



IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Reflection

“Riches . . . are gained with toil and kept with fear. They are enjoyed with danger and lost with grief. It is hard to be saved if we have them; and impossible if we love them; and scarcely can we have them but we shall love them inordinately. Teach us, O Lord, this difficult lesson: to manage conscientiously the goods we possess.”

~ St. Augustine

Prayer for the Week

*God, you promise never to forsake us,
but to bring us to life, nurture us with your presence,
and sustain us even in the hour of our death.
Meet us in our deepest doubts when we feel abandoned,
drowning in our fear of your absence.
Visit us in the tension between our yearning and our anger,
that we may know your mercy and grace in our time of need.
Amen.*

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The Call to Worship is from Psalm 90:12-17.

The Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Illumination are written by Rev. Philip Gladden, published in *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Love

*The prelude is a call for personal
preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE

Choral, Bicinium, Canon, Duo from *Partita sopra 'Nun freut euch'* | Lionel Rogg

SENTENCES

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as have afflicted us

and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us

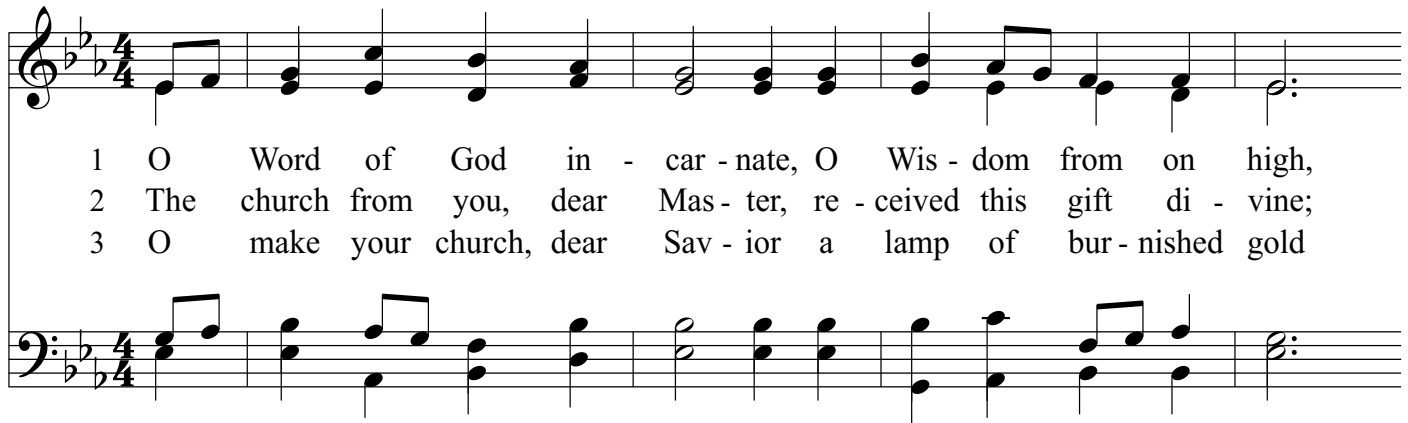
and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

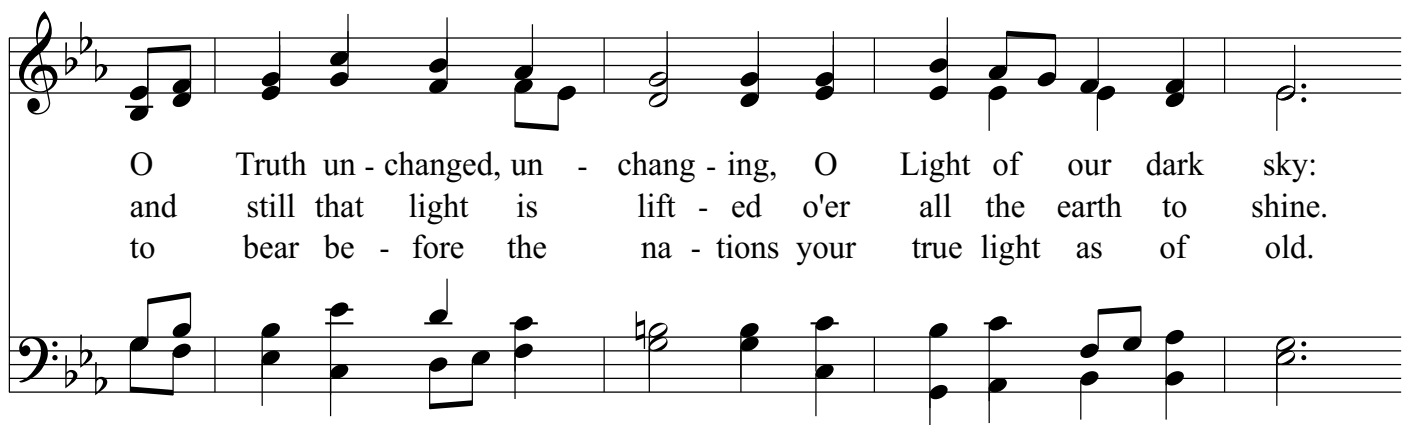
**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***HYMN**

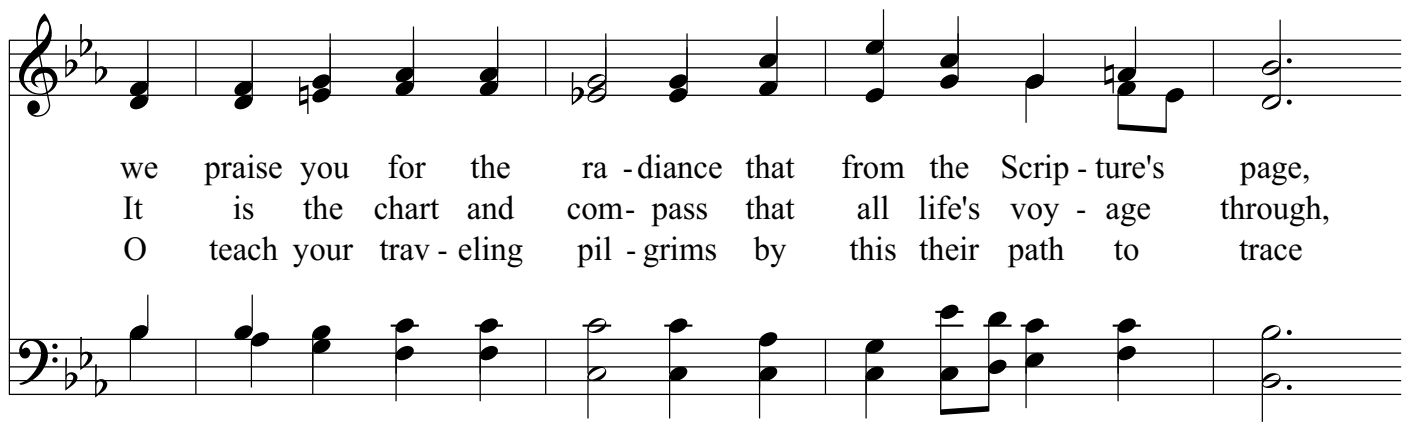
O Word of God Incarnate | MUNICH



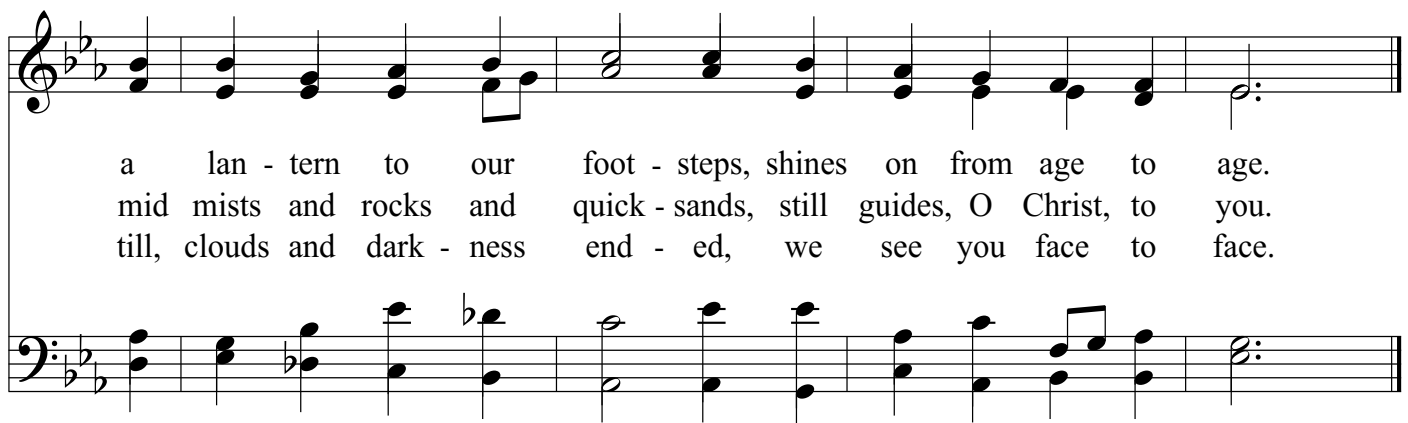
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old.



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the Scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that all life's voy - age through,
O teach your trav - eling pil - grims by this their path to trace



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, we see you face to face.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, “Come, follow me.” Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus’s call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Kids 8 and under are welcome to join Rev. Crawford at the front of the sanctuary. After Children’s Time, the youth are dismissed to their Sunday School classes and will rejoin the congregation at Coffee Hour.

Listening for God

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word that others may follow your path, also. Amen.

†Learning Liturgy

The Prayer for Illumination has a practical effect—it refocuses our concentration on God and God’s Word. The Prayer for Illumination also holds theological import—we express our desire to hear God speak to us. In our theological tradition, we believe we need God’s help, namely God’s Spirit, to understand and to obey God’s Word. And so, in the Prayer of Illumination, we ask for God’s help.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Mark 10:17-31

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“How Hard It Is...”

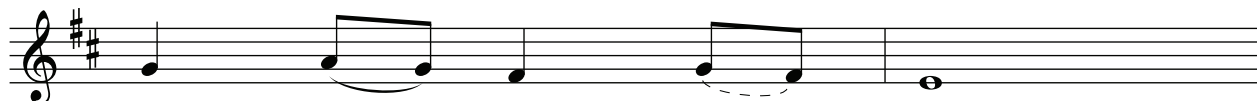
Responding in Faith

*HYMN OF THE WORD

Seek Ye First | LAFFERTY



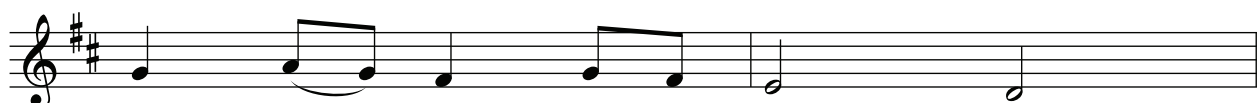
- *1.
1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism

Q&A 110

Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment [you shall not steal]?

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery . . .

but also cheating and swindling our neighbor....

In addition, God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

Q&A 111

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good,

that I treat others as I would like them to treat me,

and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.

OFFERING

To give online, scan the QR code to the right:



OFFERTORY

Récit and Passacaille from *Partita sopra 'Nun freut euch'* | Lionel Rogg

***DOXOLOGY**

Unison

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony

Him, all creatures here below; O praise Him! Al-le-

Unison

lu - ia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise

Harmony

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise Him! Al-le-

Unison

lu - ia! O praise Him! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.**

Departing in Joy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee | OLIVET

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my fain - ting heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sa - vior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me e - ver stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

CHARGE

Life is short.

**We have not much time to gladden the
hearts of those who journey with us.**

Therefore, be swift to love, make haste to be kind.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Partita sopra 'Nun freut euch'* | Lionel Rogg

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Blaine Crawford

Music Director: Jon Riss

Nursery Care: Desde Visconti

Liturgist: Laura Graafland

Acolyte: Maggie O'Shea

Ushers: Mark & Elizabeth Lindberg

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sebastian, Ellen and Tim Sledge

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY: Nursery care is available today in Classroom #2 (downstairs in John Knox Hall). Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Gather in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.; stay through Children's Time before heading down to classes.

ADULT ED: The next Adult Education class will begin next Sunday, October 20th, following Coffee Hour. We will meet in the Upper Room at 11:50 am. Childcare will be provided. Parents are encouraged to send a sack lunch for their children.

'CHRISTIANITY IN A TIME OF WAR.'

October 20, 27; November 10, 17

Taught by George Bollenbacher

Christianity has dealt with war ever since its beginnings, but many of us have only lived with war since Russia invaded Ukraine. This course will look at how wars impact those who are involved and those who aren't, how Christianity has dealt with war in the past, and how Christians can deal with war in the current times.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S MINISTRY: The Men's Ministry meets once a month. Over breakfast, they share about their lives and reflect on Scripture together. If you would like to stay apprised of Men's Ministry activities, please contact Jonathan Ackerman (jonathanack@gmail.com).

PRAYER MINISTRY: All are welcome to gather for a time of weekly prayer in the parlor on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Prayer requests can be submitted in worship on the prayer cards or with the church office.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We are in need of Coffee Hour Hosts for November! If you would like to volunteer, please use the Sign-up genius link included in the Monday emails sign up. If you have any trouble signing up, please don't hesitate to reach out to Melissa Campbell (campbeme@gmail.com) for help or questions.

HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY

On Friday, October 18th, The Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce is partnering with The Rivertowns Playhouse (resident theater of Irvington Presbyterian) for a Halloween Block Party and special theatrical performance on the back lawn of the church. To extend the day of fun, IPC will be hosting pumpkin painting beginning at 5 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to assist with purchasing art supplies, setting up for the event, assisting with painting during event, and clean-up after the event. Please contact Rev. Crawford if you would be interested in helping.

WINKLE VS. HORSEMAN

A Haunted Harmony Musical of Washington Irving's
Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
AND BLOCK PARTY!



HEADLESS HORSEMAN

BLOCK PARTY

Costume Contests, Games, Beer Garden, Food, Crafts, and More!
Hang with us before and after the show!



RIP VAN WINKLE



BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

SHOWTIMES: 7:00 PM and 7:45PM

An outdoor performance by the Rivertowns Playhouse in their backyard theater



scan me!



TICKETS

Adults: \$25
Kids (3+): \$15

*Includes admission to one performance and the block party!

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 18

6:30-8:30 PM

IRVINGTON'S AQUEDUCT PARKING LOT
RAIN DATE: OCT 19, 5-7PM



WELCOME ALL LOCAL MUSICIANS

Irvington Presbyterian Church Presents
Open Mic. Community Music Concert

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024 (7pm Perf/Dress Rehearsals 4-6pm)

Where: Irvington Presbyterian Church, John Knox Auditorium

Who: Musicians of any style including voice and all instruments and ensembles

Accompaniment: Included Free of Charge

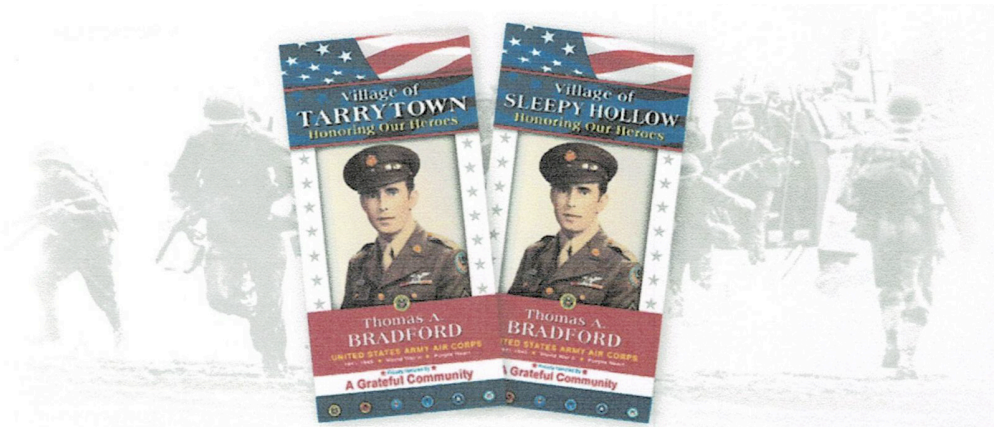
Guest Admission: \$20/person, \$50/Family Includes Dessert & Soft Drinks
(no fee for performers)

Contact: Jonathan Ackerman, 914-400-7268, jonathanack@gmail.com



All performers - and all musical styles - are welcome!

This is a great event that brings people from the community, many from outside our church, so it is a wonderful opportunity for the wider community to get to know about IPC. If you would like to sign up to perform, or if you are able to assist with making food, setup and cleanup, please contact jonathanack@gmail.com.



Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow & Irvington Military Tribute Banner Program

The Rivertowns honor our residents' beloved Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members with beautiful military banners displayed in our community. This is our way of saying *'Thank You'* to the brave men and women of our great United States military.

If you would like to honor a military hero in your life, beautiful full-color banners are available for your order. The honoree's photo & basic military information will be displayed and your family or business name printed on the banner in an attractive 30"x60" patriotic design.

DISPLAY PERIOD:

Banners will be displayed November 2024 for Veterans Day.
(Exact dates subject to change without notification.)

DISPLAY LOCATION:

You may select one of three display locations: Main Street and Broadway in Tarrytown
Beekman Avenue and Broadway in Sleepy Hollow or Main Street in Irvington.

Sponsorship Rate: \$275, per sponsored banner.

You may pay by check made payable to:

American Legion Post 506
{Write "Banner Program" in memo line}
58 S. Highland Avenue • Ossining, NY 10562

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Banners will be stored for future display periods until such time that they need to be retired due to condition.

For additional details, please contact: DYLAN SMITH
(914) 312-1640 • Dylansmiththescout@gmail.com

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OUR MISSION

Irvington Presbyterian Church is called by Jesus Christ to glorify God in worship through word and song, grow as disciples through study, engage in mission to the world, joyfully extend hospitality and fellowship to all and, with God's help, allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

We seek to be a place of healing, where individuals can feel safe and find sanctuary from their own hurts, and can then turn that healing spirit outwards, to help others.

We believe God is calling each of us to ministry, and we seek to be a place where each member will feel helped and supported in discovering their gifts.



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