

**WELCOME TO  
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**TRINITY SUNDAY  
May 31, 2026 at 10:00 AM**

*“Believers do not belong to themselves...believers belong to Christ,  
and the relationships among believers must reflect  
the One to whom they belong.”*

*-Professor and Author, Beverly Roberts Gaventa*

 Congregation standing, as able

**GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT**

GATHERING SONG            “God of Wonders”            Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong


WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship God, the living God,  
**who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,  
**who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,  
**who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and  
hope. All glory to God!**

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **538** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”    NICAEA  
*(see lyrics on insert)*

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (The children are invited to Sunday school at this time.)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

**God above all, help us with our unbelief our skepticism our self-preserving acts which isolate us and distance us from others. Pour mercy into our hearts and souls giving us eyes to see and ears to hear your gift in every person every place and every moment; for your greatness is seen in all the world, may our words and actions be our praise of you reaching up and out into your Kingdom...**

(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.)*

## LISTENING TO GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:1-5 & II Corinthians 13:11-13

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "There is a beginning, but no ending."

## THE SPIRIT SENDS US OUT

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.**

The grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
who has revealed love  
and kindness to us,  
and by God's great mercy saved us,  
not for any good deed of our own.  
but because our God is merciful.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself up for us  
to free us from our sin,  
and set us apart for himself -  
a people eager to do good.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
whom God poured out on us generously  
through Christ our Saviour,  
so that justified by grace  
we might become heirs  
with the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

We believe in God Almighty Maker of all heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ our Savior God’s own Son of matchless worth.  
By the Spirit was conceived, of the virgin Mary born,  
God in whom we have believed, God Almighty Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified for me Christ died.  
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell Christ opened wide.  
For the stone-sealed tomb was empty, on the third day Christ arose.  
Into heaven made His entry, mighty conqueror of His foes.  
At God’s right-hand Christ is seated, till His coming as He said.

Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead.  
I confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son  
To apply salvation's merit, God the Spirit Three in One.

We believe the church of Jesus universal e'er remains  
We are one throughout all ages, in communion of the saints.  
We believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised,  
Everlasting life in heaven, ever let God's name be praised!

 BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom"

Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewelly, and William Herron

*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;  
Greg Carline, liturgist; Barbara De Berry, worship host; Tech Team;  
Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

*Musicians: Jessica Amato, vocals; Ben Frank, violin; Gary Frank, guitar; Dan King, vocals and  
guitar; Michael O'Reilly, keys and vocals; Dan O'Connell, cajón*

## 🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, May 31      9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)  
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Berdan Hall)  
11:20 am Grove clean-up
- Tue, Jun 2        9:00 am Helping Hands  
7:00 pm PRC Book Group (Nan's Room)
- Wed, Jun 3        7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu, Jun 4        12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Jun 7        10:00 am Sunday Worship and Sunday School Recognition  
(Sanctuary)  
10:10 am Sunday School

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by The McKay Family to the glory of God and in celebration of the heavenly birthdays of Matilda Botti and Martin McKay.*

***Please include in your prayers of intercession:*** *Jasmeekah Durkin, Tammy Venti, Barbara De Berry, Alice O'Connell, David Terpstra, Dave Vanderbush, Priscilla Durkin, Eileen (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Janet Wright, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, James M. (friend of Kim Goerg), Tiffany Nix and her brother, Donald, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

### **A note of gratitude from Pastor Eric...**

*Thank you, PRC friends and family, for a special Sunday last week! You went above and beyond to celebrate our 15 years together in ministry. My family and I thank you tremendously for the kind words, celebration, coffee hour, and gifts. These 15 years have gone by so fast – which is probably a good thing! God bless you!*

**PRC is in need of a refrigerator for the Oxbow kitchen.** If you have one you can donate, please contact Christina in the office.

**Calling all Grads!** On Scholarship Sunday, June 21, we'll be honoring all of our high school, college, and trade school grads with a special mention in the bulletin. Please email Christina in the office with your grad's name and school, as well as any other details or future plans they'd like to share. PRC can't wait to celebrate our graduates!

**Today is the last day of our Military Dogs collection!** Military Working Dogs play an important role in protecting Service Members, military installations, and our country. To honor these four-legged heroes, the Sunday School is collecting the following:

Items Most Needed:

- Strong toys for power chewers
- Hypoallergenic dog wipes
- Grooming tools
- Lots and lots of poop bags!

Items may be left in the parlor anytime between today and Sunday, May 31.

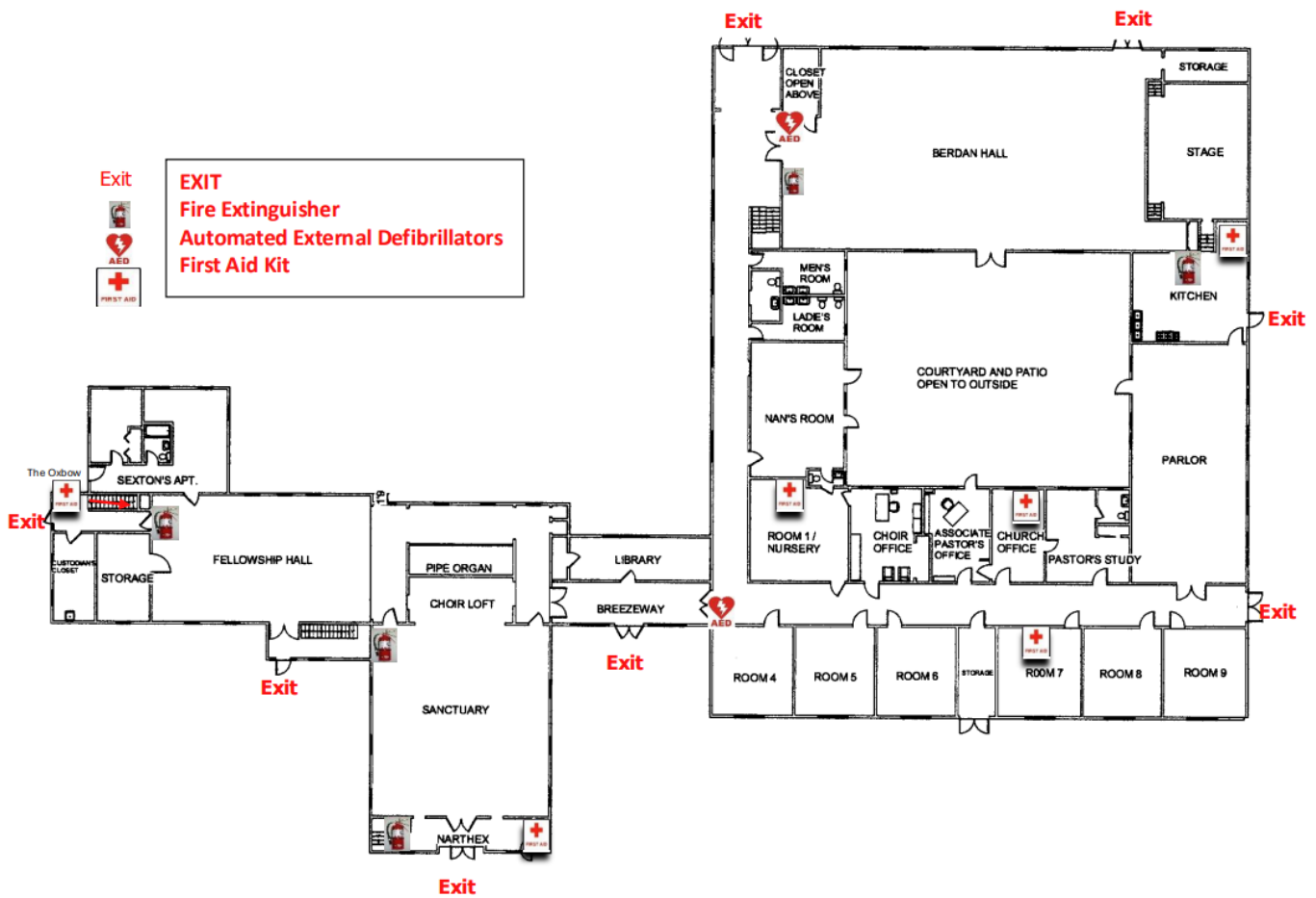
**Our annual Grove clean-up will be after worship on Sunday, May 31.** We can use as many helping hands as we can get to prepare for outdoor services this summer and fall. Feel free to wear your "yardwork" best and BYO wheelbarrows, shovels, and metal garden rakes.

**The PRC Book Club meets again on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 PM in Nan's Room.** June's book is "My Friends" by Fredrik Backman, a "deeply moving literary novel that explores the meaning of friendship, loyalty, and the invisible ties that shape our lives." Please contact Pastor Kim with any questions.

**Let's kick off summer with a twist to Second Hour Conversations and find our ZEN.** Please join us in Berdan Hall after worship on June 14 as Tara Temple, a yoga instructor and therapist, leads us in a chair yoga session. Chair Yoga is a gentle, accessible form of yoga that adapts traditional yoga poses to be performed in a chair or using the chair for balance, increasing muscle and bone strength as well as flexibility and balance. It may also help improve joint range of motion, and various health issues such as arthritis and diabetes. Breathwork with movement and meditation are also a part of the practice which may help improve anxiety, stress and sleep by reducing cortisol. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome!

## Assisting in Worship

|                   | <u>May 31 (Berdan Hall)</u> | <u>Jun 7</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Flowers</b>    | Jen Graf                    | Tim Coyne    |
| <b>Counter</b>    | Rich Ullman                 | Ken Tanis    |
| <b>Head Usher</b> | Joan Vanderbush             | Tim Coyne    |
| <b>Ushers</b>     | Bob Janney                  | Tom Huff     |
|                   | Rita Janney                 | Carol Huff   |



**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.).

## ✪ Consistory ✪

### Elders

Amanda Delet  
Priscilla Durkin  
Jennie Franklyn  
Bill Weston

Hannah Kudrik  
Donna McKeon  
Glenn O'Connell  
Heather Kroll

### Deacons

Ken De Berry  
Jennifer Graf  
Tom Powers  
Tim Coyne  
Martin McKay

Jessica Amato  
Gaye Servideo  
Vicki Lefelar  
Christina Gaboda

## ✪ Preakness Reformed Church Staff ✪

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