

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*September 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM***



"Jesus' parable highlights the generosity of God. As the ultimate 'landowner,' God will use what has always belonged to the Creator for the good of all even if humans fail to view the world through God's eyes."

- Interim Provost at Messiah University, Dr. Emerson Powery

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

MADRID

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 105

Today, we give thanks to the Lord, we call on the name of the Lord, we tell and share with one another the blessings we have received!

Let's sing songs, loud praises to the Lord of life.

Honor God's name with Hallelujahs! As we seek the Lord this morning, may our hearts be full of joy.

We will seek the Lord and his strength; we will seek his presence continually, not just on Sunday mornings.

Remember the wonderful acts of God.

Praise the Lord for all that the Lord has done!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **581** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(The children are invited to Sunday School at this time).*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image...

(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 “The Gift of Love” 1 Corinthians 13, Hal H. Hopson

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE “Is your eye evil because I am good?”

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

SONG OF RESPONSE **299** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI
(verses 1-3)

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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **270**

A Prayer of Indigenous Peoples, Refugees, Immigrants and Pilgrims

 CLOSING SONG **269**

“All Are Welcome”
(verses 1, 4, and 5)

TWO OAKS

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Kim Pavlovich, worship leader;
Dave Monisera, liturgist; Kevin Lynch, worship host; Tech Team;
Chancel Choir; Kevin Lynch, accompanist;
Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Sep 20 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
- Mon, Sep 21 7:30 pm Consistory meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm Berdan Hall Band rehearsal
- Tue, Sep 22 9:15 am Helping Hands
- Thu, Sep 24 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Sep 27 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
10:00 am Sunday Worship RISE Service (Berdan Hall)
10:10 am Sunday School
11:15 am Second Hour Conversation (Parlor)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Bill Mariniello, June and Ernie Nienhouse, Tom McKay (Jennie Franklyn's father), Janet Wright, Tammy Venti, Dave Vanderbush, Priscilla Durkin, Judi (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle) and Karen (friend of the O'Connells), Skip Dahl and her friend, Ruth, Frank Minutolo, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Tiffany Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the O'Connell family in thanksgiving for our family and friends—those still with us and the saints that have gone before us.

Join Pastor Kim for a Second Hour conversation next Sun, Sep 27 in the parlor to hear about her trip to Thailand last year, where she represented our denomination at the World Communion of Reformed Churches General Assembly. Along the way, she petted tigers, bathed elephants, and sat down with a group of Karen refugee college and seminary students, young people who fled decades of unrest in Myanmar to build new lives and continue their education far from home. Come hear the stories, see the photos, and learn what it meant to sit at the table with the global church.

PRC is actively collecting in Sunday School Room 9 for the following organizations:

- Native Americans – We are accepting donations of winter hats, gloves, and scarves year-round.
- Bessie Green Community (North Reformed Church, Newark) – Please consider donating your gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts for those in need.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR HOPE PRESENTS

EMPTY BOWLS

DINNER

a humble meal, for a hopeful cause



MONDAY • OCTOBER 19, 2026
Friendship Hall, First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

5-6 PM	To-Go Soup Orders	6-8 PM	Sit-Down Soup Meal with live entertainment (To-Go Also Available)
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

 **The Bloomingdale Big Band**

An ensemble of the Bloomingdale Cornet Band - New Jersey's oldest continuously active community band, playing since 1884 - the Big Band brings the swing standards, jazz & blues, and classic hits that make dinner feel like a night out.

For a donation, guests **enjoy a bowl of soup and bread**, then choose an empty **handcrafted ceramic bowl** to bring home - a lasting reminder of the **hunger that exists in our own community**.

Proceeds benefit **Pequannock Food Pantry & Grains of Hope NJ**



GET TICKETS & DETAILS www.cpfhemptybowls.org

Volunteer Sign-Ups & Sponsorship Opportunities Available Online

Questions? Contact Helene at 201-452-4470

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✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

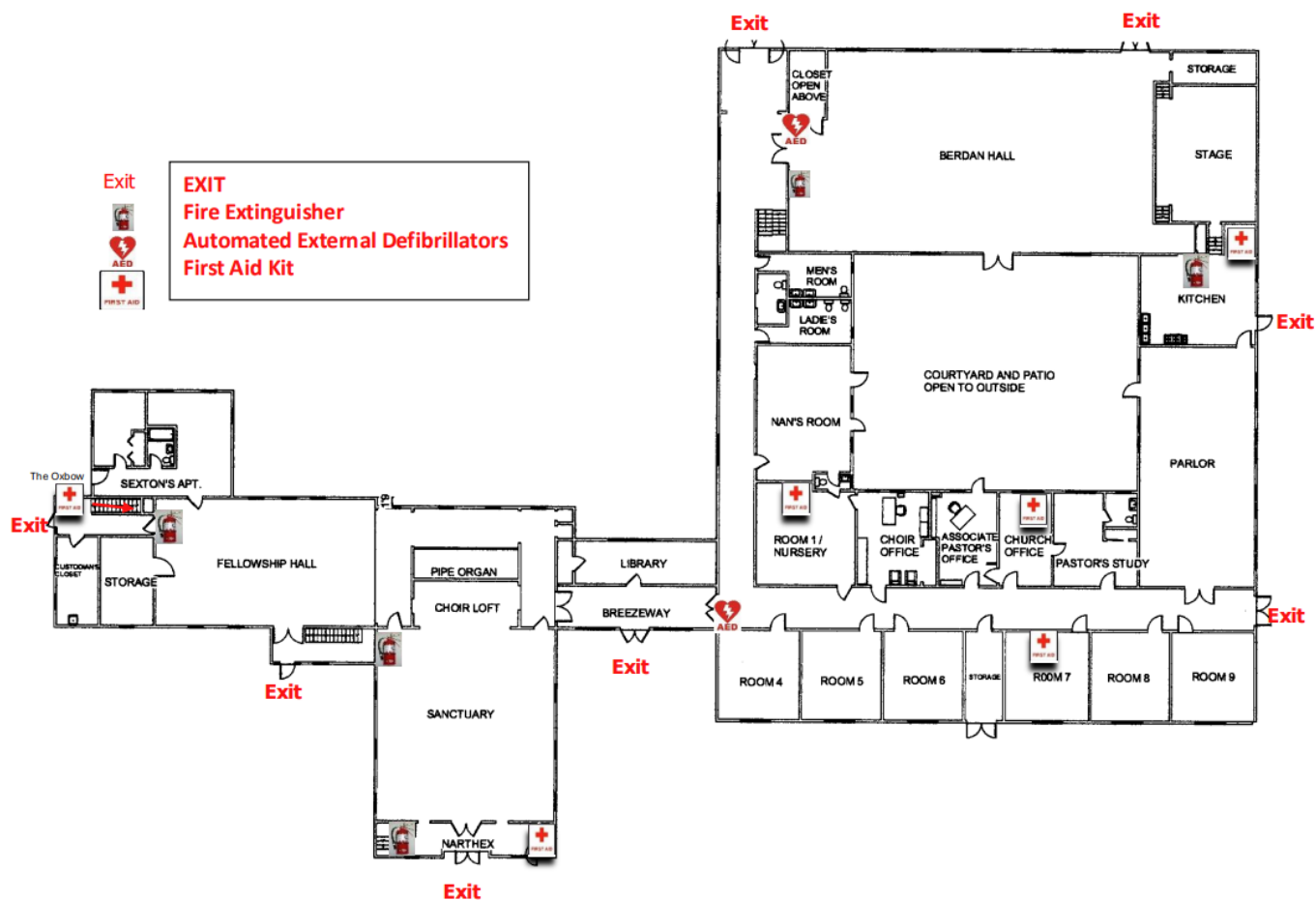
	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Sep 27</u>
Flowers	Vicki Lefelar	Heather Kroll
Counter	Ken De Berry	Heather Kroll
Head Usher	Kris Macagney	Hanna Kudrik
Usher	Dan Macagney	Dan Kudrik
	Priscilla Durkin	Brandon DeLeonardo

✧ **Consistory** ✧

<u>Elders</u>		<u>Deacons</u>	
Amanda Declet	Hannah Kudrik	Ken De Berry	Jessica Amato
Priscilla Durkin	Donna McKeon	Jennifer Graf	Gaye Servideo
Jennie Franklyn	Glenn O'Connell	Tom Powers	Vicki Lefelar
Bill Weston	Heather Kroll	Tim Coyne	Christina Gaboda
		Martin McKay	

✧ **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 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.).



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