

**WELCOME TO  
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
January 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



*"When Mary's baby walked the earth things changed...God is Emmanuel.  
Jesus, the Word, was made flesh. God walked around in skin.  
And it changed the world. Embodiment matters."*

*- Professor Karyn Wiseman*



 Congregation standing, as able

## GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see!

The light of God has come into our world  
to proclaim God's justice and love;

**it has overcome the darkness and brought new life.**

Come and follow!

Christ our companion has redeemed our world,

**Christ draws us into a loving family from every tribe  
and family and culture.**

Go and tell!

The Spirit has equipped us for service,

**to love our neighbors as we do ourselves  
and to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

**In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.**

 OPENING CAROL **98** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCE JUBILO

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

**Christ Jesus, how many times, have you come to us  
unwelcomed? How often have you visited yet we have been too busy  
to notice? How many times have you spoken yet we have been too full**

**of ourselves? Change our hearts and minds and help us to do better this new year. Fill us with your love and joy for others...**

## WORDS OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

### CHRISTMAS GREETING

The hope, peace, love, and joy of Christmas be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Merry Christmas!  
**Merry Christmas!**

*(Please share a Christmas greeting with one another.)*

## **GOD'S WORD IS OUR LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL READING John 1:1-16

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE "Location, Location, Location"

## **REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT FOR THE WORLD**

### 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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Meaning of the Sacrament  
Communion Song **96** "What Feast of Love"  
Receiving Communion

GREENSLEEVES

 **ACCLAMATION OF FAITH 100**

 **CLOSING CAROL 89** "On Christmas Night"

SUSSEX CAROL

 **BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;  
Elliot Franklyn, liturgist; Kris Macagney, worship host; Tech Team;  
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.*

## 🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sat, Jan 3	8:00 pm Youth Group Fire Pit – Alumni invited (weather permitting)
Sun, Jan 4	9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room) 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 10:10 am Sunday School
Tue, Jan 6	9:15 am Helping Hands
Wed, Jan 7	7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Jan 8	12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
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)
Mon, Jan 12	7:30 pm Consistory meeting (Parlor)

*Our condolences and prayers are with the Struyk Family on the passing of Doug's mother, Rosemary, on December 21.*

**Please include in your prayers of intercession:** *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.*

**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.

**The 2026 Flower Donations sheet** is posted outside the office. If you would like to dedicate Sunday flowers in honor/memory/celebration of someone special, please fill out the form and leave it in the office for Christina.

### ✧ Assisting in Worship ✧

	<u>Jan 4</u>	<u>Jan 11</u>
<b>Flowers</b>	Gaye Servideo	TBD
<b>Counter</b>	Ken De Berry	Ken De Berry
<b>Ushers</b>	Charles Schmitt	TBD
	Dave Parish	TBD

### ✧ Consistory ✧

#### Elders

Amanda Declet	Hannah Kudrik
Priscilla Durkin	Marty Mariniello
Jennie Franklyn	David Parish
Bill Weston	

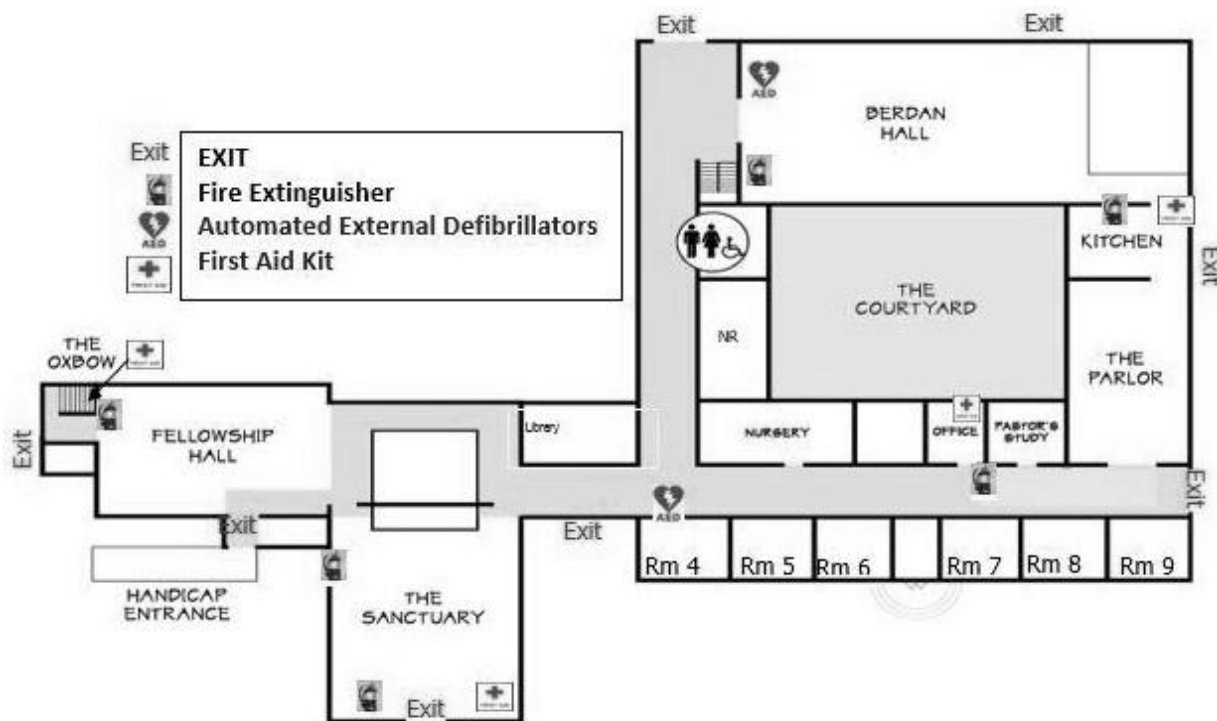
#### Deacons

Ken De Berry	Jessica Amato
Jennifer Graf	Gaye Servideo
Tom Powers	Vicki Lefelar
Tim Coyne	

***We are pleased to announce new Consistory Members for our congregation. Donna McKeon and Glenn O'Connell are nominated to serve as Elders. Christina Gaboda, Heather Kroll, and Martin McKay are nominated to serve as Deacons.***

### ✧ 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



**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.).



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