

**WELCOME TO  
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



*"In between 'Here is what little we have' and 'Here are the 12 baskets of leftovers,' there is the Jesus factor. Let's not forget to factor Jesus into our daily equations and situations. Let's not forget to share this good news with others."*

*-Preacher and Professor Alyce Mckenzie*

 Congregation standing, as able

## GATHERING FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide”

C.C. Palmer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 145

On Sunday mornings, we gather to give thanks for God’s works and blessings among us. God’s mighty deeds speak of the glory of God’s kingdom and demonstrate God’s power in this world.

**God’s kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and God’s reign endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling down and raises up all who are bowed down. We look to God for help and God provides food for us.

**God’s hands are open, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. The Lord fulfils the desire of all who fear him; the Lord hears our cries and saves us.

**Today our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord, and with all that we have we will bless God’s holy name forever and ever!**

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 527 “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

TUNE CHANGE: NETTLETON

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

**Generous God, whose giving knows neither measure nor end, we confess that we often have kept our own hearts, hands, and minds firmly closed. Forgive us for the times when our own wants and wishes overshadow the needs and concerns of others. Help us to dare in dreaming solutions when we see problems. By the power of your Spirit, move us to feel, think, and act as those who know the hope that is rooted in the generosity of God...**

*(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

"All Good Gifts"

from *Godspell*

Stephen Schwartz, Arr. John Leavitt

Soloist: Lee Mamolen, Baritone

## GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL READING John 6:1-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE "Unlikely Saints: A boy helps feed five thousand?"

## **GOD LEADS AND GUIDES US**

SONG OF RESPONSE **876** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING

PRAYERS AROUND THE TABLE...concluding with the Prayer of St. Francis **860**

 CLOSING SONG **859** “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

 BENEDICTION

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;  
Amanda Delet, liturgist; Juliet/Junior Delet , worship host; Tech Team;  
Chancel Choir; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.*

## 🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Mar 8      9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)  
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)  
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:10 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Confirmation Class (Nan's Room)  
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Movie (Berdan Hall)  
5:30 pm Youth Group Game Night
- Tue, Mar 10      9:00 am Helping Hands
- Wed, Mar 11      7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu, Mar 12      12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Mar 15      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
- Mon, Mar 16      7:30 pm Consistory Meeting (Sanctuary)

**Please include in your prayers of intercession:** *Jannie van Drimmelen (Corine Miller's mother), Tom Huff, Dave Vanderbush, Christina Gaboda, Priscilla Durkin, Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle), 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.*

**Our sympathy and prayers are with the Admirand Family.** Jo Admirand passed away on February 26. There will be no funeral arrangements or services.

**Happy Birthday to Peggy Carroll...**she turned 90 today! God bless!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED after worship today!** We're in need of a few individuals to stick around for a few minutes after worship and set up a few tables and chairs for tonight's Lenten dinner/movie in Berdan Hall. Thank you in advance!

**Everyone deserves a happy birthday, especially during tough times.**

The Sunday School is collecting items for birthday cake kits to be delivered to the WIN food pantry. Each kit makes a complete cake!

- Boxed cake mix
- Can of frosting
- One can Sprite soda (this takes the place of the eggs and oil so they don't need any extra ingredients!)
- Candles
- 9" x 13" disposable pan with lid
- A note explaining the Sprite

Some extra items might be:

- Party plates
- A small bag of balloons
- Decorations (like a gift bow or banner)
- Birthday card

**PRC Members, we are trying to recover keys to our church building.** If you have a church key and are no longer in a role that requires it, please drop your key off to the church office in an envelope. Thank you!

**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. Please reach out to Pastor Kim with any questions.

**✿ Assisting in Worship ✿**

	<u>Mar 8</u>	<u>Mar 15</u>
<u>Flowers</u>	Jen Graf	Christina Gaboda
<u>Counter</u>	Bruce Hinners	Rich Ullman
<u>Ushers</u>	Ken Tanis	Kathy Curtin
	Cathy Tanis	Ted Curtin
	Hannah Kudrik	Dave Parish

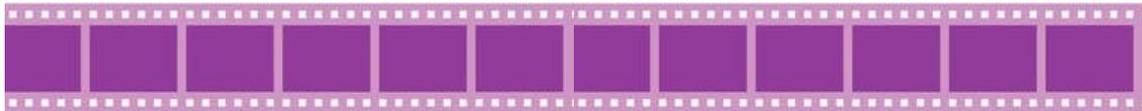
**Please join us for our Sunday evenings in Lent at 5:30pm in Berdan Hall, March 1st-March 15th.** Adults will watch *Saint Vincent*, and the Youth will break off and enjoy Game Night and Youth Olympics. The movie takes place in Brooklyn, and we will do theme nights based on the movie and location. Please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

**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!)



**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.*

✧ **Consistory** ✧

**Elders**

Amanda Declet  
Priscilla Durkin  
Jennie Franklyn  
Bill Weston

**Deacons**

Hannah Kudrik  
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Glenn O'Connell  
Heather Kroll  
Ken De Berry  
Jennifer Graf  
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Martin McKay  
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