



**Saddle River Reformed Church
Worshipping at
Old Stone Church**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 29, 2024
10am Worship**

Minister: The Rev. Leah Ennis-Gasero

Head Usher: Suzie Peters

Reader: Cliff Kammerer

(*Congregation stands as they are able)

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

VOTUM

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Psalm 124:8

OUR HOPE: Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

GREETING

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And with you, also.

***HYMN: 112 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” (v. 1 & 2)**

PRAYER OF HUMAN CONDITION

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 51

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

READING OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "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.

Matthew 22:37-40

PSALTER

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Pastor: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Pastor: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:7-14

*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.***

*HYMN: 157 "The Love of God" (v. 1 & 2)

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Front of pew Bible pages 129-130

James 5:13-20

Back of pew Bible pages 231-232

Mark 9:38-50

Back of pew Bible page 45

MESSAGE: "Costly Grace"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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: 352 "O the Deep, Deep Love of
Jesus" (v. 1 & 3)**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **Kirk Gagnon**
- **Una Ratmeyer**
- **John Seibert**

Our home-bound members:

Joyce McClurg
Laura Parker

Mary Breen
(Requested by Kathy Breen)

Jay Coblentz
(Requested by Dot Coblentz)

Brett Ferra; Bill Conklin; June Conklin; Victor Zeringo
(Requested by Jo Conklin)

Judy Nygern; Andres Magi; Ron Kraham
(Requested by Peter Freeman)

Jane Sands; Avalyn
(Requested by the Gagnons)

Rev. Ron & Karen Lokhorst as Karen is facing serious health concerns and is in hospice care
(Requested by the Giordanos)

Anne
(Requested by Eileen Jones)

Claudia Kammerer; Roger; Suzette A; Anna Hartung; Bertha Mandel; Denny Thompson; Chris Reilly; Terri; Roger Trespicio; Sydney Sue; Paul & Barbara Sherman; Chris Hernandez; Patti; Diane; Dick Meuer; Horst; Glen DePiero; Skip
(Requested by the Kammerers)

Tim P; Joe C; Virginia F; Tom K; Ann S; Dave C; Rich H; Carol B; Gary G; Pat O
(Requested by Cathy Lowden)

Rhonda Shapson
(Requested by Nancy Peet)

Dorothy Crapanzano; Brian Peters; Cheryl; Paul; Michelle; Joe
(Requested by the Peters)

Janet Sandgran
(Requested by the Sew 'n' Sews)

Alexa Yannuzzi
(Requested by the Strohmeiers)

Marcy Robin; Russell Maitland; Lynn Friedman; Loris Marfilius; Edward Verhulst; Lorraine Kolodzieski
(Requested by Rozanne Sullivan)

Vicki Lunghofer; Nellie LaTesta
(Requested by Christine Van Wetering)

PRAYERS OF SUPPORT FOR

- RCA missionaries
- The Leadership of the Reformed Church in America: General Synod, Regional Synod of the Mid-Atlantics, the Classis of the Greater Palisades, and our Consistory
- Seminary students at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and the Western Theological Seminary
- All victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, drought, and man-made disasters including hurricane Helene
- Leaders of government and international aid organizations
- Those serving our country, veterans, and all peoples affected by war and terrorist attacks including the crises in Israel and Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine
- The victims of mass shootings and their families including those in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Birmingham, Alabama
- Those working to dismantle racism and break barriers for people living with disabilities
- The poor, oppressed, sick, lonely, homeless, unemployed, exiles and refugees, infirm and the dying, prisoners, caregivers, and those struggling with addiction and mental illness and their families
- The families who have served our congregation through their ministry: Marlyn Minnick, Ellen Springsteen, and Bob & Arlene Fretz
- All those who have lost loved ones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Activities for children are available in the basket in the back left of the sanctuary. Please help yourself! How we love to hear the joyful noise of our smallest and cutest members!

New Bible Study Forming: Are you interested in studying God's Word? Pastor Leah would like to form an evening study for those who are unable to attend daytime studies. Speak with Pastor Leah today.

The Deacons will be collecting funds during September and October for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) began in 2003 as a small, grassroots effort providing simple care and comfort items to the hospital bedsides of the first wounded service members returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. As their post-service needs evolved, so have our programs and services. Today, through their direct programs in mental health, career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care, along with our advocacy efforts, they improve the lives of millions of warriors and their families. Please make checks payable to "Saddle River Reformed Church" and designate as "Mission of the Month."

WEEKLY Bible Lecture: Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge followed by the “Lunch Bunch” from 12:15-1pm.

On Wednesdays at 11am, Mr. James Jones leads us in a bible lecture. He teaches on a variety of topics and discussions. A short Q & A time follows the lecture. Around noon, everyone joins in fellowship over a Bring-Your-Own-Lunch. You are welcome to hear new perspectives on scripture and everyday life.

The **Sew 'n' Sews** next meeting will be **Friday, October 4 at 12 noon in the Lounge**. This group is open to everyone. The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

Third Annual Cozy Soups for Fall - Saturday October 26, 2024 the soup chefs of the Old Stone Church will once again fire up their soup pots and create many flavors of homemade soup. Each cook chooses to make their favorite, so you get to select from each kitchen's best offering. You can buy a pint and eat it onsite along with a piece of bread. And you can also buy a few to take home and store in your freezer. The proceeds of the sale are donated to the Center for Food Action. So, everyone wins! It will be open from **11AM to 2PM** on Saturday, October 26. Don't miss out!

Pastor Leah's Installation - Save the date! Sunday, November 3 at 3pm with reception to follow.

Time for Fellowship!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for **Sunday Iced Tea Socials**. They are weekly, immediately following the service. This provides us with a chance to chat and catch up with our church family while enjoying a treat or two (or three!).

Food Donations

The **Center for Food Action in Mahwah at 90 Ridge Road is open M-F from 10am-2pm** to accept donations. Their most needed items are Supermarket Gift Cards, Canned Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables & Fruits, Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6, Pasta, White & Brown Rice, Dried Beans, Baby Formula, Bar or Bottle Soap, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Canned Meat & Fish, Canned Pastas, Stews, & Chilis, Canned Tomatoes, and Low Sugar Cereal.

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The Saddle River Reformed Church worshipping at the Old Stone Church in Upper Saddle River is a member of the Reformed Church in America, serving the New York and New Jersey area since 1628. The Congregation was formed in 1784.

The Reformed Church is part of the Presbyterian/Reformed Christian tradition. We celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and Lord's Supper. The congregation is an inclusive community that believes that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and the Bible (Hebrew and Christian) reveals those things needed by Christians for spiritual development and living. We believe that the people of the church are to follow the way of love and action given to us by Jesus.

We believe we are at our best when we serve our community.

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Saddle River Reformed Church Consistory

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Pastor Leah is off Mondays. She will ONLY respond to pastoral emergencies on her day off, should they arise.

Regular Hours:

Tu & Fri- By Appointment // W & Th 9am-1pm

Elders

Peter Freeman, VP
Cathy Lowden, Treasurer
Nancy Peet, Clerk

Deacons

Cliff Kammerer
Suzanne Peters
John Seibert

Staff

Rozanne Sullivan
Director of Music & Organist

Stephanie Doyle
Office Manager
Tu-F 10am-2pm

Ken Conklin
Cemetery Superintendent Emeritus
In Memoriam