

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025
23RD WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: “Aria HWV – 7” G.F. Handel

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

Call to Worship:
L: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
P: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
L: Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.
P: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
L: Praise the Lord, all his works, everywhere in his dominion.
P: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

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: “Ten Thousand Reasons” R #559

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24 p. 502

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 p. 28
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

Sermon: “What We Give” Pastor Mary Stegink

*Hymn: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” R #876

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Mission Offering/Music Ministry “Parable of the Talents” Patsy Stevens
Singing & Piano Acc.: Harmony & Justin Dimbeng

*Doxology #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “Take My Life and Let It Be” R #863

*Benediction

Postlude: “Thine Is The Glory” G.F. Handel

*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 — will be Sunday, November 23rd. We will have our traditional potluck luncheon after the service. Please plan to be here for this celebratory time. Sandwiches & drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Please check your mailbox for a letter and pledge form.**

CFA THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE — We will again be collecting food for the Center for Food Action. We ask that you consider donating an item that would contribute to a holiday meal (no perishable items please) or donate any item of your choosing. Gift cards are also a welcomed item. Donations can be dropped off during the week as the church office will have a collection bin. Please bring your donations to church no later than November 21st. If anyone would like to volunteer their time helping to bring the donations to the CFA, please let Pastor Mary or Christina know. Thank you!

NOISY CHANGE OFFERING – to bless Metro Hope New Jersey on Sunday, November 23rd. Metro Hope New Jersey brings the gospel to children in impoverished communities through sidewalk Sunday Schools.

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.**



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

10:30AM

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