



Saddle River Reformed Church
Worshipping at
Old Stone Church

Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 16
10am Worship

Minister: The Rev. Richard Bierwas
Head Usher: Pete Freeman
Reader: Cliff Kammerer

(*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

Lord's Day 17

Q&A 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Lord's Day 19

Q&A 52

Q. How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN: 309 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
(v. 1 & 2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving Lord,
we have fallen short time and time again.
You have given us your word, both in scripture
and in Son,
you have promised us your presence, both in
Spirit and in community,
and you have graced us with your kingdom,
both in teaching and in service.
Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your
purposes for us.
We do not love what you love.
We do not embrace what you embrace.**

We do not defend what you have called us to defend.

Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come.

Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.

And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore.

Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LAW OF GOD

PSALTER

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

***When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.***

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

***One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,***

***to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.***

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

***Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.***

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

***“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.***

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

***If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.***

Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

***Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.***

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

***Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!***

Psalm 27

***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: 562 “Be Thou My Vision” (v. 1 & 2)**

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Front of pew Bible page 12

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Back of pew Bible page 198

John 12:1-8

Back of pew Bible page 106

SERMON: “Martha’s Lenten Epiphany”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

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: 354 “I Cannot Tell” (v. 1 & 2)**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Today we welcome back to our pulpit The Rev. Richard Bierwas, Pastor at the Sycamore Community Church in Ho-Ho-Kus and the Classis Minister for the Classis of the Greater Palisades.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Family and friends of Cam Conklin's nephew who died of cancer at the age of 47

- **Una Ratmeyer**
- **John Seibert**

**Our home-bound members:
Joyce McClurg
Laura Parker**

Mary Breen
(Requested by Kathy Breen)

Jay Coblentz
(Requested by Dot Coblentz)

Michael Collins; Dina & Mohammed; Frank
(Requested by Jane Collins)

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

Jean Dunlap, great-grandmother of Zechariah
(Requested by the Ennis-Gasero family)

Judy Nygern; Andres Magi
(Requested by Peter Freeman)

Avalyn
(Requested by the Gagnons)

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; Kait L
(Requested by Cathy Lowden)

Johnny
(Requested by the McGowans)

Rhonda Shapson
(Requested by Nancy Peet)

Dorothy Crapanzano; Brian Peters; Cheryl; Paul; Michelle; Emily Bonaventure; Margie Peters
(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 Kolodziesk
(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
- Rains to ease the drought
- All victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, drought, and man-made disasters including Kentucky floods and Los Angeles fires
- 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 and Ukraine
- The victims of mass shootings and their families
- 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

Noon Day Lenten Series, Wednesdays, March 5 - April 9 at 12 noon at the Second Reformed Church of Hackensack, 436 Union St, Hackensack. Take a Lenten Lunch Break and hear area pastors reflect on the theme “It’s All About Faith” - and its power to heal, comfort, strengthen, and sustain. Bring a sandwich or whatever you’d like to enjoy in our lounge and have coffee, tea, and desserts compliments of the Fellowship Committee.

Calling All Readers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to sign up to be a reader each Sunday through the end of the season of Easter.

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!).

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 Deacons will be collecting funds during March and April for Samaritan's Purse.

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. They are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. Please make checks payable to "Saddle River Reformed Church" and designate as "Mission of the Month."

The **Sew 'n' Sews** next meeting will be **Friday, March 21 at 12 noon at Davey's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 5 Park St., Montvale. All are welcome!!! Please let Christine Van Wetering if you plan to attend.** This group is open to everyone! Join us! The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

WEEKLY Bible Lunch & Learn: Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge.

Mr. James Jones leads us in a bible class. He teaches on a variety of topics and discussions. 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 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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Cemetery Superintendent Emeritus
In Memoriam

