



THE PREAKNESS TOWER

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PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH

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The World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) held its 27th General Council in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 14 to 23 October 2025, under the banner “Persevere in Your Witness,” which is drawn from Hebrews 12:1. The timing was significant: it marked 150 years since the founding of its predecessor, the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System. The WCRC is considered one of the largest Christian communions in the world, after the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion.

The General Council brought together delegates from over 230 member churches in more than 100 countries, gathered in worship, engaged in Bible study, and discerned in small groups the next steps for mission, theology and justice in a changing world. The press-briefing held at the close of the General Council offered insight into both its tone and outcomes. The WCRC leaders expressed deep appreciation for how the gathering was characterized by prayerful deliberation and mutual respect surrounded by the amazing hospitality of the Thai people. Outgoing WCRC president Rev. Najla Kassab said, “I think Chiang Mai has given us a lot of lessons. We were enriched by the hospitality that we noticed, not only by the churches but by the local leaders.” And I would add that that same hospitality was seen in the staff at the conference center and everyone you met in the city and beyond. The gracious hospitality was experienced in all its fullness on the 10-15 immersion trips offered to all participants. One of those trips was an overnight trip to the Thoo Mweh Khee Learning Center. It is a school for Myanmar (Karen) refugee students. The school has students from kindergarten through college Masters programs, including a seminary. We were able to meet and get to know about 150 of their college students while we toured their school. They graced us with a dance program and the most delicious meal ever eaten in all of Thailand.

Key outcomes of the General Council include the release of a message entitled “Hope Beyond the Tears,” reflecting the global communion’s recognition of suffering, perseverance and hope. In addition, the 150-year celebration service featured ecumenical collaboration, symbolic acts of humility and a call to ongoing Christian witness in the face of global challenges: environmental crises, economic inequalities, and rising nationalist and exclusionary movements. The General Council reiterated its commitment to gender balance in leadership and to a decision-making process rooted in discernment, worship and listening together. The General Council elected the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, United Church of Christ General Minister and President/CEO to serve as the next president of the General Council. The Rev. Philip Peacock, an ordained minister in the Church of North India was introduced as the new General Secretary of the WCRC.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim



PRC Adults' Night Out at In The Drink



Outreach for CASA's Open Door Store



Ladies' Lakeside Retreat



Bread of Life Mission



RISE Sunday



2025 Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing and Dinner





The renovation of our 3 Sunday School rooms, is nearly complete, featuring new floors, ceilings, fresh paint, and updated furnishings! We are deeply grateful to Wayne Tile for facilitating the flooring donation and to the many volunteers whose time and effort made this transformation possible. The rooms are now ready to welcome our children and teachers, each week. Please join us on Sunday, November 16 after the soup luncheon as we open up the Sunday School doors to all who would like to see the improvements!

November Birthdays

<i>Daniel King</i>	1
<i>Jessie Hinners</i>	2
<i>Denise Dunlap</i>	4
<i>Kenneth De Berry</i>	5
<i>Corbin Sinclair O'Brien</i>	5
<i>Martin McKay</i>	7
<i>Ernest Mezey</i>	8
<i>Carol Eltringham</i>	10
<i>Inge Dahl</i>	11
<i>Lorelai Marie DeRissio</i>	11
<i>Gaye Servideo</i>	11
<i>Jackson Michael Coyne</i>	12
<i>Sarah Panzitta</i>	15
<i>Cyndie Bach</i>	19
<i>Jason Decllet</i>	21
<i>William Mariniello</i>	26
<i>Jean Huntington</i>	27
<i>Tim Coyne</i>	29
<i>Amanda Decllet</i>	29
<i>Ben Frank</i>	30

December Birthdays

<i>Annie McKay</i>	1
<i>Anthony Pellechia</i>	2
<i>Ron Franklyn</i>	3
<i>Thomas Powers</i>	5
<i>Nancy Rogers</i>	5
<i>Michael Servideo, Jr.</i>	8
<i>Jerry Decllet</i>	9
<i>William Weston</i>	13
<i>Donna McKeon</i>	15
<i>Jordan Tanis</i>	15
<i>Elliot Franklyn</i>	19
<i>Kim Goerg</i>	20
<i>Lyla Graf</i>	21
<i>Daniel O'Connell</i>	22
<i>Ted Curtin</i>	28
<i>Jo Admirand</i>	30
<i>Vicki Lefelar</i>	30
<i>Evan McKay</i>	30
<i>Patricia Drake</i>	31
<i>Jordan Ullman</i>	31

January Birthdays

<i>Dave Panzitta</i>	4
<i>Patricia Lynch</i>	6
<i>Kenneth Vander Pyl</i>	7
<i>David Vanderbush</i>	9
<i>Chuck Donovan</i>	10
<i>Carol Lukacs</i>	10
<i>Michael Barch</i>	12
<i>Juliette Panzitta</i>	13
<i>Lauren Tiers</i>	13
<i>Linda Ullman</i>	13
<i>David Bach</i>	15
<i>Richard Corbo</i>	15
<i>Douglas Finale</i>	15
<i>Nancy Pier Sindt</i>	15
<i>Andrew Graf</i>	16
<i>Sarah Barch</i>	20
<i>Paige Barch</i>	20
<i>Bruce Hinners</i>	20
<i>Linette Bley</i>	21
<i>Tania Janney</i>	25
<i>Hannah Kudrik</i>	27
<i>Michael De Block</i>	31
<i>Hazel Hinners</i>	31

**BROWN BAGS & BIBLES —Thursday afternoons at 12:00 pm in the Parlor**

Bring a lunch and grab a seat as we gather together in shared faith and fellowship. Participants will engage in pastor-led discussions based on Bible readings and explore their meaning and relevance in their lives. We encourage open dialogue, allowing everyone to share their insights, questions, and experiences as they relate to Scripture.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE—Every Sunday before worship service at 9:15 am in Nan's Room

Join us as we come together to study and explore the teachings of the Bible as they relate to the day's worship service. The group provides a supportive and communal environment where members can both encourage and challenge one another in their faith journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster spiritual growth with a deeper understanding of the Bible while building meaningful relationships with fellow parishioners.

Statement of Our Stewardship for the nine months ended September 30, 2025, reflects a net deficit of <\$3,203> compared to Budget of <\$9,264>. Favorable to Budget of \$6,061 is primarily due to higher pledges received during the year coupled with lower overall Program costs. we are optimistic that we will end the year with a surplus that is very close to the Budget.

Ken De Berry, Treasurer

	ACTUAL	APPROVED	YTD ACTIVITY			
	RESULTS	BUDGET				FAV
	2024	2025	Sept. - 24	Sept. - 25	BUDGET	(UNFAV)
OFFERINGS:						
Current Year Pledges	\$ 398,071	\$ 387,000	\$ 278,460	\$ 283,731	\$ 279,000	\$ 4,731
Loose & Other Unrestricted Offerings	4,341	4,500	3,331	1,760	3,400	(1,640)
Classical Assessment	7,444	7,500	6,844	6,500	7,300	(800)
Special Offerings	10,237	10,000	4,339	4,686	4,000	686
Total Offerings	420,093	409,000	292,974	296,677	293,700	2,977
Rental Income	120,896	123,864	88,766	90,590	91,464	(874)
Other Income -Interest	4,000	4,000	2,997	3,000	3,000	0
Total	\$ 544,989	\$ 536,864	\$ 384,737	\$ 390,267	\$ 388,164	\$ 2,103
PROGRAM COSTS :						
Worship	\$ 171,017	\$ 187,522	\$ 127,464	\$ 138,969	\$ 137,766	\$ (1,203)
Music	73,180	73,170	53,109	52,520	51,615	(905)
Christian Education	40,307	50,295	30,330	35,919	39,609	3,690
Parish Life	1,726	2,000	1,474	1,852	1,900	48
Care Team	54	200	54	-	100	100
Outreach	-	200	-	-	150	150
Properties	139,749	313,015	96,121	90,108	88,480	(1,628)
Administration	59,634	61,930	45,794	41,339	45,999	4,660
Finance	2,143	2,290	1,232	1,637	1,369	(268)
Total Programs	\$ 487,810	690,622	\$ 355,578	\$ 362,344	\$ 366,988	\$ 4,644
Deacons/Benevolences	57,881	52,725	44,983	31,549	30,863	(686)
Appropriation for Benevolences	(4,750)		(4,750)			0
Appropriation for Major Repairs- Parking lot		(200,000)				
Unused CE Grant	(842)	(10,000)	(800)	(423)	(423)	0
Appropriation for Church Signs	(3,725)		(3,725)			0
Appropriation for Safety Protocol equipment	(1,522)					0
Total	\$ 534,852	\$ 533,347	\$ 391,286	\$ 393,470	\$ 397,428	\$ 3,958
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 10,137	\$ 3,517	\$ (6,549)	\$ (3,203)	\$ (9,264)	\$ 6,061