

**WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
PENTECOST SUNDAY AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

May 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM

“I have been told that I need to believe in Jesus. Which is a good thing. But what I am learning is that Jesus believes in me. I have been told that I need to have faith in God. Which is a good thing. But what I am learning is that God has faith in me...The rabbi (Jesus) thinks we can be like him.”

-Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith by Rob Bell

✠ Congregation standing, as able L: Leader All: Congregation

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE “Holy, Holy, Holy” NICAEA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

**L: Hear the Spirit calling us all out of God’s holy wind.
All: *Unite us, Holy Spirit!***

**L: God calls us to listen, hear, and follow!
All: *Come, Holy Spirit!***

**L: The flame of the Spirit burns in our hearts, inspiring our words and our actions.
All: *Come, Holy Spirit!***

**L: Across the barriers of time, land, language and culture, Christ’s message of love and grace is heard.
All: *Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.***

✠ OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 562 "We will Extol You, God and King" SCARECROW
Verses 1, 3 & 4

✠ SALUTATION

SHARING STORIES OF FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

(Please greet one another with the peace of Christ!
The children are invited to Sunday School at this time.)

LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

ANTHEM

"Come Flood This Heart of Mine"

Herb Frombach

and David Lantz III

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4 (page 119)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION

✠ SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Apostles' Creed"

NETTLETON

*We believe in God Almighty Maker of all heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ our Savior God's own Son of matchless worth.
By the Spirit was conceived, of the virgin Mary born,
God in whom we have believed, God Almighty Three in One.*

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified for me Christ died.
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell Christ opened wide.*

*For the stone-sealed tomb was empty, on the third day Christ arose.
Into heaven made His entry, mighty conqueror of His foes.*

*At God's right hand Christ is seated, till His coming as He said.
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead.
I confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son
To apply salvation's merit, God the Spirit Three in One.*

*We believe the church of Jesus universal e'er remains
We are one throughout all ages, in communion of the saints.
We believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised,
Everlasting life in heaven, ever let God's name be praised!*

GOD'S SPIRIT SENDS US OUT

RECEIVING AND WELCOMING OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Presentation and Profession of Faith

Congregational Vow and Welcome

L: Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Richie, Andrew, Justin, Benjamin, Carter, Maxwell, Brendan, Peter, Frank, Evan, Amelia and Madison 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?

All: *WE DO!*

L: Let us welcome these servants of Christ today.

All: *Joyfully we receive you 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

Frank Mazzie

Presentation of Confirmation Stoles and Words of Blessing

<u>Confirmation Students</u>	<u>Mentors</u>
Richie Corbo	Brandon DeLeonardo
Andrew Finale	Chris Parish
Justin Finale	David Parish
Benjamin Frank	Jerry Declet, Jr.
Carter Graf	Brian Tanis
Maxwell Graf	Jimmy McKeon
Brendan Hughes	Ken De Berry
Peter Kudrik	Martin McKay
Frank Mazzie	Dan O'Connell
Evan McKay	Glenn O'Connell
Amelia Nichols	Lisa Ullman
Madison Servideo	Ronald Franklyn

COMBINED CONFIRMATION CREED: Class of 2024

L: God is the creator of us, the universe and everything around us. I believe that we are made in the image of God, and that God's spirit and love is within all of us. I believe that God is always nearby and felt especially in tough situations. God is watching over you.

All: *I believe in God, so I show it by helping others that need help and being kind to everyone. Being kind to everyone is important because you never know what someone is going through. I believe in the Trinity, in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

L: Jesus is kind, loving and a teacher. Jesus is kind because he helped the sick, the hungry and those in need. I acknowledge that Jesus suffered on the cross for the sins of the people as he forgave all those that went against God and himself. Out of appreciation for what Jesus has done for us, we should follow his teachings, not put anyone above him.

All: *We are not perfect. We sin and make mistakes, this puts everyone on a level playing field. But Jesus teaches that forgiving ourselves and others is important to becoming one of his followers.*

L: The Holy Spirit is there to help us feel God's presence and do God's will. The Holy Spirit is there to help me and guide me till the very end of my life. The Bible is important because it is like a building block to life or a puzzle piece in your spiritual journey. The Bible informs us what Jesus went through and what Jesus expects of us and his disciples. I believe that the Bible is the story of Jesus, and it also teaches us to put God first and love one another.

All: In the Bible, according to Micah: "God already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God desires from us. It's quite simple, do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love. And don't take yourself too seriously, take God seriously."

L: By imitating the kind acts of Jesus in our everyday lives, no matter how big or small our actions, we can become closer to God. I believe God's power gives me strength in times of hopelessness and fills my heart with gratitude for the blessings of life. Every day is a gift, the chance to wake up and live my life is a gift from God.

All: The church is not merely just a physical structure, it is a spiritual community bound together by faith, love and fellowship. The church is a beacon of light in times of sorrow and a way to get closer to Christ. The church is like a large family-like community that helps people in need.

L: I believe the church is the body of Christ through which God does God's work in the world. The biggest part of my journey has been Youth Group because I get to have that chance to go out and help people whether on the RISE Mission Trip or in Wayne. The RISE mission trip gives me a week out of they year to help people in need and it shows me how much I have and appreciate. RISE also helps me grow in my relationship with God.

All: When I pray, I haven't been just thanking God for the things God has blessed me with, but praying for God to give others those blessings as well! AMEN.

✠ CLOSING SONG 237 “Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth” TRURO

✠ BLESSING

POSTLUDE “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” Spiritual

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Pastor Kim Pavlovich, liturgist; Elliot Franklyn, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir;
Dr. Elisabeth Sato, Violin; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌿 Calendar and Notices 🌿

Sun, May 19 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Youth Group

Mon, May 20 7:30 pm Consistory meeting (Parlor)

Tue, May 21 9:00 am Helping Hands

Thu, May 23 12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles

Sun, May 26 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service (Berdan Hall)

Today's flowers are given by Tammy Venti in celebration of her granddaughter, Ava, upon her high school graduation.

Please include in your prayers of intercession: June Nienhouse, 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), Christa DeRissio, Al Scherle (friend of Bill and Marty Mariniello), Jon Pont (Skip Dahl's son-in-law), Jerry Declet, Sr., Deborah Pruette (Priscilla Durkin's sister), Erika VanBrookhoven, June Jesch, and Lois Bender, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

Oasis - A haven for Women and Children, Oasis is a nonprofit organization located in Paterson, NJ whose mission is to provide educational and social services to women entering the workforce and help fill the needs of children to flourish academically. They also operate a soup kitchen and provide food and clothing to residents in need.

We will be doing another drive to support the Oasis summer camp, which runs weekdays for 8 weeks and serves approximately 80 kids in addition to 15 counselors who are hired from Paterson through a first-time job program.

Between now and Wed, May 29, we are collecting cases of water and individually wrapped, NUT-FREE snacks (e.g. chip assortment packs, granola bars, goldfish, veggie snacks, fruit

snacks). In addition, Oasis could use outdoor toys including jump ropes, cones, hula hoops, bubbles, and other toys that can be used in a field. Donations may be left in the parlor. We will also have a drop-off drive on May 29 from 5 pm to 7 pm outside the PRC Parlor door.

PRC is doing a special collection for a Wayne family. On May 4, 2024, a tragic fire engulfed the home of a family in our community, causing significant damage to the Jobst family's house and all of their possessions, and dealing a severe emotional and financial blow to Andrea and her three children. Thankfully, they were safe after the fire! Please help us raise donations to assist the Jobst family with temporary housing, clothing, and essential items. We will have a collection basket in the sanctuary window by the hallway. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference. From the collection, we will put together a small basket with a check from PRC made out to the family. We will be taking donations until Sunday, May 19th.

Book Discussion: Join us for our next book discussion on June 11th at 7 pm in Nan's Room. We will be discussing *Hadassah, Queen Esther of Persia* by Diana Wallis Taylor. It is a historical non-fiction about one of the great heroines of the Old Testament, Queen Esther.

☞ **Assisting in Worship** ☞

	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u>
Flowers	Ken De Berry	Holly Ryan
Counter	Marty Mariniello	Rich Ullman
Ushers	Marty Mariniello	Rich Ullman
	Corine Miller	Lisa Ullman

☞ **Consistory** ☞

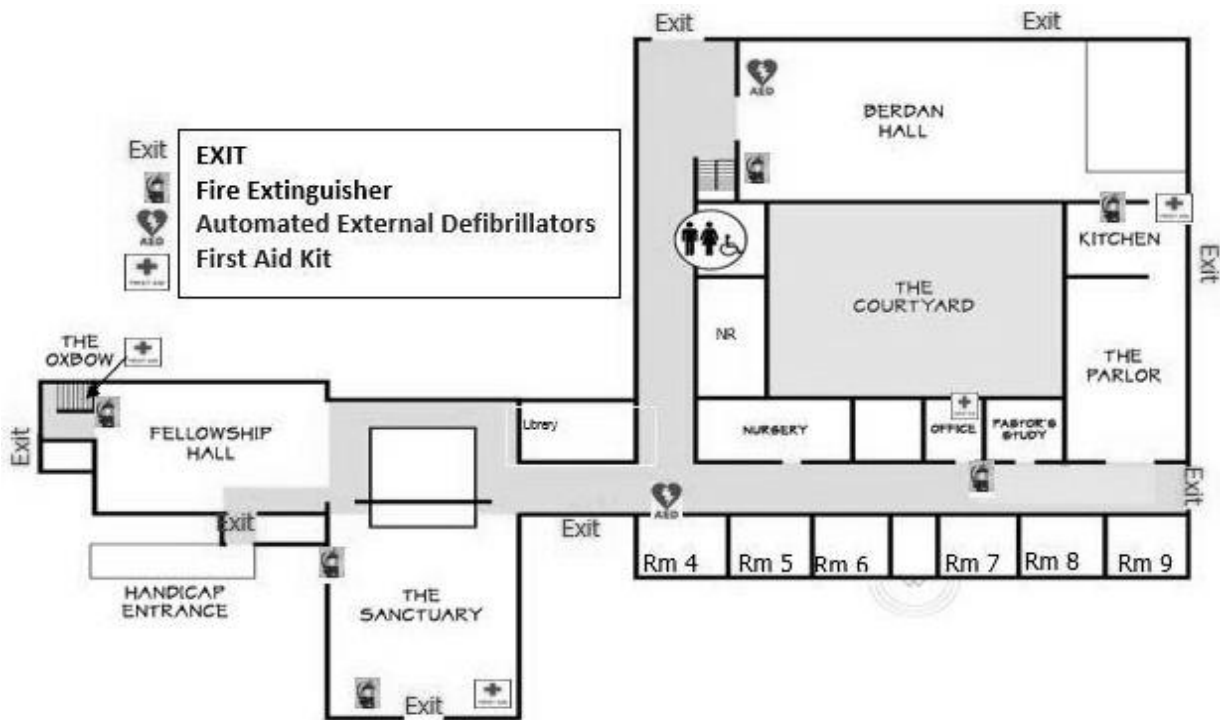
<u>Elders</u>		<u>Deacons</u>	
Hannah Kudrik	Jennie Franklyn	Holly Ryan	Brandon DeLeonardo
Ken Tanis	Dave Parish	Jennifer Graf	Ken De Berry
Marty Mariniello	Amanda Declet	Andrea Andersen	Tom Powers

☞ **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

PRC Office Hours

Mon – Thu 9 am – 3 pm
 Friday OFFICE CLOSED



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 on the right), preferably during a transition time in worship (e.g. the beginning of a song, passing the peace, etc.).



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We Will Extol You, God and King

PSALM 145

Unison G D/F# Em C

1 We will ex - tol you, God and King, and
 2 Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's
 3 We con - tem - plate the splen - dor of the
 4 Now may your name be sung in ev - ery

Am C/G G D/F# D

bless your ho - ly name.
 great - ly to be praised.
 world your hand has made.
 tongue, in ev - ery place.

G D/F# Em C

Day af - ter day we'll sing your praise, for -
 Were we to search for end - less days, his
 Far great - er still the maj - es - ty we in
 Sing - ing the fame of your great love in

G/B C F C6 D Am

ev - er and for - ev - er.
 great - ness none could fath - om.
 see in the Cre - a - tor!
 ev - ery gen - er - a - tion.

For other settings of Ps. 145 see 37, 561

Refrain D G D G

One gen-er-a-tion will call to the next: "Our

G/B C2 A/C# D7sus

God is good, and his hand is strong!"

D G Am Em

All of the world sings his mar-ve-lous acts, and

Bm Em Am D G

our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Optional call to worship (from Ps. 78:3-7)

We will not hide things we have heard and known, stories our ancestors have told.

We will tell the next generation.

We will recount the praiseworthy deeds and power of the Lord,
so that children yet unborn will know them and tell them to their children,
so that they will set their hope in God and obey God's commands.

4 Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and farthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.

5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
on our lives descend in might;
let your flame break out within us,
fire our hearts and clear our sight
till, white-hot in your possession,
we, too, set the world alight.

Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth 237

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. Chord symbols are placed above the piano line.

System 1: Chords: C, F, G/D, C. Lyrics: 1 Spir - it of God, un-leashed on earth with rush of; 2 You came in power, the church was born; O Ho - ly; 3 With burn - ing words of vic - tory won in - spire our

System 2: Chords: F, C, G/D, C, G, D, G. Lyrics: wind and roar of flame! With tongues of fire saints; Spir - it, come a - gain! From liv - ing wa - ters; hearts grown cold with fear, re - vive in us bap -

System 3: Chords: C, D, G, G7, C, Dm, C/G, G7, C. Lyrics: spread good news; earth, kin - dling, blazed its loud ac - claim. raise new saints, let new tongues hail the ris - en Lord. tis - mal grace, and fan our smol - dering lives to flame.

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