



BLAWENBURG REFORMED CHURCH

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MORNING WORSHIP – 9AM
October 24, 2021



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WELCOME! We look forward to worshipping with you this morning and sharing in your spiritual journey. **Please sign our guest book!** And please do come again!

- **Restrooms** are located upstairs in Cook Hall, the building behind the church.
- **Prayer Requests** may be written on the prayer cards found in the pews and placed in the offering box, or voiced during prayer request time, following the announcements.
- **Church Office Hours**
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:30am to 1:00pm
Tuesday – 8:30am to 10:00am
Friday – 8:30am to 10:30am
Rev. Jeff Knol is available by appointment Tuesday through Friday.

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME

Reverend Jeff Knol

OPENING PRAYER AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata in E, Op. 1 No. 4, RV66
Sarabanda - Largo - Allegro
Giles Crane and Jeni Suttie, violins
Kathleen Connolly, organ

Antonio Vivaldi

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Adapted from Psalm 34*

I will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with us and let us exalt God’s name together!

I sought the Lord, and God answered me; God delivered me from all my fears.
Look to the Lord and be radiant, so that your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around and delivers those who fear God. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord rescues them from them all.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

We will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in our mouths. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!

Δ OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

Red Hymnal #555

Δ Please stand if you are able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you the fullness of our lives, that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone. We ignore the log in our own eye while focusing on the speck of dust in the eye of the other. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins and empower us by Your Spirit that the love and service of Christ might become manifest in our lives... *Time of silent confession*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, know this good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Be reminded of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Hebrews 7-8

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SERMON

MUSIC MEDITATION

Allemanda

Antonio Vivaldi

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

Δ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dearest God, in the book of Hebrews, we learn that Jesus is our heavenly high priest. It is He who mediates our relationship with you, O God. Through Him, we receive all your good gifts: your wisdom, your guidance, your grace, and your peace. Through Him, we offer our gifts to you. Receive our offerings this day, and bless them, that they might contribute to your work in this world. Amen.

Δ APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Δ HYMN

Loving Spirit

Red Hymnal #323

Δ CLOSING BLESSING

Δ POSTLUDE

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Antonio Vivaldi

Our prayer of confession and the words of assurance were adapted from content written by Beth Merrill Neel and shared on her blog <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/>

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Please share prayers with Barb Reid or a deacon or the church office. The list below will be updated weekly and prayers will remain confidential if you'd prefer them not to be published.

Please pray for:

The names of those are praying for would appear here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to violinists Giles Crane and Jeni Suttie, neighbors and friends of the church, for sharing music of Vivaldi this morning!

Refreshments this morning are being provided by Wendy Herbert.

Worship Time Moves to 9:30am Beginning November 7 – November 7 is a day of time changes. Daylight Saving Time ends, and the time of our church service is moving to 9:30am. The change in church time has been requested by many in the congregation since we began worshipping at 9:00am in 2018 to accommodate our partnership with the Griggstown Reformed Church. Thanks to their flexibility, we can make this change beginning Sunday, November 7. Don't forget to reset your clocks, and don't forget to come to church at 9:30am on November 7!

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday - All are encouraged to participate in our upcoming congregational meeting, which will immediately follow our 9:00am worship service on October 31. At the meeting Pastor Jeff and other church leaders will share information on many topics, including the state of ministry, restoration progress, our partnership with GRC, and information on the upcoming budget. Questions will be welcome at the meeting. If you anticipate having any questions, please email them to the church office before the meeting so that we can be prepared to address them! The meeting will be held in-person and streamed remotely and will flow directly from our worship remote feed.

“Faithfully Forward” – An Invitation - Pastor Jeff and Dave Cochran, with the blessing of the consistory, have started a new group called "Faithfully Forward." The group will gather on Tuesday evenings, about twice a month, to prayerfully seek God's guidance. In particular, we will be asking God to help us see how we can extend the blessings of our church to our local community in new ways. We are looking for more folks to help in this prayerful process. The first meeting will be Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm via Zoom. More meetings will follow. If you would like to join the group, please reach out to Pastor Jeff, Dave, or the church office.

Support the CROP Walk –There is still time to support CROP by making a donation. Checks made payable to CROP may be placed in the offering plate by **today**, October 24. Please do not combine with your regular offering. Thank you.

Soup-making Season Has Arrived - Sinterklaas will be held on December 11, so soup-making season is upon us. Here are some things soup-makers need to know:

- We will be making only pints of soup this year.
- We have plenty of soup containers for you in the basement of Cook Hall near the refrigerators.
- Directions for making soup are on the website:
<http://www.blawenburgchurch.org/soup>
- Labeling will be the same—name of the soup and ingredients listed on a label and placed on the top of the soup container.
- All soup should be in the freezers in Cook Hall by Monday, December 6.

Questions? Contact Dave Cochran, davide99@aol.com

Thank you for making soup!

UPCOMING EVENTS *see more details and events at www.BlawenburgChurch.org/calendar*
Homeward Bound Group meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Tue., Oct. 26	Bible Study	10:00am	Zoom Meeting
Sun., Oct. 31	Worship	9:00am	In Person, Zoom, Facebook
	Congregational Meeting	10:00am	In Person, Zoom, Facebook