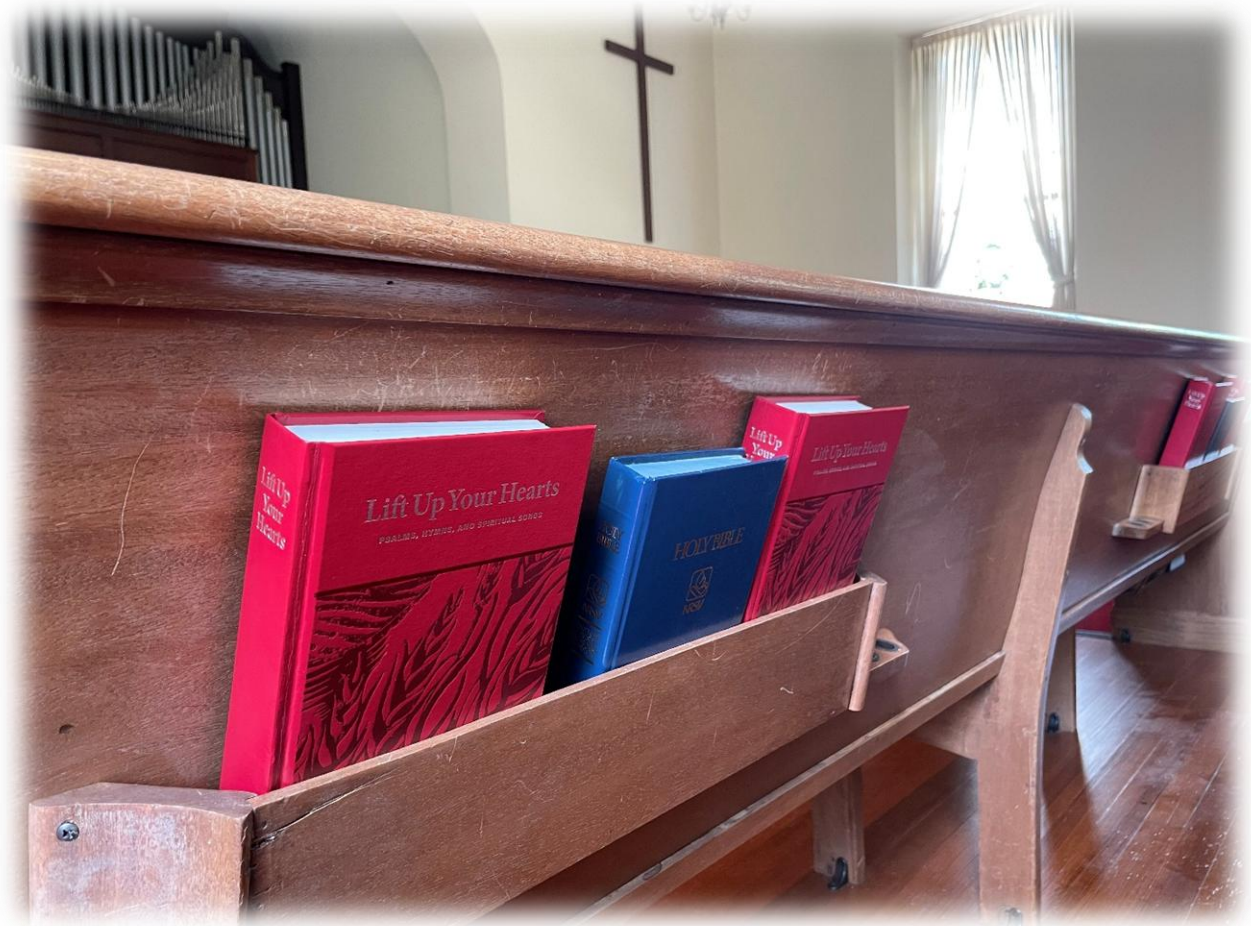


**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM



“Jesus calls us to a life of humble service. It is life yoked to Jesus under God’s gracious and merciful reign, free from the burden of sin and the need to prove oneself, free to rest deeply and securely in God’s grace.”

-Pastor Elisabeth Johnson

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“God Bless America”

I. Berlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Litany for Fourth of July Weekend

God of love and mercy, you have given us an abundance of natural beauty and resources for our nation.


Lord, may we always remember that this earth is yours and we are its caretakers. Guide us that we may use what you have given us with care and thanksgiving.

God of love and mercy, you shower us with mercy not condemnation, with love not hate, with acceptance not fear.

Lord, may we always remember God’s justice. Give us the wisdom to see injustice and give us courage to be faithful to you.

God of love and mercy you have blessed this land, making it a great and wonderful place to live and work and enjoy.

Lord, may we always feel and be guided by your presence. Continue to direct and enlighten us that we may be servants to the world and all peoples. We ask this in Jesus' name, who is a servant to us all!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 521 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

 SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Merciful God, we have become proficient in religious planning and performance. We can say all the correct words, but sometimes we leave our hearts far behind. Help us to embrace the prayers, songs, and

readings this day. Forgive us when we give up trying to get our act together! Show us your heart and train us in humility. We ask for insight to see and to seize opportunities to serve you...

(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.)

DUET

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Words by Horatius Bonar, Arr. Stephen DeCesare

LISTENING AND REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

“The Heart of the Matter”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Litany **826** "What God Says Through the Supper"

Communion Song **837** Let Us Break Bread Together

Words of Institution and Communion

 CLOSING SONG **897** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE/ERIE

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Traditional

*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Jason Deplet, worship host; Tony Galatioto, liturgist; Tech Team;
Vivian Brock and Dan King, vocalists; Kevin Lynch, accompanist;
Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Jul 5 10:00 am Sunday Worship and (Sanctuary)
- Tue, Jul 7 9:00 am Helping Hands
 7:00 pm PRC Book Club (via Zoom)
- Thu, Jul 9 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Jul 12 8:00 am RISE teams assemble in parking lot
 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

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

The PRC Book Club will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, July 7, at 7 PM. July's book is "The Shepherd's Wife" by Angela Hunt, a biblical historical novel imagining the life of Pheodora, a fictional sister of Jesus. The Zoom link was sent in last Thursday's eblast. Please contact Pastor Kim with any questions.

RISE is almost here — and we're fueling up! We're accepting cash and Visa/Mastercard gift cards to help cover gas, supplies, and a few well-earned ice cream and Dunkin' runs along the way. Donations may be left in the offering plate in the sanctuary or the main office. Your generosity means the world to our youth and their leaders. Thank you!

PRC Scholarship Fundraiser Baskets: Between now and Sep 6, we are collecting empty baskets, filled baskets, and new items and gift cards to fill baskets. If you would like to contribute, please place items in the bin in the church parlor. Monetary donations may be left in the church office. Please contact Kim Goerg (845) 416-1260 or Cheryl Trenary (862) 571-5140 with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 17 at the Packanack Golf Course. Catered dinner and basket raffle will be hosted at PRC. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

☞ **Assisting in Worship** ☞

	Jul 5	Jul 12
Flowers	Heather Kroll	Christina Gaboda
Counter	Ken De Berry	Amanda Declet
Head Usher	Dave Parish	Jennie Franklyn
Ushers	Nancy Sindt	Ron Franklyn
	Ketty Lewin	TBD

☞ **Consistory** ☞

Elders

Amanda Declet
Priscilla Durkin
Jennie Franklyn
Bill Weston

Deacons

Hannah Kudrik
Donna McKeon
Glenn O'Connell
Heather Kroll
Ken De Berry
Jennifer Graf
Tom Powers
Tim Coyne
Martin McKay
Jessica Amato
Gaye Servideo
Vicki Lefelar
Christina Gaboda

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Rev. Eric Nichols, Senior Pastor
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