

**WELCOME TO  
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*April 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM***

*“Why does he vanish? “He disappears,” Hans Urs von Balthazar writes, “into the mission of the church.” This is echoed in the last part of our liturgy, the sending, for they are meant to go out. Cleopas and his companion, without so much as finishing their dinner, race back to Jerusalem to proclaim that they have seen the resurrected Christ.”*

*Rev. Jacob A. Davis*

 Congregation standing, as able

**GATHERING IN THE JOY OF EASTER**

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. D. Lanz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Even when the world feels shaky, even when we are hemmed in by trouble, we say with the Psalmist: "I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted.'"

**We believed then, and we believe now:**

**The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**

What shall we return to the Lord for all his goodness to us?

How do we answer the one who walked out of the grave to meet us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation!**

**We will call on the name of the Lord.**

In the presence of all God's people,  
in this sanctuary and in the world beyond these doors,  
let us fulfill our vows.

**We offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

**We come to tell the story of the living God!**

**Let us worship the Lord! Hallelujah!**

✠ OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **179** "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

EBENEZER

✠ SALUTATION

EASTER MESSAGE WITH THE CHILDREN

*(The children may proceed to Sunday School at this time.)*

EASTER PRAYER OF BLESSING **180** "A Prayer of Easter Expectation"

✠ PASSING THE JOY AND PEACE OF EASTER

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! AMEN!**

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

### THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

ANTHEM

"Abide With Me"

EVENTIDE

William H. Monk, Arr. John Bertalot

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE

“Hiding Through Presence”

**RESPONDING AS EASTER PEOPLE**

SONG OF RESPONSE **207** “Come to Us, Beloved Stranger” BEACH SPRING

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**

We believe in the God of Life,  
whose breath is in us  
and whose mercy encircles the creation.

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who loved us indestructibly  
and who shared our pain.  
Christ is with us now as he promised,  
even to the end of the age.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who welcomes us into the household of faith,  
gives us gifts in abundance,  
enlivens our hearts with joy,  
**and urges us into the world  
to testify without fear  
to God’s justice and grace.**

Hoping against hope  
for the promised realm of peace,  
we love one another while we live,  
we honor every creature God has made,  
**we stand against the powers of sin and death,  
and we bless the earth and all that fills it.**  
**Glory, thanks, and praise be yours,  
O Living God, now and forever! Amen.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ CLOSING SONG **187**

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Grace Alone”

Arr. M. Hayes



*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Kim Pavlovich, worship leader;  
Pastor Eric Nichols, liturgist; Tim Coyne, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir;  
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

## 🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Apr 19      9:15 am Sunday Scripture  
 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)  
 10:10 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Second Hour Conversation (Parlor)  
 9:30 am Youth Group
- Tue, Apr 21      9:00 am Helping Hands
- Wed, Apr 22      7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu, Apr 23      12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Apr 26      9:15 am Sunday Scripture  
 10:00 am High School Sunday School  
 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)  
 10:10 am Sunday School

*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Ketty Lewin in memory of loved ones.*

***Please include in your prayers of intercession:*** Tammy Venti, Barbara De Berry, Alice O’Connell, 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), Tiffany Nix and her brother, Donald Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

***Congratulations to Jessica Amato and Marc Catanese!*** Jessica and Marc were married yesterday, April 18. Blessings and prayers for the new couple.

## 🌀 Assisting in Worship 🌀

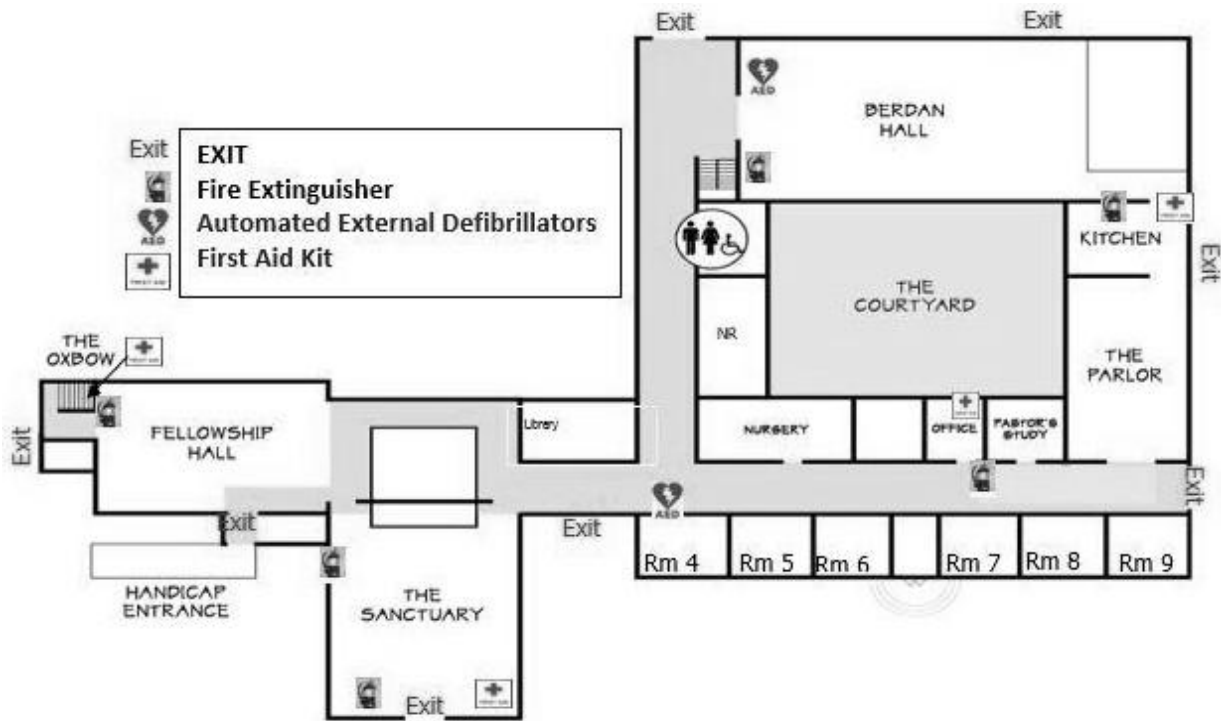
	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Apr 26</u>
<b>Flowers</b>	Christina Gaboda	Ken De Berry
<b>Counter</b>	Rich Ullman	Ken Tanis
<b>Head Usher</b>	Bill Weston	Dave Parish
<b>Ushers</b>	Hope Weston	Ken De Berry
	Rich Ullman	Priscilla Durkin

**Please join us in the Parlor after worship this morning for a Second Hour Conversation** about the non-profit organization, Wounded Warriors. Our very own Ted Curtin has been a part of Wounded Warriors for a number of years, and will be sharing his experiences as President and Co-Founder of the New Jersey Warriors hockey program. The Warriors are affiliated with the NJ Devils and USA Hockey, and the team was created to give disabled US military veterans a new sense of purpose, camaraderie, and an opportunity to rehab, both mentally and physically, through the exciting world of ice hockey. Their team of disabled service men and servicewomen compete against other disabled veteran teams from across the country and in local charity matchups with community teams to raise awareness for veterans' issues and to combat veteran suicide.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PRC's next Ladies' Night Out** will be held on Friday, May 1, at 5:30 PM at The Village Inn in Wayne, located at 422 Runnymede Drive. The cost per person is \$30. Please reach out to Annie McKay by 4/24 to RSVP. We hope you'll join us for another fun evening of fellowship, laughter, and spiritual encouragement!



**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](mailto: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.*



**Please note:** If you need to exit the sanctuary during our worship services for any reason, you may exit through the front of the sanctuary (the door beneath the cross), preferably during a transition time in worship (e.g. the beginning of a song, passing the peace, etc.).

## ✎ Consistory ✎

### Elders

Amanda Declet  
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Gaye Servideo  
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## ✎ Preakness Reformed Church Staff ✎

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