

November 20, 2022  
Confirmation Sunday  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 “Joyful Rhythm” By Kevin McChesney”**

**Advanced Handbells**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Jack Duggan**

God is with his people.

He dwells in their midst.

Listen and hear him speak.

**Our hearts long for his word.**

**We wait upon the Lord**

**so that we may renew our strength.**

God is our help and our support.

His spirit moves among us

to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**With joyful hearts we sing God's praise.**

**With rejoicing we call upon Him.**

**The Lord is our hope and our salvation.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (Written by St. Bonafice)**

**Luke Huebscher**

**Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,**

**we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.**

**We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*HYMN 363 REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!**

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**Stella Salierno**

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

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sovereign God,**

**We confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer. Amen.*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love. Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another, and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This is the way of our Sovereign God. Go, knowing you are forgiven, and love and serve one another, especially our neighbors in need, as Christ serves us. 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**

#### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Jack Duggan**

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## **ANTHEM**

### **John 18:33-40**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

<sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.

## **SERMON**

### **"Gathering Back the Fold"**

**Rev. Ryon Herin**

### **\*HYMN 620 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

## **PRESENTATION AND RECEIVING OF CONFIRMANDS**

**Jack Duggan and Sponsor Carl Kline**

**Luke Huebscher and Sponsor Kathy Siegrist**

**Stella Salierno and Sponsor Henry Van Dyke**

## **QUESTIONS FOR CONFIRMANDS/ PROFESSION OF FAITH**

## **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.

## **PRAYER AND LAYING ON HANDS/ ANNOINTING**

### **WELCOME**

**OFFERTORY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**Beginner Bells**

### **606 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**

**Luke Huebscher**

**O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. 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 702**

### **CHRIST BE BESIDE ME**

**1 Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.**

**2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.**

**3 Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” arranged by Terri Hutchings**

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God. After the postlude, join us for coffee hour!!*

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**GIVING TO 1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY**

Go to our web page (fpcrockaway.org), go to the Stewardship Giving page, scroll down to “donate” and give electronically

<http://www.fpcrockaway.org/stewardshipgiving.html>

or mail to:

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway  
35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ 07866

**Guest Organist today  
Karen Notare**

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**Mark Your Calendars**

- November 27 – Greening of Christmas following Worship Service
- December 4 – Christmas Luncheon following Worship Service 11:45am
- December 9 – Progressive Ecumenical Advent Service
- December 21 – Blue Christmas Service 4:00pm
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

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**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

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**YOURS, MINE AND OURS**



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

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**Christmas Luncheon following Worship Service  
December 4 @ 11:45am in Fellowship Hall  
\$10 per person – children under 5 are free  
Purchase tickets by November 27**

**Info on Advent Bible Studies**

The Advent book we will be studying on **Sunday Mornings during Sunday School and on Tuesdays on Zoom at 9:30** will be *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark (starting the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> of November)*. As you know, there is no Nativity story in Mark. However, that does not mean there is nothing we can learn from Mark's view of the Gospel story. The whole story of God incarnate, Jesus' life and death, found in Mark is a part of the Christmas story and what we wait upon this Advent. Please join us as we journey together and find what our disrupting Savior has for us this Advent season.

Also, we will be having a **Monday night bible study at 7 PM** (starting the 28<sup>th</sup>) at the manse (101 Church St.) where we will explore various infancy narratives, the Advent Prayers 2022 devotional by Bruce Reyes-Chow that you can pickup in the narthex the first week of Advent, and other reflections on this season of waiting.

All those interested, we will be having an **impromptu Church-giving at the manse on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** as an extension of the Monday Bible Studies. All are welcome, and please bring some goodies or a dish to share. We will be discussing the upcoming studies in Advent and your hopes (and worries) this busy Advent season as we give together for the many blessings of this year.

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**Christmas Wreaths & Grave Covers**

Orders Forms Available

Grave Covers \$30

Wreaths \$25

Pick up wreaths & grave covers on Saturday, December 3 after 3:00pm

Must order no later than November 27

Talk to one of the Youth Advisors: Lisa DiBonaventura, Chris Harrington, Rachel Kelly, Mark Kuschke

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**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](mailto: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

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**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.

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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!

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**Calendar**

- Sunday, November 20 – Open Close – Pat Budis
- 9:15 – 10:15 am – Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 9:45 am – Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am – **Confirmation** Worship Service –  
sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook
- 2:00 pm – MORE – FH
- 5:00 pm - Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering  
First Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall

Monday – November 21 – Office Closed

Tuesday – November 22 –

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 23 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving

Office Closed

5:00 – 9:00 pm – MORE Thanksgiving Gathering - FH

Friday, November 25 – Office Closed

7:00 – 10:00 pm – Community Cup Coffee House - FH

Saturday, November 26 –

8:00 – 11:00 am – Rise Up Breakfast - FH

Sunday, November 27 – Open & Close – Mark Kuschke

9:15 – 10:15 am – Adult & Children’s Sunday School

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

11:30 am – Greening of Christmas – following worship

2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

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Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am

Office Hours 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

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