

November 13, 2022
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Music from William Walker’s *Southern Harmony*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are making all things new.

A new heaven A new earth A new way of thinking A new way of being.

You are making all things new.

No more Death No more mourning No more crying No more pain.

You are making all things new.

Renew our minds to renew the world by living out your commandment of love.

You are making all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you are our salvation; We will trust and not be afraid. You, Lord God Adonai, are our strength and our song; you have become our salvation. With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation, for you, God, are my salvation. We drink from your fullness, from your freshness, from your replenishing depths. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 269 LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL**

1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest

your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper

the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;

with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning

where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.

The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, not as frightened servants
but as children of the household of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, still creating,

We hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.

Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With joy draw waters from the well of salvation! Forgiveness is real!

Trust it and share it; forgive as you have been forgiven.

Jesus said: "There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents."

Truly, God is our salvation we shall trust and not be afraid!

***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

ISAIAH 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

ANTHEM

"Eternal Life" Music by Oliver Dungan,

Arr. by Fred Bock Based on the words of St. Francis of Assisi

Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see,

the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify.

¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.

¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SERMON

“A Future-Oriented People”

Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN 373**

O DAY OF PEACE

1 O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

OFFERTORY “The Lord Is My Hope”

Music by M.D. Ridge

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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

O Lord, You call us to love those whom you would love, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring wholeness to lives that are broken, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring comfort to those who are grieving, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring good news to those who are seeking, and give us the words to say. Your word, living water in desert sands. Your word, blossoming in parched earth. Your word, bearing fruit wherever it is sown. 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 346 FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS**

1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee: Hymn to Joy”

Words by Henry Van Dyke, Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven,
melody from the Ninth Symphony adapted by Edward Hodges
Please remain seated and give thanks to God. After the postlude, join us for coffee hour!!

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**Guest Organist today
Karen Notare**

Mark Your Calendars

- November 20 - Evening Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (FH)
- November 27 – Greening of Christmas following Worship Service
- December 4 – Christmas Luncheon following Worship Service
- December 9 – Progressive Ecumenical Advent Service
- December 21 – Blue Christmas Service 4:00pm
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

**Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering
Sunday, November 20**

5:00 – 7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall
Join us for song & reflection, food & fellowship
and roundtable discussion on
Loving One’s Fellow in different religious traditions

YOURS, MINE AND OURS



Stephen Ministry belongs to all of us
offering HELP, HOPE AND HEALING

HOLIDAY WISHES.

This is a program we supported for many years here at First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway. Holiday gifts for local children needing assistance. Each child receives two clothing items and two toys (estimating approximately \$120 each child). Each family receives a ShopRite gift card for food. If you are interested in participating, contact Brenda Dunn, Holiday Wishes Coordinator at: rockawayholidaywishes@gmail.com. Gift cards are welcome (Walmart, Target marked with the amount) or a monetary donation is appreciated. You can drop off gifts and food to Rockaway Assembly of God Church on Dec. 12,13 and 14th. We will post the times at a later date.

Thank you
Maureen Huber
Outreach Committee

Rockaway Food Closet

The Food Closet is doing our annual Thanksgiving food distribution on Saturday, November 19. We supply food and turkeys to about 120 families in Rockaway Borough and Rockaway Township. Please donate the following items: stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, boxed mashed potatoes, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, tuna, beans, soup, coffee and tea. **Food items are needed by Tuesday, November 15.**

We can only accept turkeys on the morning of the distribution -- Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (the earlier the better). If you can't bring your turkey that morning, please give me a call at 973-997-9672 to make other arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your support of this much needed food distribution.
Linda Kirby, Coordinator
Rockaway Food Closet



SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS!!

When you purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards from our church the church receives 5% of the cost of the gift card. (No extra cost to you). We have been selling Shop Rite Gift Cards at the church for many years. The profits we receive have been used to pay for programs/projects in our church. We all need to eat! It is a 'win win' for our church. Contact Pat Budis if you have any questions 201-230-2286. You can pick them up from Pat or she will even deliver.



The Holidays are coming - it is a great time to order from AmazonSmile

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway is a registered charity on **AmazonSmile**. Every time you make a purchase at smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be directly donated to our church. It costs you nothing and the church gets income to continue its ministries in the community. All you need to do is sign up and here's how! On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from the list. Choose "First Presbyterian Church, Rockaway." as your charitable organization. If you have an account simply follow instructions to add a charitable organization to your account. Let's get the word out to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Anyone can sign up and designate our church to receive funds so please spread the word!

Calendar

Sunday, November 13 – Open Close – Lillian Blair

9:15 – 10:15 am – Confirmation Class, Adult & Children's Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

11:45 am – Special Session Meeting

2:00 pm – MORE – FH

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Youth Group Fellowship Meeting

Monday – November 14 – Office Closed

7:00 pm – Bible Study – Linda Urwin's home

Tuesday – November 15 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:30 – 11:00 am - Bible Study – via Zoom

12:00 – 1:30 pm – AA Meeting – BK Room

7:30 – 9:30 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – November 16 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Den Meeting - FH

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – BK Room

7:30 – 9:00 pm – Boy Scouts – FH, Scout Room

Thursday, November 17 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

5:00 – 8:00 pm – Sorting of Food for Food Bags - FH

6:20 pm – 7:30 pm – Bells Rehearsal

Friday, November 18 – Office Closed

5:00 – 8:00 pm – Thanksgiving Bags Prepared - FH

Saturday, November 19 –

8:30 am – 1:30 pm – Thanksgiving Bags Picked up - FH

Sunday, November 20 – Open & Close – Pat Budis

Confirmation Sunday

9:15 – 10:15 am – Confirmation Class, Adult & Children's Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

1:00 – 3:00 pm – MORE – FH

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering – FH

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