

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM



*"For I was hungry, and you gave me food;
thirsty, and you gave me water;
tired, and you gave me a cot in an unairconditioned church."*

Matthew 25:35-ish

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

GATHERING SONG

“Still Waters (Psalm 23)”

Leanna Crawford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

- from the RISE Mission Trip Opening Worship

Why have we gathered here?

We have gathered to this place as children of God, to serve our neighbors and praise our maker.

What do we hope to do here?

We hope to be instruments of God’s work among God’s people!

So let us join together for fun, fellowship, and mission as we make a difference in our lives and in the lives of other!

Let us go to God in worship! Amen!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

John Newton; additional words and music by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- from the RISE Mission Trip Opening Worship

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us...

(continue with silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: Christ gave himself for us when we were without hope, and this proves God's everlasting love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives you!

In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives us! Glory to God! Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you! *(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

THE MESSAGE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:14-17 and Romans 10:14-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"RISE: Faith on Its Feet"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Love Round"

**Love, love, love, love. Christians, this is your call,
to love your neighbor as yourself 'cause God loves us all.
God loves us all. God loves us all. God loves us all.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

STORY OF FAITH

RISE Story

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

✠ CLOSING SONG “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Psalm 15, Wendell Whalum

✠ BLESSING

Friends, as our worship ends, our service begins. Let us go forth together this week,

Seeking to grow in friendship with those we know and those we will come to know,

Seeking to grow in faith and understanding through our devotions and discussions,

And seeking to grow in love and compassion through our work and service in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back;

And may God hold you and bless you.

Until we meet again. Amen.

✠ SENDING SONG

“Thrive”

Casting Crowns

RISE TEAM LEADERS and CREWS

Matt/Brandon: Maddie Servideo, Amelia Nichols, Brennan DeBoer, Jackson Michno

Elliot/Heather: Max Graf, Peter Kudrik, Juliet Declet, Alexa Maher

Martin/Dan: Carter Graf, Brendan Hughes, Charlie Macones, Beckett Mullen

Rhi/Eric: Ben Frank, Matteo Carr, Lyla Graf, Brady Hackett

Stephen/Jennifer/Jerry: Frankie Mazzie, Evan McKay, Ryan Wyatt

BERDAN HALL BAND

Jessica Amato, vocals; Ben Frank, guitar and violin; Gary Frank, guitar; Dan King, vocals;

Evan McKay, guitar; Dan O'Connell, drums; Michael O'Reilly, keys; Ken Tanis, bass

Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Kim Pavlovich, worship leader;

Tech Team; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Sep 27	9:15 am Sunday Scripture 10:00 am Sunday Worship RISE Service (Berdan Hall) 10:10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Second Hour Conversation (Parlor)
Mon, Sep 28	OFFICE CLOSED
Tue, Sep 29	9:15 am Helping Hands
Wed, Sep 30	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Berdan Hall Band rehearsal
Thu, Oct 1	12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
Sun, Oct 4	9:15 am Sunday Scripture 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 10:10 am Sunday School Breakfast 11:15 am Bread of Life mission

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Bob Janney, Bill Mariniello, June and Ernie Nienhouse, Tom McKay (Jennie Franklyn's father), Janet Wright, Dave Vanderbush, Priscilla Durkin, Judi (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle) and Karen (friend of the O'Connells), Skip Dahl and her friend, Ruth, Frank Minutolo, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Tiffany Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Barbara and Ken De Berry in memory of Janice De Berry, Carolyn Menger, and Joan Cos-Y-Leon.

Join Pastor Kim for a Second Hour conversation in the parlor today after worship to hear about her trip to Thailand last year, where she represented our denomination at the World Communion of Reformed Churches General Assembly. Along the way, she petted tigers, bathed elephants, and sat down with a group of Karen refugee college and seminary students, young people who fled decades of unrest in Myanmar to build new lives and continue their education far from home. Come hear the stories, see the photos, and learn what it meant to sit at the table with the global church.

Next Sunday, October 4th, our Bread of Life mission will be going to Newark to serve bagged lunches. If you'd like to do some shopping beforehand, help assemble lunches after service, or go to Newark to serve, please contact Christina Gaboda at 973-954-6882.

PRC is actively collecting for the following organizations:

- Native Americans – We are accepting donations of winter hats, gloves, and scarves year-round.
- Bessie Green Community (North Reformed Church, Newark) – Please consider donating your gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts for those in need.

Please drop off items in Sunday School Room #9.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR HOPE PRESENTS

EMPTY BOWLS

DINNER

a humble meal, for a hopeful cause



MONDAY • OCTOBER 19, 2026
Friendship Hall, First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

5-6 PM	To-Go Soup Orders	6-8 PM	Sit-Down Soup Meal with live entertainment (To-Go Also Available)
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Bloomingdale Big Band

An ensemble of the Bloomingdale Cornet Band - New Jersey's oldest continuously active community band, playing since 1884 - the Big Band brings the swing standards, jazz & blues, and classic hits that make dinner feel like a night out.

For a donation, guests **enjoy a bowl of soup and bread**, then choose an empty **handcrafted ceramic bowl** to bring home - a lasting reminder of the **hunger that exists in our own community**.

Proceeds benefit **Pequannock Food Pantry & Grains of Hope NJ**



GET TICKETS & DETAILS www.cpfhemptybowls.org

Volunteer Sign-Ups & Sponsorship Opportunities Available Online

Questions? Contact Helene at 201-452-4470

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✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

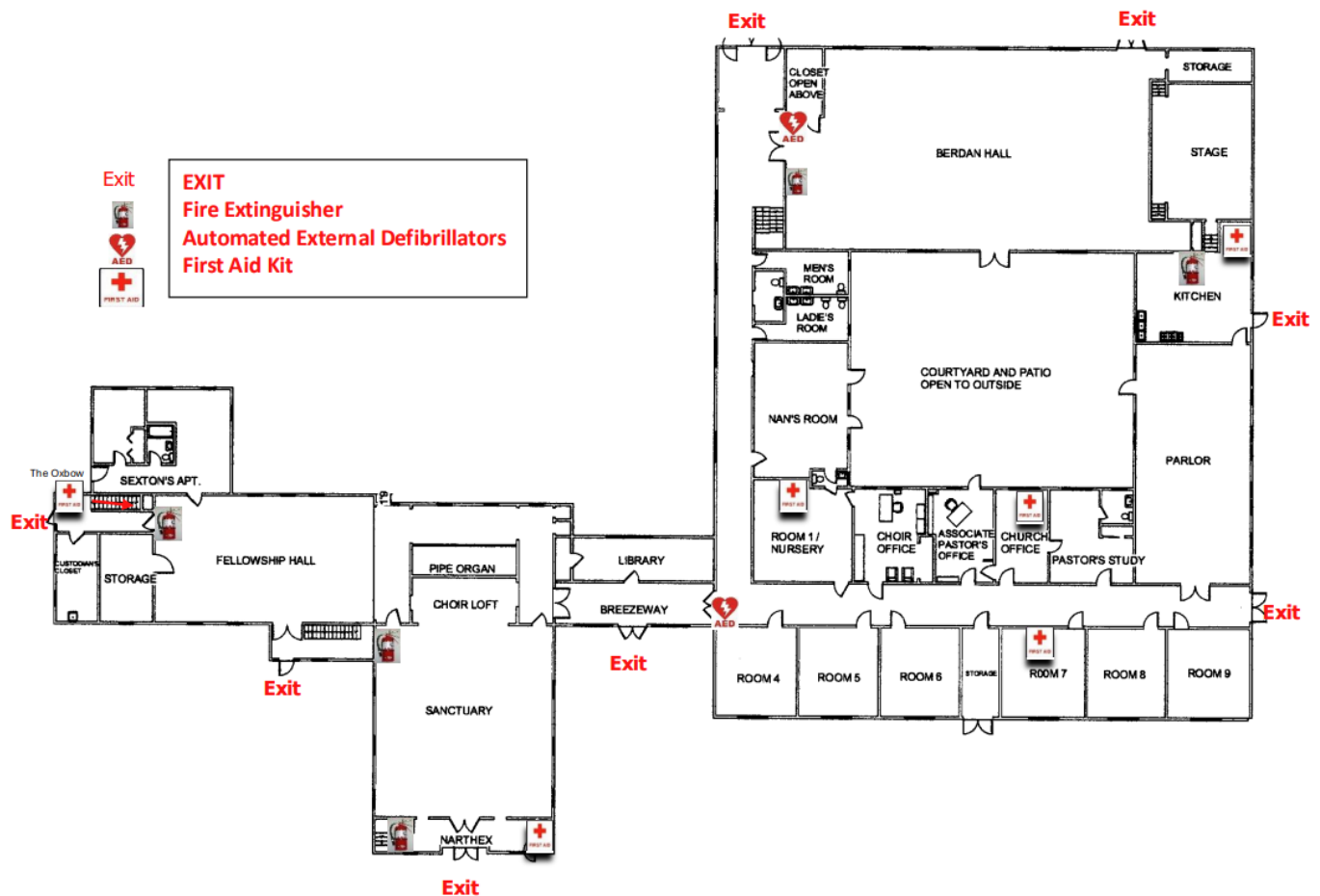
	<u>Sep 27</u>	<u>Oct 4</u>
Flowers	Heather Kroll	Gaye Servideo
Counter	Heather Kroll	Ken De Berry
Head Usher	Hanna Kudrik	Charles Schmitt
Usher	Dan Kudrik	Joan Vanderbush
	Brandon DeLeonardo	Ellie Wattenbach

✧ **Consistory** ✧

Elders		Deacons	
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
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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