

Lebanon Reformed Church

Serving As the Heart of Christ in the Community



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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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**Please stand if able.*

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Welcome and Announcements

Time of Meditation

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Psalm 8

Prelude

We Approach God

***Votum and Salutation:**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

People: And our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

People: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise: #4 [praise booklet] "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"**

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Words of Assurance

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

People: Thanks be to God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve. AMEN

Call to Discipleship:

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ let us state what the Lord our God requires of us

All: “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 the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

*Gloria Patri #620

The Word of God

Children’s Time

Prayer For Illumination

First Reading: Psalm 8.....Muriel Komoski.....Pg 427

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Old Testament: Genesis 1:1 -2:4a.....Pg 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: *The Beginnings of Community*

*Hymn of Reflection #71 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

We Respond To God

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Knowing that God has prepared a place for us; knowing that Christ has come to bring us peace, let us greet one another now in the power of God and the glory of Christ’s peace.
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to pass the blessing of this peace to your brothers and sisters in Christ and to all the children of God.

Choral Response Bless the Lord, My Soul” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Offering

***Doxology #623**

Prayers of the People

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 of Dedication “May The Lord, Mighty God” (tune of Edelweiss)**

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Depart to serve the Lord in joy and peace.

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship

If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest register in the sanctuary foyer.

Consistory Greeter: Michelle Quinn, *Deacon*

Fellowship: Linda Kennedy

Flowers: Linda Kennedy

Guest Organist: Daren McCann

THIS UPCOMING WEEK AT LRC: 11/2- 11/8/15		
WEDNESDAY 11/4	3:30-6:30pm	The Pastor is IN (church office)
SATURDAY 11/7	8am	Bacon, Bibles And Bro’s
	4pm	Senior Dinner
SUNDAY 11/8	9:30am	Adult Bible Study (in the Skunk House)
	9:30am	Christian Education
	10:30am	Worship

Mark Your Calendars

11/14 9am- Fall church cleanup

11/22 Harvest Luncheon (following the service)

11/27 9am Hanging of the Greens

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Rockaway Reformed Church, in Whitehouse Station, is holding its seventh annual Holiday Market on Saturday, **December 5th**, from 9am - 5pm. There will be a shopping preview on Friday evening, December 4th, from 5pm - 8pm. You'll have a chance to see the contents of the baskets and many will be available to purchase during the preview hours.

New this year customers will be able to "Build a Gift" from our wonderful selection of new children's clothing and accessories. There will be a main item and you can select the accessories you want go with it. All of the items will be individually priced. To complete the Build a Gift, you can have it wrapped, for a minimal charge.

Along with the ready to go gift baskets and the new "Build a Gift" option, there will be many of the traditional offerings you've enjoyed. Homemade candy, fudge, cakes, cookies, soup and jams made from locally sourced fruit. We'll have evergreen grave covers and beautifully hand decorated wreaths. The Silent Auction will return featuring numerous get certificates and items from many local establishments. And, weather permitting, live alpacas will be there to delight children of all ages! You can find out all about the alpacas and buy soft woolly products from their owners.

Known for its beautiful, reasonably priced gift baskets and other items, our Holiday Market will also have a light lunch available to eat-in or take home, featuring homemade soup, chili and waffles with great toppings! This is an event not to be missed at the Rockaway Reformed Church, 115 Main Street, Whitehouse Station, NJ. 08889. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and join us for a great shopping atmosphere during the preview night, Friday, December 4th, 5pm - 9pm and the main sale Saturday, December 5th, 9am - 5pm. See you there!

Nov 7th 7-9:30pm Harlingen Reformed Church (Corner 206 & Dutchtown-Harlingen Rd, Belle Mead) Bill Turner & Blue Smoke Band in concert with Ann Brown \$15/person donation with free refreshments following.

908-359-6896 or 908-359-5903 for tickets