

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

March 29, 2026 at 10:00 AM



*"Imagine arriving at heaven's gates and explaining how you got in—
and the thief on the cross simply says,
'The man on the middle cross said I could come here.'"*

— Alistair Begg, minister

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."*

— Ephesians 2:8-9

☒ Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

GATHERING SONG “Every Victory” The Belonging Co.

WELCOME AND WORDS OF INSTRUCTION

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy! The Master comes!

Riding on a colt, he enters in victory!

If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.

But there will be some who will not sing or shout.

There will be some who will cling to their fear.

Be ready, O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming!

Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.

☒ OPENING SONG OF PRAISE “Hosanna” STARFIELD
(lyrics on page 5)

☒ PALM SUNDAY PARADE
(children will parade to sanctuary and then go to Sunday School)

☒ PROCESSIONAL HYMN **146** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” ST. THEODULPH
(verses 1-3)

☒ SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION written by John Paarlberg, retired RCA Minister

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:
We confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. (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.)

GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 32:32-43

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE "Unlikely Saints: The Bandit"

SONG OF REFLECTION **169** "Jesus, Remember Me" JESUS, REMEMBER ME

GOD LEADS AND GUIDES US

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.**

Some shout Hosanna. **Some shout crucify.**
Some shout Jesus. **Some shout Barabbas.**
Some wave palms. **Some shake their fists, today we choose...**

Some break bread. **Some break silence.**
Some proclaim Jesus. **Some deny Jesus.**
Some carry the cross. **Some run from the cross, today we choose...**

Some are angry. **Some rejoice.**
Some anoint with costly perfume. **Some complain at the waste.**
Some like the light. **Some prefer the shadows, today we choose...**

Some weep. **Some conspire.**
Some follow. **Some hide.**
Some believe. **Some betray, today we choose...**

To shout for life. **To follow the cross.**
To break bread. **To hold belief.**
To trust love. **And tell the world, we choose to follow Jesus.**

✠ CLOSING SONG 149

“Ride On”

DEO GRACIAS

✠ BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Go now in the way of Jesus—
the way that begins with palms and praise and leads to a cross.

Hosanna! (*wave palms*)

As you walk this holy road, remember the thief with only a broken prayer,
and the grace that answered him with promise: “Today you will be with me.”

Hosanna! (*wave palms*)

Trust that God’s kingdom still breaks in through unlikely hearts and last-
minute faith,
through mercy that does not keep score.

Hosanna! (*wave palms*)

Go in peace, following the Crucified King— who turns sinners into saints and
despair into hope.

Hosanna! Amen. (*wave palms*)

“Hosanna”

Verse 1

I see the King of Glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

Chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest

Verse 2

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
Selfless faith

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
On our knees

Chorus (1X)

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like
You have loved me

Chorus (2x)



This year's Easter offering will support Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children. Their mission is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need.



Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Kim Pavlovich, worship leader; Pastor Eric Nichols, liturgist; Tech Team; Chancel Choir; Berdan Hall Band (Dan O'Connell, cajón, Ben Frank, violin, Mike O'Reilly, keys and vocals, Jessica Amato, vocals, Dan King, guitar and vocals).

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Mar 29 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
 10:00 am Palm Sunday Worship
 (meet in Berdan Hall and process to Sanctuary)
 10:10 am Sunday School
- Thu, Apr 2 9:00 am Helping Hands
 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
 5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday worship (Berdan Hall)
- Fri, Apr 3 7:30 pm Good Friday service with joint choir
 (1st Reformed Church, Pompton Plains)
- Sun, Apr 5 9:30 am Easter Worship (Columbarium)
 10:00 am Easter Brunch (Berdan Hall)
 11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

🌀 Assisting in Worship 🌀

	<u>Mar 29</u>	<u>Apr 5</u>
Flowers	N/A	Gaye Servideo
Counter	Bruce Hinners	Amanda Declet
Ushers	Charles Schmitt	TBD
	Annie McKay	TBD
	Martin McKay	Gaye Servideo

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *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), Donald Nix (brother of Tiffany Nix), and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

Today is that last day to dedicate Easter flowers to a loved one. Please fill out an envelope and place it in the offering plate or the basket on the office door. 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.



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.*

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