

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Aug 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM



*All the cards in the deck of revelation about God's mercy and kindness
are stacked in favor of the unthinkable.*

- Gayle Somers

*A recovery of the old sense of sin is essential to Christianity. Christ takes
it for granted that men are bad. Until we really feel this assumption of
His to be true, though we are part of the world He came to save, we are
not part of the audience to whom His words are addressed.*

- C.S. Lewis

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

O magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt his name together

Some trust in chariots and some in horses. We trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Praise the name of the Lord. For his name alone is exalted. His glory is above earth and heaven

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Praise the Lord! You who serve the Lord — praise! Praise the Lord's name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord. From this time on and forevermore, from the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

(Based on Psalms 34.3, NRSV; 20.7, NIV; 148.13, NRSV; 8.1, NIV; 113.1. CEB; 113.2-3, NRSV)

 SONG OF PRAISE **551** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

(verses 1-3)

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 SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our gracious God, you repeatedly move towards us, even when we pull away. You are not deterred by our rejection of you nor our running away from you. Your love is persistent. We confess our distrust of your promises and misunderstanding of your character. Restore our faith in your unfailing love so that we might live as you have taught us. Amen.

(continue with silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you! *(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

SOLO "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Stuart Townend
Arr. Larry Shackley
Lee Mamolen, bass

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5.1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "To Die For"

SONG OF REFLECTION **553** "How Great Thou Art" HOW GREAT THOU ART
(verses 1 and 4)

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE...concluding 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Colossians 1.15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

 CLOSING SONG **770**

“In Christ Alone”

IN CHRIST ALONE

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our guest preacher is the Rev. Keith Moody, currently serving as the pastor of the Abundant Life Reformed Church in Wyckoff. Pastor Keith received his Masters of Divinity and Graduate Certificate in Disability Ministry from Western Theological Seminary in 2019. Pastor Keith is married to his spouse, Beth, of 33 years, and has one daughter, Skylar, a thoroughly devoted fan of the Beatles!

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Rev. Keith Moody, worship leader;
Jess Amato, liturgist; Nancy Frank, worship host; Tech Team;
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Aug 16 10:00 am Sunday Worship and (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Bread of Life Mission
- Tue, Aug 18 9:00 am Helping Hands
- Thu, Aug 20 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Aug 23 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Ruth (friend of Skip Dahl), Ernie Nienhouse, Tom McKay (Jennie Franklyn's father), Janet Wright, Tammy Venti, David Terpstra, Dave Vanderbush, Priscilla Durkin, Judi (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle) and Karen (friend of the O'Connells), Janet Bardowell (Steve Williamson's mother), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Tiffany Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning were given by two families...

The Andersen Family, to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rittenhouse Family.

The Donovan Family, in memory of their son Patrick's heavenly birthday. We love and miss you so much. Love, Mom and Dad

The PRC Book Club will be meeting again on Tuesday, Sep 15 either in-person or via Zoom for a discussion of "The Apostle's Sister" by Angela Hunt, the fourth novel in the Jerusalem Road series. This novel explores themes of grace, transformation, and the cost of following God's call, and offers a glimpse into the lives of those who witnessed the birth of the early Christian church.

PRC Scholarship Fundraiser Baskets: Between now and Sep 6, we are collecting empty baskets, filled baskets, and new items and gift cards to fill baskets. If you would like to contribute, please place items in the bin in the church parlor. Monetary donations may be left in the church office. Please contact Kim Goerg (845) 416-1260 or Cheryl Trenary (862) 571-5140 with any questions.

Please join us for the 2026 Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, Sep 17th, at Packanack Golf Club in Wayne to raise funds for the PRC Scholarship Fund. We have a 9:30 am tee time but request that you arrive at 8:30 am. All golfers should wear proper golf attire and are prohibited from bringing coolers, food, or alcohol. The cost of playing nine holes of golf, including a brown bag breakfast, a cart, and range balls, is \$65 per golfer (cash or check payable to PRC).

Fundraising will continue with a catered dinner open to all at 5:30 pm in Berdan Hall, with gift basket raffles, prizes, and awards. The cost of attending the dinner is \$35 per person as we enjoy great fellowship for a great cause. This is a BYO “beer and wine only” event (no hard liquor). Please sign up for golf and/or dinner on the sheet in the hallway or contact Ken De Berry at kennethwdeberry@gmail.com.

✧ Assisting in Worship ✧

	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Aug 23</u>
<u>Flowers</u>	TBD	Gaye Servideo
<u>Counter</u>	Ken Tanis	Laura O’Connell
<u>Head Usher</u>	Charles Schmitt	Laura O’Connell
<u>Ushers</u>	Christina Gaboda	Jane Declet
		<u>Juliet Declet</u>

✧ Consistory ✧

Elders

Amanda Declet
Priscilla Durkin
Jennie Franklyn
Bill Weston

Hannah Kudrik
Donna McKeon
Glenn O'Connell
Heather Kroll

Deacons

Ken De Berry
Jennifer Graf
Tom Powers
Tim Coyne
Martin McKay
Jessica Amato
Gaye Servideo
Vicki Lefelar
Christina Gaboda

✧ Preakness Reformed Church Staff ✧

Rev. Eric Nichols, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kim Pavlovich, Associate Pastor
Daniel King, Director of Music Ministries
Kevin Lynch, Accompanist
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