

Stewardship 2023

A Rainbow of Giving

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

Growing our Faith

*Sunday Worship
October 23, 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**

God is here in this place!

**The Spirit of God has been poured out upon us,
preparing us for this time and this season.**

God is here in this place!

Christ has come that we might have abundant life.

God is here in this place!

**We long to hear the voice of God,
speaking to our hearts and leading us forward.**

Let us worship the God who was and is and is to come!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, we thank you for the ways you are present in our lives. We ask that your Spirit of grace and compassion would both encourage us and inspire us for the living of these days. May our worship honor you, and may we see Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN #401 Gather Us In**

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of your name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Holy God, We approach you with confidence because we believe that your love is steadfast and your mercies are new every morning. But our love is not always so dependable, and we are prone to holding onto resentment for too long. Too often, we value being right over being loving. We pray for your Spirit to soften our hearts, so that we might be more like you. O God, guide us to always seek the ways of kindness and mercy in all that we say and do. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Let us join in proclaiming the good news of the gospel: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 Luke 18:9-14

SPECIAL MUSIC Bell Processional

Richard E. Frey

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #688*** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart *verses 1,2,4 and 5*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.
4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 84:1-7

SERMON No Place Like Home

Rev. Jess Winderweedle

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***

Gracious God, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift: from food and shelter, to grace and mercy. You provide for us in ways both practical and miraculous, and you give us ample opportunity to see the bounty of your kindness. We offer back gifts of tithe, talent and time, that we may participate in the sharing of your limitless love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Vini and Doug Christie

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

(Please sign the friendship pad that is found in the center aisle of the pews and pass down the row to the windows.)

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 #22**

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

2. God the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?

3. God the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

4. God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?

5. God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?

6. God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 23, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Thomas J. Frederick.

We welcome Rev. Jess Winderweedle to our pulpit today. Rev. Winderweedle is a Commissioned Elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Practical Theology/Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. Before returning to school, Jess served as lead pastor at Kingston UMC, where she also founded The Feed Truck, a mobile campus and community outreach ministry.

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*. We continue to build the Rainbow this week in worship and will conclude next Sunday, October 30, when the congregation will be invited to make their financial pledge by offering their 2023 Commitment card during the service.

TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY 4:00PM-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.

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 27 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 an every Sunday two hour paid position. We want to provide a caring place for our youngest friends during worship. 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.

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 6th at 4pm. at *First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway, N.J.* We will NOT be providing a bus but if you would like to attend and need a ride, please contact Pastor Su.

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 online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=00CAC0D9F4CFF963&cs=09C3BAAE8FCD8B6C7B0B64715BCF9BCD&sortby=l.title> or by calling the church office. Cost: \$25 minimum (If you wish to contribute more, you may) All proceeds will be given to the Sanders family.

YOUTH GROUP Sunday October 30th: Halloween Fun Night. Wear a costume!

SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 13: It's "The Church Has Left the Building" Mission Sunday. This year we will offer a single mission project – Rise Against Hunger meal packing. This is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. Our goal is to pack 12,000 meals. It will be "all hands on deck" that Sunday starting at 10:00 for a brief time of worship and then getting to work with the packing. All age levels and abilities can participate. There's something for everyone to do and will not only have fun doing it, but will be both blessed by it and be a blessing to others.

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 non-fat dried powder milk or grated parmesan cheese.** 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!

<u>Calendar:</u>	October 23	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday School.
		11:15am	Christmas Musical rehearsal.
		4:00pm	Trunk or Treat.
October 24	7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.	
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting.	
October 25	7:00pm	Session Meeting on Zoom.	
October 26	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making	
	5:30pm	Christmas Pictures taken.	
October 27	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom.	

Elder of the Month: Terry Holton

Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice

Fellowship Hour host: Louise Stemplewicz

Sunday School Teacher: Kim King

In our thoughts and prayers:

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

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager

Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper

