

October 23, 2022

Farwell to Bonnie: 18 Years of Music

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**            “How Great Thou Art”            Melody by Carl G. Boberg  
Arranged by David Nevue

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it from the rise of the sun to its setting.

**Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than the world that surrounds me.**

Your Words gives me more insight than my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes until they become part of me.

**I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts and live by their words.**

Because you yourself have taught me,

I have no need to stray from your law and your path.

**O Holy God, how sweet your words are to taste, sweeter than honey on the tongue. Because you desire us to know your holy Word, help us to read it night and day.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Holy Spirit, come to us this day and teach us sweet words again! Make our minds and thoughts richer, so that we may know your law and your word can show us your loving and wise heart. Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **\*HYMN 35 PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Let us return unto God, who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,**

**Have mercy on our souls, according to your unwavering love; according to your abundant mercy wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long. Instead write on our hearts your love.**

**Your boundaries for our lives. Your salvation that sets us free from our sins. To live the abundant life you have for each of us.. *Silent Prayer.* Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying:

“I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrongdoing and remember your sins no more.” Siblings in Christ, your sins are forgiven; be at peace. **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**

### **PSALM 119:97-104**

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

<sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

<sup>102</sup> I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

## **ANTHEM**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**Arr. by Bill Cutter**

### **Luke 18:1-8**

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

## **SERMON**

**“Obeying God Through Our Giving”**

**Rev. Ryon Herin**

**\*HYMN 459 O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE**

1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.  
2 The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, amid the rocks and quick sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
3 O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace, till clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

**CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR BONNIE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Question 4 of the Heidelberg Catechism

**Q. What does God's law require of us?**

**A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.**

**"And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'**

**"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

**A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

(Christian Education)

Chris Harrington

**OFFERTORY "Sonata in D" By Domenico Cimarosa  
Edited by Charles Callahan**

**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**

**Dear Lord, Let us never give up praying for justice, or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us 'Why?' Let us never give up praying for fairness, or the hungry of this world will one day ask us 'Why?' Let us never give up praying for healing, or the sick in this world will one day ask us 'Why?' May we trust in your ability to answer us and truly see the abundance and blessings that we receive from you. 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 175**

**SEEK YE FIRST**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE “Toccatà in D Minor”**

**By Johann Sebastian Bach**

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God. After the postlude, join us for coffee hour and cake as we wish Bonnie well in her new call!!*

**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



**THE INSTALLATION SERVICE  
OF REV. RYON HERIN  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF ROCKAWAY**

**YOU ARE INVITED:**

**4:00 PM NOVEMBER 6TH IN THE SANCTUARY**

(35 CHURCH STREET ROCKAWAY, NJ)

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW!!**

Bonnie Pomeroy's last Sunday as our Music Director is today.

Be sure to wish her success in her new position!

Join us for a reception after worship in Fellowship Hall





The Outreach Committee will be hosting a table/space at this year's Dark Lake Spooktacular, to be held at Park's Lake on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to bring attention to our church as well as reach out to our community. We welcome anyone to assist us in several ways!

#1 – donate a bag of candy! We'll make a box available in the narthex for your donation

#2 – help decorate our space! We are calling all youth to participate. Come in costume and once we have decorated you are welcome to trick or treat. Rachel Kelly will be organizing a planning meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#3 – help man our table. It's a busy event and we'll need many hands to help. Costumes encouraged

#4 – help clean up. Not fun, but necessary.

Please contact Kathy Siegrist if you can help with #2, #3 or #4. #1 only requires your candy donation by Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you



### **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.



Fundraiser -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 it's 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!

### **Monday Evening Bible Study**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Place: Linda Urwin's home**

(It will not meet on October 31 – Halloween!)

### **Coat Drive**

**Please place in the coats on the stage in Fellowship Hall.**

**Please bring your donations no later than November 5**

**Thank you.**

## YOURS, MINE AND OURS



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

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### Calendar

Sunday, October 23 – Open Close – Kathy Shuey

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

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

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

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Youth Group meeting to make Halloween decorations

Monday – October 24 – Office Closed

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

Tuesday – October 25 –

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 – October 26 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, October 27 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Friday, October 28 – Office Closed

Saturday, October 29 –

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

5:30 – 8:00 pm – Spooktacular around Park's Lake

Sunday, October 30 – Open & Close – Donna VanDuyne

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

10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via Zoom & Facebook

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

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