

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH
NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025
23RD WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: “93 Aria Sebaldina In F Minor” Johann Pachelbel

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

Call to Worship:
L: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
L: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
P: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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: “You Are Holy” G #20

Prayer of Confession: **Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this word and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 p. 498

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 “Ancient Words” #762

Scripture Lesson: Mark 12: 41-44 p. 50
Acts 20: 32-38 p. 141
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

Sermon: “How We Give” Pastor Mary Stegink

*Hymn: “Faith Begins By Letting Go” R #876

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Music Ministry “I Offer My Life” Don Moen
Singing & Piano Acc: Harmony & Justin Dimbeng

*Doxology #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” R #224

*Benediction

Postlude: “For Air So Blue And Sun So Happy” H. Von Muller
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*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!

The consistory is seeking nominations for the office of elder. Please speak with Michelle or Pastor Mary if you would like to nominate someone.

READERS ARE NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING EVE AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES. Please speak with Pastor Mary if you are interested in reading!

CHOIR REHEARSALS — The Choir rehearsals are taking place in the sanctuary, after fellowship hour.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY & POTLUCK — is today! Our traditional potluck luncheon will follow after the service.

NOISY CHANGE OFFERING — to bless Metro Hope New Jersey will be today. Metro Hope New Jersey brings the gospel to children in impoverished communities through sidewalk Sunday Schools.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE — will be held Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm. Come and give thanks with us!

DECK THE HALLS — Please join us **Saturday, November 29 at 9:00 am**, to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season.

2025 CHRISTMAS CONCERT —The Christmas concert will be Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

POINSETTIAS — If you would like to help decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas, please consider ordering a poinsettia using the insert form. You are welcome to take plants you have ordered with you following Christmas Eve service or pick them up after Christmas. Forms can be left in the church office mailbox. **Orders are due no later than Monday, December 8th.**

LOOKING AHEAD! Decorate the Sanctuary Part 2 12/6, Christmas Open House 12/12, Breakfast For All 12/13, Christmas Caroling 12/21, Christmas Play & Potluck 12/21, Christmas Eve Service 12/24

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



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

10:30AM