

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



"As people of faith, we must change our hearts and minds (repent) of the racism and judgmental attitude that have been problematic since the beginnings of humanity. Let's reflect God's heart—one that is open wide to all people. Then we can truly and proudly say of every race, every nationality, every human being: They are my people."

- Pastor and Author, Melissa Bane Sevier

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY

PRELUDE

“ 40 Days and 40 Nights”

Arr. B. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of the Almighty Compassionate God!

Our God cares for all people, whether they are here around us or in far off places, God brings good news to all of us.

God cares for our nation and all nations.

God offers care for the sick, those in pain, those in the hospital, those who are home bound and those in nursing homes, God’s compassion extends to them.

God cares for those with heavy burdens, broken hearts, the grieving, the lonely and the anxious. God leads us in songs of praise this morning!

We praise and thank God for the compassion, care, and mercy that we receive each day through Jesus Christ, Amen!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 17 “Beautiful Savior”

ST. ELIZABETH

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples and renew our desire to follow you. Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take

risks of faith. Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by 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.)

ANTHEM

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Carl F. Mueller

GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Unlikely Saints: The Enemy”

GOD LEADS AND GUIDES US

PRAYERS AROUND THE TABLE...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 and Song:

841 Lamb of God and **840** Behold the Lamb

Words of Institution and Communion

 CLOSING SONG **936** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ASH GROVE

 BENEDICTION

*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Brandon DeLeonardo, liturgist; Joan Vanderbush, worship host; Tech Team;
Chancel Choir; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Mar 1 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
- Tue, Mar 3 9:00 am Helping Hands
- Wed, Mar 4 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu, Mar 5 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Mar 8 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)
10:10 am Sunday School
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Movie (Berdan Hall)
5:30 pm Youth Group Game Night

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

Today's flowers in the sanctuary were given by Charles R. Schmitt in celebration of March birthdays.

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.

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 1st

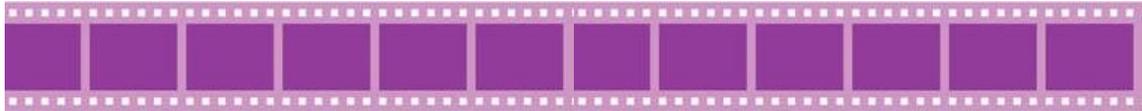
Green Bean Spaghetti "Family Night" Brooklyn family style Italian food.

Sunday, March 8th

Daka's "Russian & Ribs" Party - bring an Eastern European dish.

Sunday, March 15th

Pizza will be served (no cooking!)



IFTAR DINNER INVITATION

Join our friends from **Peace Island Institute** as they celebrate **Ramadan** with an Iftar Dinner! There are two meaningful ways to participate:

- **Be a guest in a Peace Island family's home** for dinner. Contact Pastor Kim to be connected. Multiple people from PRC can attend together in the same home.
- **Attend the community Iftar Dinner** hosted by **Packanack Community Church** on **March 6th**. RSVP to their church office at 973-694-0608 or office@packanackchurch.org.

Come share in fellowship, learning, and a meaningful celebration of faith!



☞ **Assisting in Worship** ☞

	<u>Mar 1</u>	<u>Mar 8</u>
Flowers	Gaye Servideo	Jen Graf
Counter	Amanda Declet	Bruce Hinners
Ushers	Amanda Declet	Ken Tanis
	Juliet Declet	Cathy Tanis
	Jane Declet	Hannah Kudrik

☞ **Consistory** ☞

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Amanda Declet	Hannah Kudrik
Priscilla Durkin	Donna McKeon
Jennie Franklyn	Glenn O'Connell
Bill Weston	Heather Kroll
	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
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