into the future!*



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**10:30AM**