



Saddle River Reformed Church
Worshiping at
Old Stone Church

Day of Pentecost
Sunday, June 8, 2025
10am Worship

Head Usher: Peter Freeman

Reader: Russell Gasero

(*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

PENTECOST CALL TO WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost is here!

God's children have gathered in this place:

***We are transformed into God's family
by God's Spirit joining with ours.***

Come, Spirit of adoption,
and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Spirit of peace,
and calm our trembling hearts:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Breath of God,
and overturn our conventional lives:

Come, Holy Spirit!

OUR HOPE: Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 20

Q&A 53

Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits through true faith, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

LORD'S DAY 26

Q&A 69

Q. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

Q&A 70

Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN: 523 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

523 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Chord symbols: C, F, C, D7, G, Dsus, D, G, G7, C, A7, B7, Em, Am, Em/B, B, Em, C7, F, D7, G, C, G7, C.

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid the world's foun - da - tions
 2 O source of un - cre - a - ted light, the Fa - ther's prom - ised
 3 Plen - teous of grace, de - scend from high, rich in thy seven-fold

first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery pi - ous mind; come,
 Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly fount, thrice ho - ly fire, our
 en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive and

pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and sor - row
 hearts with heav - enly love in - spire; come, and thy sa - cred
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy - self that

set us free and make thy tem - ples worth - y thee.
 unc - tion bring to sac - ti - fy us while we sing.
 we may see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Spirit of the Living God,
All nations, tribes, and tongues belong to you.
All glory, honor, and praise are due your name.
Therefore, we confess that we have been a
divided people—
Mother from child, Brother from sister, And
neighbor from friend.
Have mercy on us and send your power upon
the church,
That we may know, once more, that you have
Baptized us in one baptism, one faith, one Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Tear down the walls of hatred and the towers of
sin in our lives.
May your Spirit descend upon our lives and
make us holy and one.
In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.*

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LAW OF GOD

PSALTER

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom
you have made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures.

*Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping
things innumerable are there, living things both
small and great.*

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed
to sport in it.

*These all look to you to give them their food in
due season;*

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you
open your hand, they are filled with good things.

*When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and
return to their dust.*

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

*May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may
the Lord rejoice in his works—*

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who
touches the mountains and they smoke.

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will
sing praise to my God while I have being.*

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice
in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*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: 465 “Baptized in Water” (v. 1 & 3)

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS

Acts 2:1-21

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Romans 8:14-17

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John 14:8-17, 25-27

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SERMON: “Marked and Sealed”

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Mark Ennis

PREPARATION

PRESENTATION

Elder Peter Freeman

On behalf of the Board of Elders

I present Leah Ennis-Gasero and Matthew Gasero

who bring their child

to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Beloved of God, you stand before us having brought this child to receive the sacrament of baptism.

I ask you, therefore, before God and Christ's church to reject evil, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Parents: I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Parents: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for him, to teach him to pray; and to train him in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The congregation shall rise

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support this brother by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

We do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The congregation may be seated now

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God,
for the gift of water.

In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over
the waters.

In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.

You led the children of Israel through the sea
into the freedom of the promised land.

In the river Jordan, John baptized our Lord
and your Spirit anointed him.

By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ, the
Living Water, frees us from sin and death and
opens the way to life everlasting.

We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism.

In this water you confirm to us that we are buried
with Christ in his death, raised to share in his
resurrection, and are being renewed by the Holy
Spirit.

Pour out on us your Holy Spirit, so that those here
baptized may be washed clean and receive new
life.

To you be all honor and glory, dominion and
power,
now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

What is the name of this child?

Parents: Matthew Ezra Ennis-Gasero

Matthew Ezra

For you Jesus Christ came into the world;

for you he died and for you he conquered death;

All this he did for you, little one,

though you know nothing of it as yet.

We love because God first loved us.

Matthew Ezra

I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Matthew Ezra, child of the covenant
in baptism, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

DECLARATION, BLESSING, AND WELCOME

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King
and Head of the Church, this child of God is now
received into the visible membership of the holy
catholic Church, engaged to confess the faith of
Christ, and to be God's faithful servant until life's
end.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that you cleanse and
renew these your children through your grace
alone. Bless and strengthen them daily with the gift
of your Holy Spirit; unfold to them the riches of
your love, deepening their faith, keeping them from
the power of evil and enabling them to live a holy
and blameless life until your kingdom comes.

Look with kindness upon these parents.

Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given
them.

Grant them the presence of your Holy Spirit that
they may bring up this child to know you, to love
you, and to serve you. **Amen.**

The congregation shall stand.

Welcome our new brother in Christ.

***Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join with us as we give witness in the world to
the good news, for we are all one in Christ
Jesus.
Alleluia.***

***The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.***

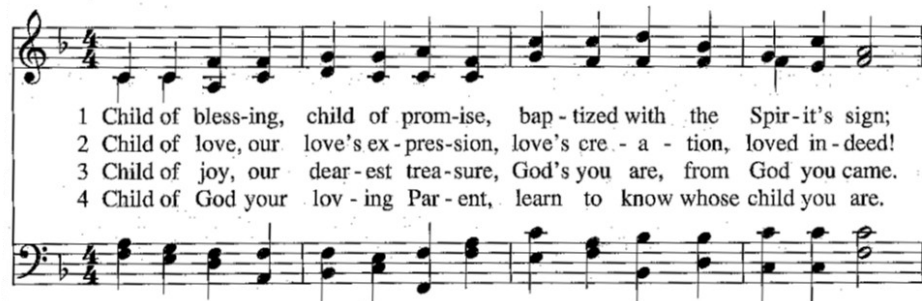
Numbers 6:24-26

***HYMN: 325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”**

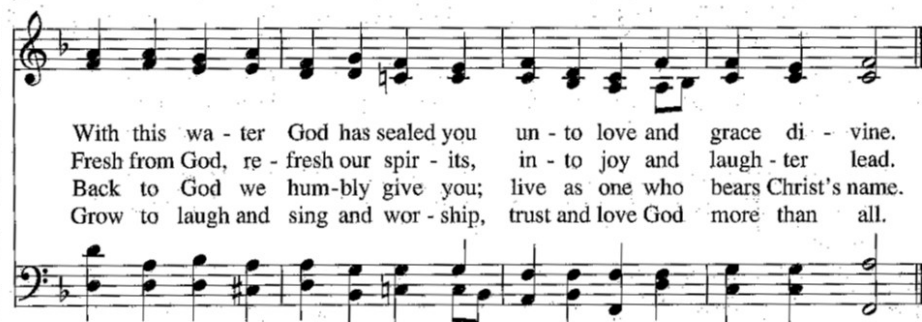
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660–1716), in Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

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

Let us pray.

God, by your Holy Spirit you equip us to make known your grace and goodness.
 Freed from haste which compromises safety and quality, Freed from needless hesitance which delays desired progress,

Holy Spirit, direct the tempos of our life.

Freed for exercising self-discipline toward the best we can be and do, Freed for rejoicing in the accomplishments of others,

Holy Spirit, inspire our efforts and guide our aims.

Freed for honoring faithful standards of ethics and excellence, Freed for creative pursuits which minister to ever present needs,

Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom.

Freed for careful research which grounds medical advances, Freed for measured diplomacy which seeks enduring commitments to peaceful resolution of conflict,

Holy Spirit, grant us patience.

Freed for sharing our faith with friend, foe, and stranger, Freed for bridging generations and centuries with our enduring love,

Holy Spirit, grant us courage.

Freed for recognizing and valuing people as your children, not merely for what they produce and the services they provide; Freed for contributing ourselves and our resources,

Holy Spirit, bind us together as your family.

Freed for exemplifying the enduring worth of faithful convictions without apology, Freed for celebrating the resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ,

Holy Spirit, instill in us Christ's peace which passes all understanding, God's love which

encourages and equips and joy in the Lord which knows no end. Amen.

Written by Rev. Kathy Jo Blaske

LORD'S PRAYER

Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, who has taught us to pray:

***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: 389 "Spirit of the Living God"**
(v. 1 & 3)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The family and friends of Jay Coblentz who passed away on March 27, 2025. A gathering will be held July 5th at Allendale Bar and Grill from 2-5pm.

- Stefan Ballaera
- Maureen DeMase
- Kirk Gagnon
- Norm McGowan at The Willows at Ramapo Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Suffern
- Una Ratmeyer
- John Seibert
- Rev. Rebecca Town

Our home-bound members:
Joyce McClurg
Laura Parker

Larry
(Requested by Marilyn Beisler)

Mary Breen
(Requested by Kathy Breen)

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; Sunny
(Requested by Peter Freeman)

Avalyn
(Requested by the Gagnons)

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)

Joe C; Virginia F; Tom K; Dave C; Rich H; Carol B; Gary G; Pat O; Kathy B; Maggie O; Nancy H; Bob C
(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)

Marcy Robin; Russell Maitland; Lynn Friedman; Loris Marfilus; 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 Myanmar earthquake and South/Midwest tornadoes
- 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 Pope and his ministry and the global church
- The victims of mass shootings and their families including those in Hickory, North Carolina
- 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

Upcoming

SRRC Bible Study the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7PM. Next session June 18. Join Pastor Leah on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Lounge, and via Zoom. If you cannot join us in person, you can log into Zoom. Go to: <https://www.zoom.com/>
Click on “Join” in the upper right
Meeting ID: 835 4129 0076
Passcode: 095799
All are welcome to attend and learn with us.
If you have any questions, please let Pastor Leah know.

The **Sew 'n' Sews** next meeting will be **Friday, June 20 at 12 noon. Please let Christine Van Wetering know if you can attend. All are welcome!!!** This group is open to everyone! Join us! The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

Ongoing

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 summer.

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 June for Church World Service (CWS) Blankets program that shares blankets, warmth, and comfort to those in need. When tough times arise, a simple act of kindness can make all the difference. Through the CWS Blankets program, you can share compassion, in a practical way, with neighbors facing hard times. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That is why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Please make checks payable to “Saddle River Reformed Church” and designate as “Mission of the Month.”

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.

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.

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

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