

**WELCOME TO  
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
February 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



*"Reading the Genesis narrative feels like walking into a county court house and sifting through a musty box of birth, marriage and death certificates, not to mention public records of lawsuits born of family pathology and resentful letters never meant to be read by others. But such are the places and manner of our redemption."*

*- Professor and Author, Daniel B. Clendenin*

 Congregation standing, as able

## GATHERING FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

PRELUDE

“Lenten Meditation”

R. Blake

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God’s love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 2 “O Worship the King”  
*(verses 1, 4, and 5)*

LYONS

 SALUTATION

IN RECOGNITION OF SCOUT SUNDAY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Merciful God, biblical stories show us your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about.

**Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires. Often, we fear that our very lives will conflict with your kingdom values of justice, mercy**

**and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit...**

*(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

“Beauty for Brokenness”

Graham Kendrick,  
Arr. Raymond Luckhurst

**GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 27 *selected verses*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Unlikely Saints: Deceiving, Lying, and Stealing”

**GOD LEADS AND GUIDES US**

SONG OF RESPONSE **134** “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

*(verses 1-4)*

TALLIS CANON

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 139** Looking to Jesus

 **CLOSING SONG 348** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

 **BENEDICTION**

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;  
Hope Weston, liturgist; Nancy Sindt, worship host; Tech Team;  
Chancel Choir; Jessica Amato, soloist; Kevin Lynch, accompanist;  
Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.*

## 🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Feb 22      9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)  
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:10 am Sunday School  
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)
- Tue, Feb 24      9:00 am Helping Hands  
7:00 pm Book Group (Nan's Room)
- Wed, Feb 25      12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sun, Mar 1        9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)  
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:10 am Sunday School  
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Movie (Berdan Hall)  
5:30 pm Youth Group Game Night

**Please include in your prayers of intercession:** *Tom Huff, Dave Vanderbush, Pastor Kim Pavlovich, Christina Gaboda, Priscilla Durkin, Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle), Jim (nephew of June Nienhouse), Skip Dahl, Amanda Posa (cousin of Nicole Carline), Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Mary Tielve, Janet Wright, 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.*

**Pastor Kim is recovering from surgery** and will need about 4-6 weeks afterwards to rest and heal. During that time, she'll be stepping away from her regular responsibilities so she can focus on recovery. We invite you to keep Pastor Kim in your prayers for a smooth procedure and steady healing.

**Join us at our next book club on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 PM in Nan's Room** as we discuss *Daughter of Cana* by Angela Hunt. This is a historical novel that brings the wedding at Cana vividly to life through the eyes of twin siblings caught between family loyalty and a growing movement around Jesus of Nazareth. Come for conversation, community, and a fresh perspective on a familiar biblical story. Please reach out to Pastor Kim with any questions.

**Please join us for our Sunday evenings in Lent at 5:30pm in Berdan Hall, March 1st-March 15th.** Adults will watch Saint Vincent, and the Youth will break off and enjoy Game Night and Youth Olympics. *The movie takes place in Brooklyn, and we will do theme nights based on the movie and location. Please bring a dish with enough to share.*

**Sunday, March 1st**

Green Bean Spaghetti "Family Night" Brooklyn family style Italian food.

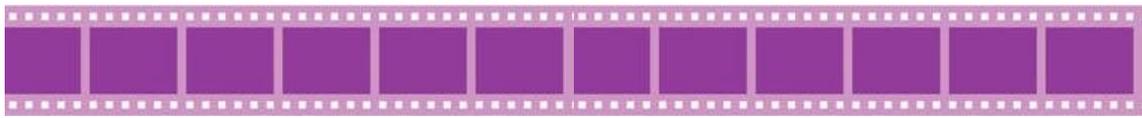
**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Daka's "Russian & Ribs" Party - bring an Eastern European dish.

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pizza will be served (no cooking!)

Please use the link in the weekly eblast to sign up for drinks/desserts that are needed. Please contact Annie McKay, Jennie Franklyn, or Carol Huff with any questions.



### **IFTAR DINNER INVITATION**

Join our friends from **Peace Island Institute** as they celebrate **Ramadan** with an Iftar Dinner! There are two meaningful ways to participate:

- **Be a guest in a Peace Island family's home** for dinner. Contact Pastor Kim to be connected. Multiple people from PRC can attend together in the same home.
- **Attend the community Iftar Dinner** hosted by **Packanack Community Church** on **March 6th**. RSVP to their church office at 973-694-0608 or [office@packanackchurch.org](mailto:office@packanackchurch.org).

Come share in fellowship, learning, and a meaningful celebration of faith!



✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

	<b><u>Feb 22</u></b>	<b><u>Mar 1</u></b>
<b>Flowers</b>	Jessica Amato	Gaye Servideo
<b>Counter</b>	Jen Graf	Amanda Declet
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Monisera	Amanda Declet
	Jen Graf	Juliet Declet
	Lyla Graf	Jane Declet

✧ **Consistory** ✧

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Deacons</u></b>		
Amanda Declet	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** ✠

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