

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian of Rockaway**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**DIX Setting by Joel Raney**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (spoken responsibly)

One: We have come to worship;

**All: We have come in the name of Christ the King.**

One: The joy of the Lord Jesus be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (spoken together)

**Most holy God, by your Spirit encouraging us, and the love of Christ enabling us, may we worship you with the enthusiasm born of true love. We join our voices with the millions who this day praise the name of Jesus from every nation on earth, and with the great host of heavenly souls whose praise and love fills the universe and flows far beyond all time and space. Glory be to you forever! Amen.**

**HYMN 367 COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME**

**Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.**

**All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.**

**God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.**

**Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God’s own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,**

**Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.**

**First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.**

**Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;**

**From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;**

**Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,**

**But the fruitful ears to store in God’s garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.**

**Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,**

**There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:**

**Come, with all thine angels come; raise the glorious harvest home!**

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (spoken together)

**Almighty and most merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. We have followed our own ways and the desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (spoken responsibly)

One: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Hear then Christ's word of grace: Your sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM "Praise the Lord of Harvest"**

Flutist: Kathy Siegrist

Words by John S. B. Monsell

Music by David Catherwood

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (spoken together)

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

**PSALM 100** (spoken responsibly)

One: <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**All: <sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

One: <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

One: <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**MATTHEW 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, <sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**SERMON**

**THE RIGHT THING**

**HYMN 647**

**GIVE THANKS**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

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Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (spoken together)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken together)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**HYMN 265                      JESUS SHALL REIGN**

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Lobe Den Herren  
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665  
Arranged by Joel Raney

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Rockaway, NJ 07886

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**BIBLE STUDY – ACTS  
SUNDAYS, 9:30 AM**

Topic: Sunday Bible Study - Acts  
Time: Nov 8, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468468691?pwd=Z3ZNNzJabHdKaFNOTjhrOEVBYXIqdz09>  
Meeting ID: 864 6846 8691  
Passcode: 317165  
Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

**BIBLE STUDY – ISAIAH  
TUESDAYS, 9:30 AM**

Topic: Tuesday morning Bible Study  
Time: Nov 10, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81660964669?pwd=TEVQNTYwN3FuWHVBV0pFa2xySkRQUT09>  
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*THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE*  
*NOVEMBER 22, 2020 7:00 PM*

O give *thanks*  
unto the LORD, for he is good;  
*for his mercy endures forever.*  
Psalms 107:1 (KJV)

We will gather together to witness to all that God has done for us and to proclaim our gratitude and praise. You are invited to:

- Make a short video or audio recording of all that you are grateful for. Send it to Bonnie Pomeroy ([Bpomeroy333@gmail.com](mailto:Bpomeroy333@gmail.com)), who will create a video for our worship together.
- If you would rather simply speak at the worship service, please let Pastor Nancy know ([youngnancy501@gmail.com](mailto:youngnancy501@gmail.com), 989-430-2185)

Zoom link: Nancy Young is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Thanksgiving worship service

Time: Nov 22, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81211178853?pwd=SHFhNVpNMUdJRWdBtIBWYnFCM2h4UT09>

Meeting ID: 812 1117 8853

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kBWliaN6Z>

*ADVENT CANDLE KITS AVAILABLE*

Advent will soon be here, and we will begin the season of waiting for the birth of Christ. One of the worship rituals we use is to light the candles on the Advent wreath each Sunday of Advent. If you worship by way of Zoom, the session has graciously purchased Advent candles and holders. If you would like one, please let Pastor Nancy know. There is no charge for these kits, but donations are welcome.





## Alternative Christmas Giving

As the holidays approach there are several ways you can spread the Christmas spirit. Details are below for 4 opportunities.

### Holiday Wishes Program

As a congregation we have participated in this program for many years. Due to Covid 19 precautions they have made some changes. They are asking that this year instead of purchasing toys and clothing for a child that you make a monetary donation. Another options is to donate Walmart or Target Gift Cards in \$25.00 increments. The average amount spent on a child is approximately \$100.00. Checks are payable to 'Holiday Wishes' and checks and gift cards can be mailed to Holiday Wishes, c/o Brenda Budd-Dunn, 43 Willow Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866 or you can contact Brenda to make other arrangements (email bab364).

In addition, they would like to continue providing a meal for the families and will be collecting \$25.00 ShopRite Gift Cards. You may buy these \$25 Shop Rite Gift Cards through our church by contacting Pat Budis (cell 201-230-2286). You may pick them up from her or she will deliver them to you. Remember our church receives 5% of each card purchased at no cost to you!!

Your support provides for over 400 children to have a happy Christmas season.

### Scrip Cards

We will be ordering Scrip again this year to be available for Christmas. A portion of the cost of the gift cards becomes a donation to our church at no additional cost to you. The list of participating stores is attached as well as an order form. The last day to order is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and the cards will be in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and possibly before.

LeeAnn Robinson will be coordinating this and she can be emailed at [danochas@aol.com](mailto:danochas@aol.com) for forms and the vendor list if you cannot open the attachment. When returning your order by email please note SCRIP in the subject line. The office will have order forms on hand for anyone that needs one. Checks can be made out to the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway.

If you have any questions you can reach LeeAnn at 201-602-6052, call or text.

### Amazon Smile

The holiday season is just around the corner and now is the perfect time to remind you to shop at smile.amazon.com. A portion of the cost of your items becomes a donation to our church with no additional cost to you.

*Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1500517](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1500517) to generate donations for First Presbyterian Church, Rockaway*

### **Alternative Christmas Giving**

This is a way of making a donation to mission causes that will make a big impact on Presbyterian Mission around the world. You might consider this as a Gift to a loved one or a grateful donation on your own behalf. Because we will not be having coffee hour in Fellowship Hall to collect your donations this year we are suggesting you go to the website for the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to see the possibilities and make your donation - **presbyteriangifts.org**. There you will see the many choices or you can simply make a donation for them to give to a project of great need. Some suggestions are: Sewing Machine \$50, Supplies for Displaced Students \$30, Fishing Net \$15, or a Piglet \$40. If you need help call the church office or Betty Shuman's phone number. 973-398-6775

Thank you for participating in these programs.