

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



*“Public baptism does not make us spiritually better than anyone else.
But it does empower us. God is now one with us (the heavens torn apart).
The Spirit calls and equips us to witness to others (the descent of the Spirit).
And the Father now declares we are his beloved children.
Baptism enables us to truly be followers of Christ.”*

- Religious Educator Larry Broding

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” J. S. Bach

 CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 29

Praise the Lord, give God the glory, let us worship the Lord this morning.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; The voice of the Lord flashes
forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the
voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl!**

Let us listen to the voice of the Lord this morning.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people
with peace!**

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **102** “Arise, Your Light is Come” FESTAL SONG

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(The children are invited to Sunday school at this time.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Patient and Loving God, forgive us when we are stubborn and refuse to
listen to your call of mission and service. We are tempted to only think of

our own problems, our own needs, and our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our selfish ways and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be...

(continue with silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

 THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)

ANTHEM "One Golden Dawn On Jordan's Bright Sand"

Music by Brad Nix, Words by Douglas Nolan

GOD'S WORD IS OUR LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:13-4:1

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE "The Blessing of Baptism is only the Beginning"

REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

SONG OF RESPONSE **867** "For Such a Time as This"

ST. ANNE

PRAYERS AROUND THE TABLE...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.**

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Presentation *Donna McKeon, Christina Gaboda, and Martin McKay*

Ordination and Installation

 Congregational Vows

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, Donna McKeon, Christina Gaboda, and Martin McKay as duly elected and an ordained servant of Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to respect Donna, Christina, and Martin for the sake of the office for which they have been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

Beloved people of God, please receive Donna, Christina, and Martin as Christ's own servants. Support them in love, that their work may bear fruit. In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, we declare that Donna McKeon is installed as and Elder and that Christina Gaboda and Martin McKay are duly installed as deacons in this church.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

 CLOSING SONG

“All Glory Be to Christ”
(lyrics on page 6)

KENSRUE

 BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Kathy Curtin, liturgist; Ted Curtin, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.*

All Glory be to Christ

Verse 1

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

Verse 2

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

Verse 3

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Jan 11 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)
10:10 am Sunday School
6:00 – 8:00 pm Youth Group and Alumni Fire Pit

Mon, Jan 12 7:30 pm Consistory meeting (Parlor)

Tue, Jan 13 9:15 am Helping Hands

Wed, Jan 14 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu, Jan 15 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles

Sun, Jan 18 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
11:00 am Second Hour Conversation (Parlor)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *Jim (nephew of June Nienhouse), Skip Dahl, Amanda Posa (cousin of Nicole Carline), Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Hazel Myers, Lisa Cacici (friend of the Weston's), Mary Tielve, Janet Wright, Jonathon Norman (Roben Roon's cousin), Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Lynn Hutman (friend of Gaye Servideo), Pat Deleu, James Mauro, and Alex S. (friends of Kim Goerg), and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

Our next Second Hour Conversation will be after worship on Sun, Jan 18.

Nicole Carline will share with us the essential elements of wellbeing and how they influence our energy, relationships, work, faith, and overall sense of fulfillment. Please join us for a relaxed coffee-and-conversation focused on what it truly means to live a flourishing life.

The 2026 Envelopes are available for pick-up outside of the church office.

Please take a moment to verify/update your directory information so that we may update our records, and please initial if all the information is correct.

PRC accepts new and gently used hats, scarves, and gloves year-round for the Native Americans. Please label leave your donations and leave them in the parlor.

On Sunday, Feb 15, Mike De Block and Dave Monisera will provide a presentation to familiarize us with bleeding control, CPR, and using the AED. Following worship, grab a cup of coffee and join us in Berdan Hall for some or all of the class.

✿ Assisting in Worship ✿

	<u>Jan 11</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>
Flowers	Jen Graf	Ken De Berry
Counter	Bruce Hinners	Ken De Berry
Ushers	Effie Stern	Holly Ryan
	Joan Vanderbush	Judy Donovan
		Kim Goerg

✿ Consistory ✿

Elders	Deacons		
Amanda Deplet	Hannah Kudrik	Ken De Berry	Jessica Amato
Priscilla Durkin	Donna McKeon	Jennifer Graf	Gaye Servideo
Jennie Franklyn	Glenn O’Connell	Tom Powers	Vicki Lefelar
Bill Weston		Tim Coyne	Christina Gaboda
		Heather Kroll	

✿ Preakness Reformed Church Staff ✿

Rev. Eric Nichols, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Kim Pavlovich, Associate Pastor
 Daniel King, Director of Music Ministries
 Kevin Lynch, Accompanist
 Christina Collucci, Office Manager
 Rev. Mary Marcus, Minister Emerita