

**Stewardship 2023**

# *A Rainbow of Giving*

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

**Giving from a Grateful Heart**

*Sunday Worship  
October 16, 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** (based on Psalm 146)

*Joy comes to those who hope in God.*

**For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.**

*Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!*

**The Lord will reign forever,**

*Our God will keep faith with all generations.*

**Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!**

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #612** We Praise You, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Bountiful God: our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, enough respect, enough recognition, enough to live on. And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you, we cannot see the emptiness of others, we cannot help but cling to more than we need. Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings. Tell us we can be more loving; whisper to us of how we can be more compassionate; sing to us of how we can serve others - all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 *from the International Children's Bible*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #703** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1. Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.
3. O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away where-e'er thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, nor seek, but thee.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 12:38-44

**SERMON** Giving From a Grateful Heart

**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**

**Imagining we are very poor, we think our gifts don't matter, and so give very little. Yet, from the abundance of your love, you challenge us to be as faithful as the woman Jesus speaks about. Make us more generous and gracious givers, even as you take what we offer in these moments, and use them in the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP** Amy Raab, Leanne and Bill Yerkes

**JOYS AND CONCERNS AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP**

**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 #694** Great God of Every Blessing

1. Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
2. Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
3. Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 16, 2022.**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Emily F. Morris.**

**STEWARDSHIP 2023:** 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*. Each color of the rainbow represents a different aspect of ministry. We will "build the rainbow" at Forest Grove which will conclude on Commitment Sunday, October 30 when pledge cards will be received and blessed.

**TODAY YOUTH GROUP:** 5:30pm-9:00pm Corn Maze at Wilcox Farm. Cost: \$8

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS 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 Join Us This Thursday OCTOBER 20 at 7pm.** We will continue to examine the 10 Commandments including how Jesus reinterpreted them. Participation is by Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875

**CHILDCARE PROVIDER WANTED:** This is a paid two hour per week position. If you know someone who loves children and is looking to offer their gifts for these precious children of God, please contact Pastor Su.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Once again our Sunday School children will be putting together shoe boxes of toys to be distributed by Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan Purse). Slips listing specific toy items for the boxes will be available beginning this Sunday in Fellowship Hall or call the church office. All items must be dropped off at the church no later than November 6 before worship.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** October 23, 4:00 – 5:30. All are invited to pass out candy from the trunk of your car to our young friends. Decorate and wear a costume, if you like. Children are encouraged to wear a costume and "Trick or Treat." There will also be crafts and games. Donations for UNICEF will be received.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCH SPEAKER:** November 2, the congregation as well as community members are invited at noon to bring their own lunch and enjoy an enriching and engaging program. This first gathering will offer a program on *Genealogy*. Come to the lunch and learn how you can investigate your own heritage.

**RYON HERIN'S INSTALLATION SERVICE:** Will be held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PHOTO FUNDRAISER FOR VIOLET SANDERS:** 7 year old Violet Sanders, daughter of Brad and Christine has been diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma, a type of blood cancer. To help support the family and their mounting medical bills, we are holding a photo fundraiser. Come to the church and have your Christmas pictures taken. You will be given a flash drive allowing you to print and share these images with family and friends or make Christmas cards. Appointments can be made by calling the church office. The following times are available: Saturday Mornings: October 29 and November 5, 8:30 – 11:00, Sundays: October 30 and November 6, 11:30 – 3:00, Wednesday Evening: October 26. Cost: \$25 minimum (If you wish to contribute more, you may) All proceeds will be given to the Sanders family.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 71 GREENERY FUNDRAISER** **Tis the Season of Giving.** Help support our Boy Scouts by going to: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatroup71/products> Beautiful Wreaths, Swags and Centerpieces from Sherwood Forest Farms are for sale. Please order by **November 4, 2022**. All profits from your purchase go directly to Troop 71.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for **shaving cream and disposable razors or toothpaste and tooth brush.** 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!

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	<b>October 16</b>	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday School.
		11:15am	Christmas Musical rehearsal.
		5:30pm	Youth Group – Corn Maze at Wilcox Farm.
	<b>October 17</b>	7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting.
	<b>October 18</b>	10:00am	Worship & Music Committee Meeting.
		7:00pm	Property Committee Meeting.
	<b>October 19</b>	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making
	<b>October 20</b>	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom.

Elder of the Month: Terry Holton  
Fellowship Hour host: Leanne Yerkes

Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice  
Sunday School Teacher: Ruth Squillace

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

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



**Church Staff**  
**Susan Fall, Pastor**  
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