

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Adapted by Thomas Helmore

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The day is near. And so we wait.

We wait with hope, for the brokenhearted to be healed,
for the downtrodden to be lifted up.

We wait for the coming of the Christ child.

In this meantime, We will sing into the silence.

We will light a candle against the darkness.

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

The Santos Family

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God of Hope,

Give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent. As we worship together, we offer ourselves to you and we open ourselves to your abundant grace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 348 LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING**

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Now redemption, long expected, comes in solemn splendor near;
all the saints this world rejected thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! See the day of God appear!

3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom as thine own. Come, Lord Jesus;
come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus. Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We don't know when Jesus will return, and we are not to worry about it.

But we do know when we do wrong, when we hurt people, when we disappoint God.

But God will change our sins into acts of mercy, and our failures into faith.

Join me as we pray to our God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and life,

You set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ. As the people of God in this place, we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for one another. Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come. So many people, young and old, grope helplessly in

the gloom of despair and suffering, yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us.
Silent Prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: you will be swept away in the light of God's mercy, salvation capturing us and carrying us home to God.

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love: these gifts, and more, are ours in this Advent season of watching and waiting.

Thanks be to God.

***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 2:1-5

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from

Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

ANTHEM

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Music by Joseph Parry

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SERMON

"Waiting Day and Night"

Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN 756**

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

1 O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

3 Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants under-gird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace; till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

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.

DEDICATION OF 2022 PLEDGES

OFFERTORY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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

Advent God, come, Lord come: come to all who wait for justice,
come and judge the nations, come and reconcile our conflicts.
Come, Lord come, like a thief in the night, find us ready in the darkness,
mindful of the cost, but watchful for the dawn of salvation in our midst.
Advent God, come, Lord come, with justice and with mercy,
bringing faith and hope and love, come, Lord come. 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 677 THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED**

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended; the darkness falls at thy behest.
To thee our morning hymns ascended; thy praise shall hallow now our rest.
2 We thank thee that thy church unsleeping, while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world a watch is keeping and rests not now by day or night.
3 As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the song of praise away.
4 The sun that bids us rest is waking thy children 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever until there dawns thy glorious day.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

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

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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:

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**Guest Organist today
Karen Notare**

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

YOURS, MINE AND OURS



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

**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
Tickets available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall**

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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 20th 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 28th) 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.

Script Gift Card Sale

We are selling Gift Cards through the Script program. When you purchase the gift card through us the church will receive a percentage of the cost.
Order Forms are available in the Narthex. Please turn in your form and check by Sunday, December 4, 2022. Checks are to be made out to the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway
Thank you for your support

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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



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

Hat, Scarfs and Gloves

Rise Up is collecting Hats, Scarfs and Gloves to be given to those in need in our community. There is a box outside to the office in which to place your donations.

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Rockaway’s First Annual Advent Progressive Ecumenical Service

Friday, December 9th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

We will begin at Rockaway United Methodist Church, then we will carol* to First Presbyterian Church and end the service at St. Cecilia with refreshments to follow!

*Option to either carol with electric candles (provided) or drive to each location.



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 27 – Open Close – Mark Kuschke

First Sunday of Advent

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

12:00 pm – Outreach Meeting

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – November 28 – Office Closed

Tuesday – November 29 –

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

5:30 – 6:30 pm – Girl Scout Meeting Troop #98484 – Scout Room

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

Wednesday – November 30 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, December 1 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

7:30 – 8:30 pm – Venture Scouts - Canteen

Friday, December 2 – Office Closed

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Boy Scout Pack Meeting - FH

Saturday, December 3 –

10:00 – 3:00 pm – Wreath and Grave Cover Making by Youth Group – FH

4:00 pm – Set Up for Luncheon - FH

Sunday, December 4 – Open & Close – Chris Laccitiello

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

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

2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

6:00 pm – Theatre Group Setting Up - FH

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Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am

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