

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 10:30 AM EST)

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Traditional

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts.
Increase in us the stuff that life is made of — faith, hope, and love, but especially
love — that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lover and
our lord. Amen.

*HYMN 691

LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE

Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.

**So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins
and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Savior God, you call us to love but we relish the fight. We divide ourselves into us
and them and refuse to cross over, compromise, or contemplate the ways of the
other side. Amen. Humble us in our certainty and arrogance, God. Remind us of
the power of love calm conflict and wage peace.**

Silent Prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this
forgiveness, be at peace, and share the love you have graciously received. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (581)**

**Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, humble us and open us to your life-giving Word. As we hear your Word
read and proclaimed today, may our hearts and minds be open to the Spirit's
moving and Jesus' teaching. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy
gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do
not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my
body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does
not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in
wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they
will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we
prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹
When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;

when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Psalm 71:1-6 (Responsive)

¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

LUKE 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

ANTHEM

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Words by Civilla D. Martin

Music by Charles H.

Gabriel

SERMON

"What Did They Hear?"

Elder Carl Kline

***HYMN 693**

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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 734** **HOPE OF THE WORLD**

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
still let thy Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light:
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà"

Music by Douglas E. Wagner

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35 Church St.,

Rockaway, NJ 07866

Offering plates are available in the narthex and at the exit door

We are very excited to announce that Candidate Ryon Herin will be coming to Rockaway Presbyterian Church of Rockaway as our new pastor beginning on February 17, 2022.

Welcome!

Our 2022 Per Capita Apportionment: Per Member is \$40.00

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

Our giving makes a big difference!

Stephen Ministry Prayer for People Suffering from Pandemic Fatigue

Gracious Comforter, you come into the midst of our pain and lovingly dwell with us. During this pandemic, we ask that you strengthen and comfort those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, and overburdened. Provide for them with the caring ministry of your servants who can walk alongside them in their struggles, and grant them recognition and courage to seek help from their brothers and sisters in Christ so they may face the trials of this time together. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday, January 30 *Open & close—Chris Laccitiello*
9:15 – 10:15 am Sunday School for Children and Adults
10:30 am Worship Service—Sanctuary , via Zoom and Facebook
1:30—4:00 pm MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 31 **Office Closed**

Tuesday, February 1
9:00 am—12:30 pm Office Open
9:30—11:30 am Bible Study—via Zoom
12:00—1:30 pm AA Meeting—Fellowship Hall
7:30—9:30 pm FA Meeting—Scout Room

Wednesday, February 2
9:00 am—12:30 pm Office Open

Thursday, February 3
6:20—6:50 pm Genesis Hand Bells—Loft
6:50—7:30 pm Bell Choir—Loft
7:30—8:30 pm Choir—Loft

Friday, February 4

Saturday, February 5

Sunday, February 6 *Open & close – Chris Laccitiello*
9:15—10:15 am Sunday School—Adult & Children
10:30 am Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom & Facebook
1:30—4:00 pm MORE—Fellowship Hall

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