

**Ordinary 2 B**  
**January 17, 2021**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian of Rockaway**  
**Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 12 Noon EDT)**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**      **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**      by William B. Bradbury  
Arr. By Stephen Walley

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's face shines upon us in Christ.

**Turn your face up to him in joy.**

Jesus shows God's way in the earth.

**Come to God on that path.**

The Spirit is God's saving power among all nations.

**Be uplifted by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God our Creator, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN 721            LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE**

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly.**

*Refrain*

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor.**

*Refrain*

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;**

**Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You need my hands, full of caring;  
Through my labors to give others rest  
And constant love that keeps on loving.**

*Refrain*

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You, who have fished other oceans,  
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
My loving friends, as thus you call me.**

*Refrain*

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Giving God, Uniting God, Indwelling God, we are forgetful of the price you have paid for us in the dying and rising of your Son, Jesus Christ. We sin when we are not mindful of the needs of others, when we neglect the cries of those who are your beloved children. Forgive us if we live too much for our own pleasure, forgetting your call to serve others. Save us from all deadly sins by the power that raised Jesus from the dead through your Spirit within us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The God who searches us and knows our inmost thoughts has bought us at great price. In Jesus Christ we have been freed from sin and heaven has been opened to us. Sisters and Brothers, our sins are forgiven; be at peace.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Open our hearts and minds, O Lord, by your Word and Spirit, that we may see your light. Send out your truth to light our path, O God, and lead us, through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom we pray. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### I Sam 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

### Ps. 139:1-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup>**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**  
<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"  
<sup>12</sup>**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.**

### **John 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, <sup>[a]</sup> you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### **SERMON**

### **HERE I AM**

### **HYMN 69**

### **I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of the. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in Jesus Christ the Lord, who was promised to the people of Israel,  
who came in flesh to dwell among us, who announced the coming of the rule of  
God who gathered disciples and taught them,  
who died on the cross to free us from sin, who rose from the dead to give us life  
and hope, who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God, who comes to judge  
and bring justice to victory.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 726**

#### **WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your lie attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**



TUESDAY MORNING STUDY WILL BEGIN A BOOK STUDY ON JAN. 12, 2021

**Everything Is Spiritual: Finding Your Way in a Turbulent World**

**by Rob Bell**

The book is available on Amazon for \$13.95.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81660964669?pwd=TEVQNTYwN3FuWHVBV0pFa2xySkRQUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 6096 4669

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**CHURCH STREET JOURNAL**

**January 2021**

**Stewardship Campaign 2021**

As of 1/12/2021 we have received 34 Pledges for \$84,520, which is about 35% of the amount required for a balanced budget 2021. The 34 Pledges also represents about 28% of the families in the Church. So, if you have not yet pledged please prayerfully considered pledging so we can start this very important year in our Church, i.e. calling a new Pastor, with a balanced budget.



**Christmas Dinners Provided!!**



The Outreach Committee initiated a new program in December for Christmas. They cooked a ham dinner for those in need and living by themselves both in our community and our congregation. They provided 36 meals that were either picked up at the church on Christmas day or delivered by members of the Outreach Committee and RiseUp volunteers.



**Music Thank You**

We want to thank Bonnie Pomeroy, Director of Music, for providing us with such beautiful music during our worship services. It is wonderful that the choir can sing during our services as well.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**

The apportionment of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway for ecclesiastical expenses for the next fiscal year is based upon the membership of our church as reported to the last General Assembly.

**Our 2020 Per Capita Apportionment: Per Member is \$40.00**

Our total apportionment is \$8,120 for 2021

If you can give for two that would be help for those who cannot afford to give!

***Our giving makes a big difference!***

### Sunday School News

Our Sunday School is meeting via Zoom every Sunday morning at 9am. Donna VanDuyne has been teaching some wonderful and fun classes. The children are very excited every week to see and talk to each other as well as have these creative classes. Please encourage your children to join the classes. Ages 3 thru high school are welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72138575076?pwd=OE9DM2VERFhYbEMwQmRtbzBrRTZRQT09>

Meeting ID: 721 3857 5076

Passcode: 0vkJRu

### PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)

The PNC had their first meeting on Friday, January 8 via Zoom. They have begun the work needed to call a new pastor. The committee will be meeting weekly.

### Rockaway Food Closet



The Rockaway Food Closet has continued to provide food for those in need during this pandemic. They provided Holiday Food Baskets with food and turkeys/ham to families for the Christmas holiday. We thank you for your donations that make this possible.

Any questions please contact Linda Kirby at 973-316-0598

### Clerk's Corner

It has been a very difficult year for everyone. Our church has provided worship services via Zoom and will continue to do so until we can again worship in our sanctuary.

On December 6 at the Congregational Meeting we elected four Elders: Rich Basile, Lillian Blair, Carol Lutcza, and Donna VanDuyne.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns Karen Basile 201-213-0312 or [kbasile48@yahoo.com](mailto:kbasile48@yahoo.com)



The **Church Office** is staffed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays every week from 9am to 12noon. Please contact us if you have any questions or needs. 973-627-1059 [office@fpcrockaway.org](mailto:office@fpcrockaway.org)

