



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

Reformation Sunday
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
October 27, 2024
10am Worship

Minister: The Rev. Leah Ennis-Gasero

Head Usher: Pete Freeman

Reader:

(*Congregation stands as they are able)

THE APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTUM

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

Amen.

Psalm 124:8

OUR HOPE: Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #15

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

A. One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

Q&A 16

Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

A. God's justice demands that human nature,

which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others.

Q&A 29

Q. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior?"

A. Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.

GREETING

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And with you, also.

***HYMN: 225 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**
(v. 1 & 2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.
Let us pray.

PRAYER OF HUMAN CONDITION

Just as the world continues to revolve and evolve, the church is called to move in new directions. Yet we do what we can to place brakes on change and silence newness. The winds of the Holy Spirit are still blowing in our direction, nudging us to move forward, but we have chosen to close doors, shut windows, and ignore its urging. Forgive us when we limit you, God, and when we place you and your ideas into boxes. Open our souls to the expansiveness of faith. May we incorporate the new winds and bold ideas even when we are

set in our old ways and content with our monotonous routines. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

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

THE LAW OF GOD

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

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;***

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Psalm 46

***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: 151 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**
(v. 1 & 4)

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Front of pew Bible page 735

Romans 3:19–28

Back of pew Bible page 154

John 8:31–36

Back of pew Bible page 101

MESSAGE: “Getting off your butt
to reform the Church”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

As God calls us to cultivate the Church, God asks us to share our time, talent, and treasures. As we give present our treasures, let us spend moments reflecting upon where God may be calling us to share our time and talents.

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

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: 112 “Give to Our God Immortal
Praise” (v. 1 & 5)**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The family and friends
of Ron Kraham**

**The Kress family in the
death of Walter, who
served as an Elder, as
did his son, Walter.
Service sometime in
December.**

- **Carol Bierwas, in
rehab at CareOne**
- **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**
*(Requested by Peter
Freeman)*
Jane Sands; Avalyn
*(Requested by the
Gagnons)*

**Marie, recovering from
knee surgery**
*(Requested by Lori
Geiger)*

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; Emily
Bonaventure**
*(Requested by the
Peters)*

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

Alexa Yannuzzi
*(Requested by the
Strohmeysers)*

**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 Milton and 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 humanitarian crises in Israel and Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine
- The victims of mass shootings and their families including those in Lexington, Mississippi; Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Fall City, Washington
- 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

NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Leah's Installation - Sunday, November 3 at 3pm with reception to follow.

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!

The **Sew 'n' Sews** next meeting will be **Friday, November 8 at 12 noon in the Lounge**. This group is open to everyone. The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

Organizing Community Outreach Training, Saturday, November 16 at Second Reformed Church of Hackensack: 8:30am-3pm sponsored by New Jersey Together with Classis of Greater Palisades. The focus of this gathering is to equip pastors and church leaders with ways in which a congregation / Church can reach out to assess the needs of the community they serve and begin to develop ways of connecting with them to address those needs.

New Bible Study on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm beginning November 20 in person and on Zoom

The Deacons will be collecting funds during 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.

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, Shelf Stable Milk, Cooking Oil, Canned Hearty Soups, Cold and Hot Cereal, Coffee and Tea, Canned Vegetables & Fruits, Pasta, Rice, & Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Tuna, Individually Wrapped Toilet Paper, Bar or Bottled Soap, Paper Products, Laundry Detergent, Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6), Baby Wipes, and Baby Formula.

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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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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