

Stewardship 2023

A Rainbow of Giving

*God is making all things new
for a future that is looking bright*

Caring for the needs of others

*Sunday Worship
October 9, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for
you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all you people, come and worship.

God has made a covenant with us.

Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.

God has made a covenant with all creatures.

Remember the covenant and be thankful.

God remembers the covenant and God will save us.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, that we may follow your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 9:8-17 from the *International Children's Bible*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #300** We Are One in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 16:19-31

SERMON Do You See What I See?

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

May our gifts this day go to serve those who need healing, those who are hungry, those who need a friend or community, and those who are on the other side of that chasm we call indifference. We may not always notice them, but you do, and so we pray that they might be touched by your grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Peggy Danilowicz

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 #761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called as ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 9, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Dr. Robert Swaim.

STEWARDSHIP 2023: Beginning this morning October 9, during worship, we will consider how each of us can be a part of the "Rainbow of Giving." – *A Rainbow of Giving: God is Making All Things New* – uses the image of the rainbow. Each color of the rainbow represents a different aspect of ministry. Over four weeks we will "build the rainbow" at Forest Grove which will conclude on Commitment Sunday, October 30 when pledge cards will be received and blessed.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS BEGINS TODAY: All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY begins this week. Thursday OCTOBER 13 at 7pm. We will examine the 10 Commandments including how Jesus reinterpreted them. Participation is by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875

RYON HERIN'S INSTALLATION SERVICE: Will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 4pm. at *First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway, N.J.* If you would like to ride the bus to attend, please call or email the church office.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY OCTOBER 16: 5:30pm-9:00pm Corn Maze at Wilcox Farm. Call Pastor Su for additional info.

BSA Troop 71 Greenery Fundraiser Tis the Season of Giving. Help support our Boy Scouts by going to: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatrop71/products> Beautiful Wreaths, Swags and Centerpieces from Sherwood Forest Farms are for sale. Please order by **November 4, 2022**. We are raising funds for a new troop shed and equipment. All profits from your purchase go directly to Troop 71.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for Spices such as pepper, cinnamon, oregano, parsley, or chili powder. Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule. Any and all donations of any kind are greatly appreciated!

CHICKEN BARBEQUE: Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters to this year's Chicken Barbeque. Special thanks to the coordinators: Sharon and Tim Ruth, Beth Conti, Dee Tori and Carol Eckmeder. We sold 264 dinners.

Calendar:	October 9	10am	Worship Service and Sunday School followed by Fellowship.
		11:15am	Christmas Musical rehearsal.
	October 10	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
		7pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 meeting.
	October 11	9am	Garden Club.
		5pm	Beekeepers meeting.

October 12	9:30am	Christian Education Committee meeting.
	12pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making.
	7pm	Mission Team meeting.
October 13	7pm	Bible Study on Zoom.

Elder of the Month: Terry Holton. Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice.
Fellowship Hour host: Martha Greenwood, Sunday School Teacher: Karen Myers.

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner,
Sally Thiessen, Violet Sanders

We hold the Daniels family in our prayers at the loss of Steve Daniels, Doris Daniel's son. *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*



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