


WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM

“The relationship between the sheep and the Shepherd is based on what the Shepherd does, rather than on what the sheep do. It’s all about who the Shepherd is rather than who we are. The sheep feel secure just to hear the voice of the Shepherd. Through that reassurance we in turn may allow the Shepherd’s voice to speak through us as we reach out to the lost and hurting we encounter on the way.”

Hospice Chaplain Nancy R. Blakely

 Congregation standing, as able

PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

 CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 John 3 (The Message)

This is how we’ve come to understand and experience love,

Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves.

If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God’s love?

It disappears. And we made it disappear.

My dear children, let’s not just talk about love; let’s practice real love.

Again, this is God’s command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. Christ told us to love each other, in line with the original

command. As we keep Christ's commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and Christ lives in us.

Let us worship the resurrected Christ and live like Christ!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **204** "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna" HYMN TO JOY

 SALUTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation and Presentation

Professing the Faith

 Congregational Vow and Welcome

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support David, Juliette, Sarah and Renee by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

WE DO!

Let us welcome Renee as a sister in Christ today.

Joyfully we receive Renee into the body of Christ. Together, we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Prayer of Blessing

The Baptismal Covenant for Renee Panzitta

 SHARING THE JOY AND PEACE OF EASTER

The joy and peace of Easter be with you!

And also with you!

(Please greet one another with the joy and peace of Easter!
Children may proceed to Sunday School at this time.)

EASTER MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SONG OF REFLECTION **369** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Verses 1-2

RESIGNATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 KJV

concluding with **369** verse 3

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18 (page 103)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE "Don't forget, there are other sheep out there!"

ANTHEM

"Agnus Dei"

Michael W. Smith

Arr. Lloyd Larson

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER

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.**

 AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Our World Belongs to God: Sections 36 & 39

Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise God's name, hear the Word proclaimed, learn God's ways, confess our sins, offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by the life of Christ, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

 CLOSING SONG 330

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Verses 1, 2, and 4

BRADBURY

 BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Pastor Kim Pavlovich, liturgist; Ken De Berry, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir;
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Apr 21 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School

Tue, Apr 23 9:00 am Helping Hands

Wed, Apr 24 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thu, Apr 25 12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles

Sun, Apr 28 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service
10:10 am Sunday School
8:00 pm Confirmation Students Zoom with Pastor Eric

Today's flowers are given in honor of and to the glory of God.

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Rick Van Lunen, Donna De Block, Donna and Mick (friends of Tiffany), Frank Minutolo, Kevin Flood (friend of Lois Bender), Melissa (friend of Marianne Aunicky), Geri Lyon, Christa DeRissio, Al Scherle (friend of Bill and Marty Mariniello), Jon Pont (Skip Dahl's son-in-law), Jerry Decllet, Sr., Deborah Pruette (Priscilla Durkin's sister), June Jesch, Erika VanBrookhoven, and Lois Bender, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.



Blessings and congratulations to Corine and Roger Miller on the birth of their granddaughter. Their son and daughter-in-law, Arno and Alison, gave birth to Maeve Elizabeth on Thursday, April 11.

Applications for the 2024 PRC Memorial Scholarship Awards are now available on the PRC website, paper copies in the church office, or from Joan Vanderbush at djvander90@gmail.com. Applicants may attend or plan to attend a two-year vocational college, a four-year academic college, a 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 12, 2024. Any questions, please call or text Joan at 201 245-9844. Please be certain to complete the **2024** application as it has changed from previous years. Also, please adhere to all directions and timeline. Parents, if your children do not receive emails from PRC, please pass along this information.

✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Apr 28</u>
Flowers	Ken De Berry	Holly Ryan
Counter	Ken De Berry	Ken Tanis
Ushers	Ted Curtin	Holly Ryan
	Kathy Curtin	Scott Ryan

✧ **Consistory** ✧

Elders

Hannah Kudrik
Ken Tanis
Marty Mariniello

Jennie Franklyn
Dave Parish
Amanda Deplet

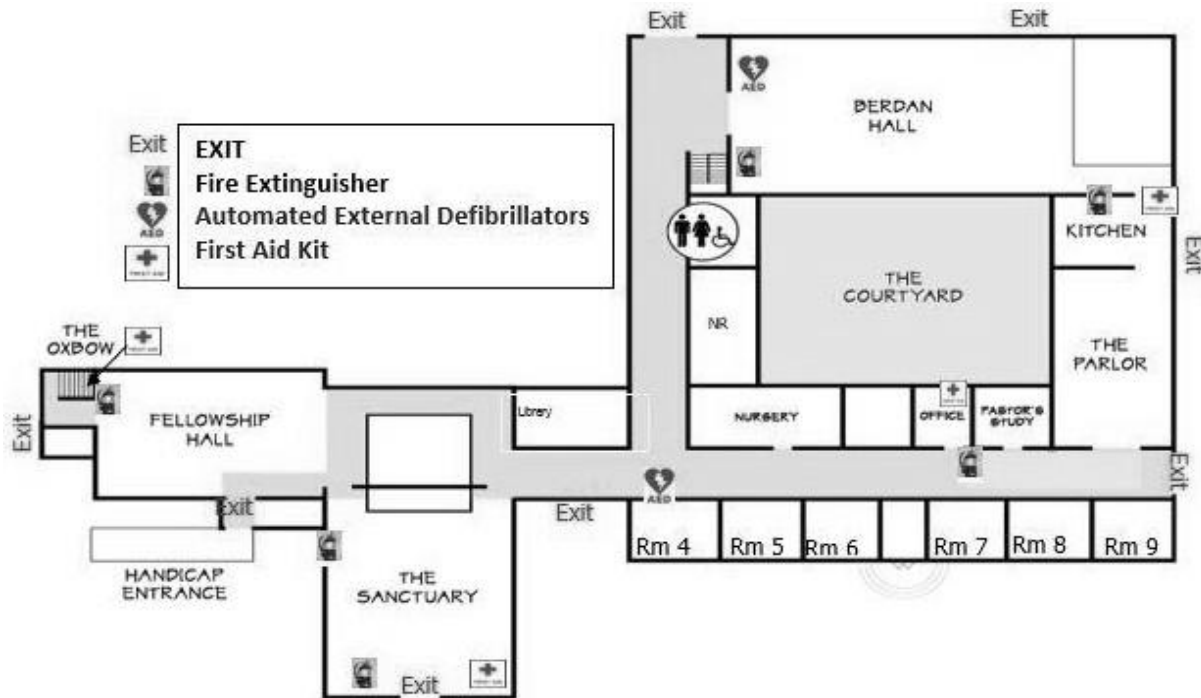
Deacons

Holly Ryan
Jennifer Graf
Andrea Andersen

Brandon DeLeonardo
Ken De Berry
Tom Powers

✧ **Preakness Reformed Church Staff** ✧

Rev. Eric Nichols, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kim Pavlovich, Associate Pastor
Daniel King, Director of Music Ministries
Kevin Lynch, Accompanist
Christina Collucci, Office Manager
Rev. Mary Marcus, Minister Emerita



Please note: If you need to exit the sanctuary during our worship services for any reason, you may exit thru the front of the sanctuary (the door beneath the banner), preferably during a transition time in worship (e.g. the beginning of a song, passing the peace, etc.).



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204

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

1 Christ is ris-en! Shout ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of des-pair.
 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.

Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der; all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
 Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.

In the de-sert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"

Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love-unknown.
 Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing ho-san-na, ev-ery-one!

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 369

PSALM 23

C Am C Em F C/G G C

1 My Shep-herd will sup - ply my need; the LORD God is his name:
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres - ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am C2 C/G G C

in pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

G7 C F Dm G Am F Am

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back, when I for - sake his ways;
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, shall still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

C Am C2 C/G G C

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

For other settings of Psalm 23 see 368, 456, 732, 824

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330 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

D A7 D

1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way.
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

A7 D

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 Keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

G D A7 D

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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