

Ascension Of The Lord

May 29, 2022

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Jesus Loves Me" Arr. Jim Hammerly

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why are we looking up to heaven?

Christ has come;

Christ has risen;

Christ will come again.

Why are we looking ahead to the future?

The Holy Spirit is among us now.

In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.

Why are we afraid of death and dying?

God's love casts out our fear.

Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**In Christ, we have the promise of new life now,
eternal life to come.**

**In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God,
who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father God,

Like the Apostles, we too will never fully understand all Ascension means.

We accept, but we do not fully understand. We believe, yet we have many questions. Help us, despite our uncertainty, to hold firm to the great truth that the wonder of Christ Jesus goes far beyond anything we can ever imagine, and in that faith may we live each day to his glory and honor.

Amen.

***HYMN 260 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone! Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We were made by God, brought forth from the earth, the earth that was called good when God created it. Your very being is good. You are blessed, earth-born, and called forth to care for the earth and all who dwell in it. Go, know that you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you, and share the Good News. **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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Ryon Herin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 23:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION **Outreach Committee**

OFFERTORY **Rev. Dwight Herin**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Precious Love,

your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power. Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom, that in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth to the One who makes us one body. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 267 COME, CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING**

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Heal Our Land"

**Music by Tom And Robin Brook
Arr. by Bernadine Johnson**

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning
were given by

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In Honor of and Thankfulness for
The Men and Women in the US Military



We invite you to the Baptism of Wyatt Gene Melchiorri son of Angelo and Brittney
Melchiorri, grandson of
Loribeth Melchiorri and the late Eugene Angelo Melchiorri
On June 5, 2022 during worship

Pentecost June 5, 2022

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

40% Stays with our Congregation to support local ministries with children, youth and young adults

25% Supports Young Adult Volunteers serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian Service

25% Supports Ministries with Youth especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium

10% is Devoted to Children At-Risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens

Memorial Day Parade

The Rockaway Memorial Day Parade is back on Monday, May30th and once again we have the opportunity to participate as the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway. It will be a combined Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township event, as it has been in the past. The parade begins at 11:15am and the starting point is Beach Street. The route travels down Main Street to our church parking lot for a memorial service and laying of wreaths at the Civil War and WWI monuments.

Come join us and walk in the parade to show your appreciation to the brave members of the armed forces who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy. Meet the group at 10:45am on Beach Street on Monday, May 30. Please leave a message with the church office if you wish to march behind our church’s banner 973-627-1059 or office@fpcrockaway.org First Presbyterian Church is probably the oldest organization to be represented in the parade!



Coffee Hour

We would like to have coffee hour after worship every Sunday but we need your help. We would like different groups/committees/individuals to host coffee hour for a week or a month. There is a box prepared with all the supplies you need to set up coffee/lemonade hour and a list of instructions about how to do coffee hours. Please sign-up on sheet in Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Urwin if you have any questions.

Blood Drive

July 9, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

The Outreach Committee is hosting this Blood Drive. They are in need of volunteers who would be willing to assist during the blood drive. Please contact Kathy Siegrist at 848-226-5978 katandlar@yahoo.com

VBS Supplies Needed

- Would you be able to donate any of the supplies listed below for Vacation Bible School?
- Glue Sticks
- Model Magic
- Crayola Markers (must be Crayola)
- Paper Bowls
- Googly Eyes
- Small lidded containers – icing, pringles (small ones), Single Instant oatmeal etc.
- Empty 2 liter soda bottles – need 4
- Empty 20 oz soda bottles – need 7
- 4 Kids Adirondack chairs
- Fake fruit
- Fake Bread
- A stuffed quail or stuffed bird that looks like a quail!!
- Sandwich boards or stand-up chalk boards
- Wool
- Blue Food Coloring
- 8 cans shaving cream
- Clothes Steamer
- All Purpose Flour – need 12 lbs!
- Olive Oil – need 48 oz
- 8oz Baking Powder
- 32 oz Salt
- 100 small lollipops – variety of flavors
- 64 Blindfolds or kerchiefs to use for blindfolds
- 1lb Modeling Clay
- 1lb sugar
- Active Dry Yeast

Calendar

Sunday, May 29 - Open & close— Rich Basile

9:15 am - Adult & Children Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom
and Facebook

2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 30 - Office Closed – Memorial Day 11:15am

10:45 am – Meet on Beach Street to parade

Tuesday, May 31

9:00 am—12:30 pm - Office Open

9:30—11:30 am - Bible Study—via Zoom – Book of Galations

12:00—1:30 pm - AA Meeting—Fellowship Hall

7:30—9:30 pm - FA Meeting—Scout Room

Wednesday, June 1

9:00 am—12:30 pm - Office Open

7:00 pm – Property & Cemetery Committee Meeting

7:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 2

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

6:20 – 8:30 pm - Bell & Choir Rehearsals

Friday, June 3 - Office Closed

Saturday, June 4

Sunday June 5 – Donna VanDuyne - Open & Close

Pentecost

9:15 am - Adult and Children Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary,
via Zoom and Facebook – Communion and Baptism

2:00 – 4:00 pm - MORE – Fellowship Hall

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Church School—9:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship Service—10:30 am

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Bonnie Pomeroy, *Director of Music*

Robert Nichols, *Cemetery Sexton*

Karen Basile, *Clerk of Session*

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