



## PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH

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### THE PREAKNESS TOWER WINTER 2026

#### ***Feeling Cold?***

*The cold weather of this winter has certainly had an impact on our ministries and congregational life here at PRC. Unfortunately, over the past two months we have had to cancel three Sunday morning worship services. We had enough snow and troublesome weather on December 14, January 18, and January 25! Fortunately, we were able to reschedule our Children's Christmas Pageant and were able to have a virtual worship service for January 25. Many other ministries had to be postponed and rescheduled due to the winter weather as well.*

*I was blessed and pleased to hear from many of you during this winter weather season of our need to "be together in worship." After two weeks in a row in January of missing in person worship, we all missed being in one another's presence and being present together in worship. I know it's better for us to be safe and cancel worship when we face inclement weather. However, I thought it was ironic that as we hunkered down and stayed warm and safe in our homes that we also missed the warmth of our worship services and the warmth of our fellowship at PRC!*

*It's often difficult to go through these winter months as a congregation. We are in between the times of celebrating the light of Christmas and the hope of Easter. The days of January, February, and March can be cold, gray, and dreary. May God bless us and be with us as we still have two winter months to go! Let's think of ways that we can offer the warmth of God's love and grace even when the weather outside is cold and snowy. Thank you for those who have warm hearts of generosity and continue to give faithfully to PRC. Thank you for giving generously to our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. Thank you to those with warm hearts who packed and served lunches to the community of Newark at North Reformed Church. Thank you to those who have a heart of service and stepped up to serve as Elders and Deacons on our Consistory! Despite the circumstances of our winter weather, let us bring the warmth of God's love to others.*

*God is Love,*

*Pastor Eric*

*"Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart." - 1 Peter 1:22*



Soup's on! We held our Annual Congregation Meeting and Soup Luncheon on Stewardship Sunday, November, 16 2025. Our congregation really stepped it up this year, bringing 19 crock pots of deliciousness for all to sample. Many thanks to our speakers and luncheon organizers for another wonderful gathering.



Many thanks to our congregation for making our Youth Group's food collection "scavenger hunt" a great success! Over the course of a few hours, our youth and their trusty drivers navigated to 35 homes and collected 909 donated food items for the Wayne Interfaith Food Pantry. WIN currently serves 188 families, 120 seniors or senior couples, and 74 school age children. If you went a little overboard at the recent can-can sale and find your pantry overflowing, please they accept donations at the Wayne Municipal Building or at their space in the Wayne Y at 1 Pike Drive (check their website for days and hours).



*'Tis  
The  
Season*





Pastor Kim is looking for people willing to serve as Sunday School assistants to help out our teachers in the classroom, as well as nursery attendants on Sunday mornings during worship. Scheduling is very flexible and you'd only be asked to serve every few months. Please reach out to Pastor Kim if you're able to lend a helping hand!



### PRC Special Offerings



**Emmanuel  
Cancer  
Foundation**

*Serving New Jersey's Children  
and Their Families Since 1983*

Once again, the PRC congregation gave generously in support of two special causes last year. Our Thanksgiving offerings of \$1000 were given to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, whose mission is to provide New Jersey families faced with pediatric cancer with a place to turn for comfort and relief through free supportive services.

Our Christmas offerings of \$5105 were given to the Red Cross—Jamaica in support of continued relief efforts for those still impacted by Hurricane Melissa.







## *Unlikely Saints for Lent and Easter*

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday

Brief Liturgy 12:45 pm at PRC

Combined Worship Service 7:30 pm at PRC

Feb 22 First Sunday in Lent: Jacob the Liar

Mar 1 Second Sunday in Lent: Enemies turn to God

Mar 8 Third Sunday in Lent: A Child Helps Feed Five Thousand?

Mar 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent: Testify despite your bad reputation!

Mar 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent: The Teaching Tentmakers

Mar 29 Palm Sunday: Listen to the Bandit

Apr 2 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm in Berdan Hall

Apr 3 Good Friday Service at First Reformed Church  
of Pompton Plains

Apr 5 Easter Sunday:

9:30am Outdoor Service by the Columbarium

10:00 am Easter Brunch in Berdan Hall

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary





### **Lenten Dinners and Film Discussion**

March 1 @ 5:30pm in Berdan Hall

March 8 @ 5:30pm in Berdan Hall

March 15 @ 5:30pm in Berdan Hall

# Happy Birthday

## February Birthdays

Ellen Contino	1
Miriam Pavlovich	1
Carol Huff	9
Christopher Andersen	10
Roger Miller	10
David Monisera	13
Kylee Nichols	13
Tania Giil	15
Erica Andersen	16
Parker Weston	19
Suzanne Schadel	21
Carl Mazzie	22
Erin Ryan	22
Andrea Andersen	24
Mary Marcus	26
Nicholas Walker Post	26
Cathy Tanis	26
Barbara Baum	28

## March Birthdays

Peggy Carroll	8
Gwen Kievit	9
Daniel Kudrik	12
Charles Schmitt	12
Marty Mariniello	15
Brandon DeLeonardo	16
Elizabeth Finale	18
Peter Kudrik	18
Gayle Reed	18
Florence Heiser	19
June Jesch	21
Grace Mazzie	23
Sadie Nichols	23
John Kievit	24
Madison Servideo	24
Adelaide King	28
William Schadel	28
Janet Wright	30

## April Birthdays

Eric Finale	4
David Demsey	7
Talbot Weston	7
Justin Finale	8
Andrew Finale	8
Judi Donovan	15
Hope Weston	16
Patricia Ratcliffe-Lee	18
Bob Andersen	19
Kelly Curtin	22
Dennis TeBeest	22
Lisa Ullman	22
Caleb King	23
Cindy Van Lunen	23
Robert Lefelar	26
Christina Gaboda	29
Michael Servideo	29
Jacob Ullman	29

The PRC Care Team is a dedicated volunteer group that focuses on living out their faith through caring for those in our midst. Our members stay connected with fellow parishioners throughout the year, offering good wishes of support and encouragement and let them know they are loved and in our thoughts. The team also checks in to see if members need assistance from the church, such as meals, a helping hand, or spiritual support. Through their kindness and outreach, they help foster a strong sense of community and faith within the congregation. If you'd like to get involved, contact Pastor Kim at [kimprc303@gmail.com](mailto:kimprc303@gmail.com).



**STATEMENT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP YTD Dec 31, 2025**—Our Stewardship Report for the year ending December 31, 2025, reflects a net surplus of \$2,332 compared to the Budget of \$3,517. We are unfavorable to the Budget by <\$1185>, primarily due to higher property repair and utility costs. We would have had a net surplus of \$14,332, but we appropriated \$6,000 for 2026 Classroom remodeling and \$6,000 for higher 2026 Music costs against the 2025 budget.

**CLASSICAL ASSESSMENT**—For 2025, we must fund approximately \$17,068 to the Classis of Passaic Valley budget. Classical Assessment is \$100/each confirmed member of your family, so if you have a spouse and a confirmed child, the total amount owed is \$100 x 3 = \$300). You do not have to make the contribution in one payment even though there is only one colored envelope for the contribution. If you later contribute after using the colored envelope, just simply mark the envelope “Classical Assessment” so the counters know. If you have not made your contribution towards the Classical Assessment yet, please do so by using the classical assessment envelope and contribute \$100 per confirmed family member and write the total amount of the check on the envelope. This year’s Consecrating Stewardship theme “Growing in Giving” involves a generous heart through faith in God, recognizing that giving is an act of worship and obedience and that sowing generously leads to a bountiful harvest. By giving cheerfully, contributing to God’s work, and sharing one’s time, talent, and resources to help other’s needs, you are deepening your relationship with God. God will bless those who give, ensuing they have all they need to give generously. Growing in giving supports the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of God’s work on Earth. “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

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	ACTUAL RESULTS	APPROVED BUDGET	YTD ACTIVITY			FAV
	2024	2025	Dec- 24	Dec - 25	BUDGET	(UNFAV)
<b>OFFERINGS:</b>						
Current Year Pledges	\$ 398,071	\$ 387,000	\$ 398,071	\$ 399,991	\$ 387,000	\$ 12,991
Loose & Other Unrestricted Offerings	4,341	4,500	4,341	2,941	4,500	(1,559)
Classical Assessment	7,444	7,500	7,444	7,700	7,500	200
Special Offerings	10,237	10,000	10,237	11,191	10,000	1,191
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>420,093</b>	<b>409,000</b>	<b>420,093</b>	<b>421,823</b>	<b>409,000</b>	<b>12,823</b>
Rental Income	120,896	123,864	120,896	130,409	123,864	6,545
Other Income -Interest	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 544,989</b>	<b>\$ 536,864</b>	<b>\$ 544,989</b>	<b>\$ 556,232</b>	<b>\$ 536,864</b>	<b>\$ 19,368</b>
<b>PROGRAM COSTS :</b>						
Worship	\$ 171,017	\$ 187,522	\$ 171,017	\$ 186,428	\$ 187,522	\$ (1,094)
Music	73,180	73,170	73,180	71,779	73,170	\$ (1,391)
Christian Education	40,307	50,295	40,307	44,296	50,295	\$ (5,999)
Parish Life	1,726	2,000	1,726	2,018	2,000	\$ 18
Care Team	54	200	54	-	200	\$ (200)
Outreach	-	200	-	69	200	\$ (131)
Properties	139,749	313,015	139,749	122,572	313,015	\$ (190,443)
Administration	59,634	61,930	59,634	59,608	61,930	\$ (2,322)
Finance	2,143	2,290	2,143	1,637	2,290	\$ (653)
<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>\$ 487,810</b>	<b>\$ 690,622</b>	<b>\$ 487,810</b>	<b>\$ 488,407</b>	<b>\$ 690,622</b>	<b>\$ (202,215)</b>
Deacons/Benevolences	57,881	52,725	57,881	53,916	52,725	1,191
Appropriation for Benevolences	(4,750)		(4,750)			0
Appropriation for Major Repairs- Parking lot		(200,000)		-	(200,000)	200,000
Unused CE Grant	(842)	(10,000)	(842)	(423)	(10,000)	9,577
Appropriation for Church Signs	(3,725)		(3,725)			0
Appropriation for Safety Protocol equipment	(1,522)		(1,522)			0
Appropriation for 2025 Classroom remodeling				6,000		6,000
Appropriation for increased Music Expenses				6,000		6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 534,852</b>	<b>\$ 533,347</b>	<b>\$ 534,852</b>	<b>\$ 553,900</b>	<b>\$ 533,347</b>	<b>\$ 20,553</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 10,137</b>	<b>\$ 3,517</b>	<b>\$ 10,137</b>	<b>\$ 2,332</b>	<b>\$ 3,517</b>	<b>\$ (1,185)</b>