

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



"So, let us embrace each other in the Lord by engaging in a perceptive and compassionate attentiveness to those we encounter. Let us be intentional with each other and honor and encourage others into who Christ established them to be."

- Pastor Dustin Scott

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

PRELUDE “Oh, How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils Are Ended” J. Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Hebrews 11 and 12

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,
**God has called us like the prophets in the hills,
and the disciples in the cities.**

They shared their blessings so that we might know God’s presence here.
**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.**

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Let us look to Jesus in worship this morning!
Amen!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **353** “Rejoice, O Pure in Heart” MARION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch our lives today. We ask for your forgiveness as we have not loved you with all that we have, nor have we always loved our neighbor.

Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness. May your name be glorified in us and through us... *(continue with silent prayers of confession)*

WORDS OF GRACE 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.)

ANTHEM

"The Gift of Love"

1 Corinthians 13, Hal H. Hopson

GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 18:24-28 and Romans 16:1-5a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Unlikely Saints: The Teaching Tentmakers"

GOD LEADS AND GUIDES US

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.**

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **263** Affirmation: Joining The Mission of God

 CLOSING SONG **262** "I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

 BENEDICTION

*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Ken Tanis, liturgist; Donna McKeon, worship host; Tech Team;
Chancel Choir; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Mar 22 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
- Tue, Mar 24 9:00 am Helping Hands
- Thu, Mar 26 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sun, Mar 29 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *Jannie van Drimmelen (Corine Miller's mother), David Terpstra, Dave Vanderbush, Christina Gaboda, Priscilla Durkin, Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Mary Tielve, Janet Wright, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, James M. (friend of Kim Goerg), Donald Nix (brother of Tiffany Nix), and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

The **Easter Flower envelopes** are out! If you would like to make a contribution, please fill out an envelope and place it in the offering plate or the basket on the office door **no later than Sun, March 29**. Suggested donation is \$30. Thank you so much for making our sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the joy of Easter!

Join us at our next book club on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM in Nan's Room as we discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Ove is a curmudgeon - set in his routines and grumpy ways - until unexpected friendship begin to soften his heart and reveal the quiet ways he touches the lives of those around him (which ties in well with our Lenten sermon series, *Unlikely Saints!*), reminding us that God often works through the most unexpected people to bring love, grace, and hope into the world. Please reach out to Pastor Kim with any questions.

Everyone deserves a happy birthday, especially during tough times.

The Sunday School is collecting items for birthday cake kits to be delivered to the WIN food pantry. Each kit makes a complete cake!

- Boxed cake mix
- Can of frosting
- One can Sprite soda (this takes the place of the eggs and oil so they don't need any extra ingredients!)
- Candles
- 9" x 13" disposable pan with lid
- A note explaining the Sprite



Some extra items might be:

- Party plates
- A small bag of balloons
- Decorations (like a gift bow or banner)
- Birthday card



This year's Easter offerings will be given to Oasis. Oasis is a non-profit organization that supports serves women and children who:

- Live at or below the federal poverty line (\$32,150 annual income for a family of four).
- Strive to overcome problems of domestic violence, unemployment, and hunger.
- Need essential human resources (such as food and clothing), educational opportunities, and social and emotional support as they work to improve their wellbeing.



Applications for the 2026 PRC Memorial Scholarship Awards

are now available electronically on the PRC website, paper copies in the church office, or from Joan Vanderbush at djvander90@gmail.com. Applicants may attend or plan to attend a two-year vocational college, a four-year academic college, graduate school, or be enrolled in courses which help the individual progress toward his or her educational goals. **The firm deadline this year is Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026.** Please adhere to all directions and timeline. Any questions, please call or text Joan at 201-245-9844. *Parents, if your children do not receive emails from PRC, please pass along this information.*

✿ Assisting in Worship ✿

	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Mar 29</u>
Flowers	Ken De Berry	Jen Graf
Counter	Ken Tanis	Bruce Hinners
Ushers	Charles Schmitt	Charles Schmitt
	Laura O’Connell	Bruce Hinners
	Dan O’Connell	Basia Hinners

✿ 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	Heather Kroll	Tim Coyne	Christina Gaboda
		Martin McKay	

✠ **Preakness Reformed Church Staff** ✠

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