

WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“Bearing fruit is risky business. It will reveal who you are and on whom and what you depend. It will expose your lack of self-sufficiency.”

Professor Karoline Lewis

 *Congregation standing, as able*

PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

 CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 22:25-31

Here in this great gathering for worship, we have discovered this life of praise. And it is here that we make promises before God and others.

Down-and-outers sit at God's table and eat their fill.

Everyone searching for God is here, offering praise.


Our hearts long to be with God forever.

From the four corners of the earth people are coming to their senses, they are running back to God. Families of all nations are falling on their faces before God.

God has taken charge; from now on the Lord has the last word.

Future generations will get in on this!

People who come after us will hear the good news; that our God is great and does wonderful things for us!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **184** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Verses 1-3

GELOBT SEI GOTT

 SALUTATION

SHARING STORIES OF FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

 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.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful One, you know when we are slow to love; you know when we take our time to show mercy. Remind us again of your perfect love for us. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Fill us all with a love so strong, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of your love for all your children...

(silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

EASTER MESSAGE

SONG OF REFLECTION **205** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"
Verses 1-3

EARTH AND ALL STARS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8 (page 109)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

"Don't go too far!"

ANTHEM

"Not Ashamed"

Patricia Mock,
Arr. James Koerts

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 **263** Joining the Mission of God

 CLOSING SONG **396** "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

 BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Apr 28 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
 10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 10:10 am Sunday School
 8:00 pm Confirmation Students Zoom with Pastor Eric
- Tue, Apr 30 9:00 am Helping Hands
- Wed, May 1 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Thu, May 2 12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles
- Sun, May 5 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
 10:00 am Worship Service
 10:10 am Sunday School
 12:00-2:00 pm RISE adult training
 7:00 pm Youth Group (Oxbow)

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 Declat, Sr., Deborah Pruette (Priscilla Durkin's sister), Erika VanBrookhoven, June Jesch, and Lois Bender, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

Applications for the 2024 PRC Memorial Scholarship Awards are available on the PRC website, in the church office, or from Joan Vanderbush at djvander90@gmail.com. Applicants may attend or plan to attend two-year vocational college, four-year academic college, graduate school, or be enrolled in courses which help the individual progress toward his or her educational goals. The firm deadline 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, and 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 28</u>	<u>May 5</u>
Flowers	Holly Ryan	Jennifer Graf
Counter	Ken Tanis	Carol Huff
Ushers	Holly Ryan	Jennie Franklyn
	Scott Ryan	Joan Vanderbush

✿ Consistory ✿

Elders

Hannah Kudrik
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 Marty Mariniello

Jennie Franklyn
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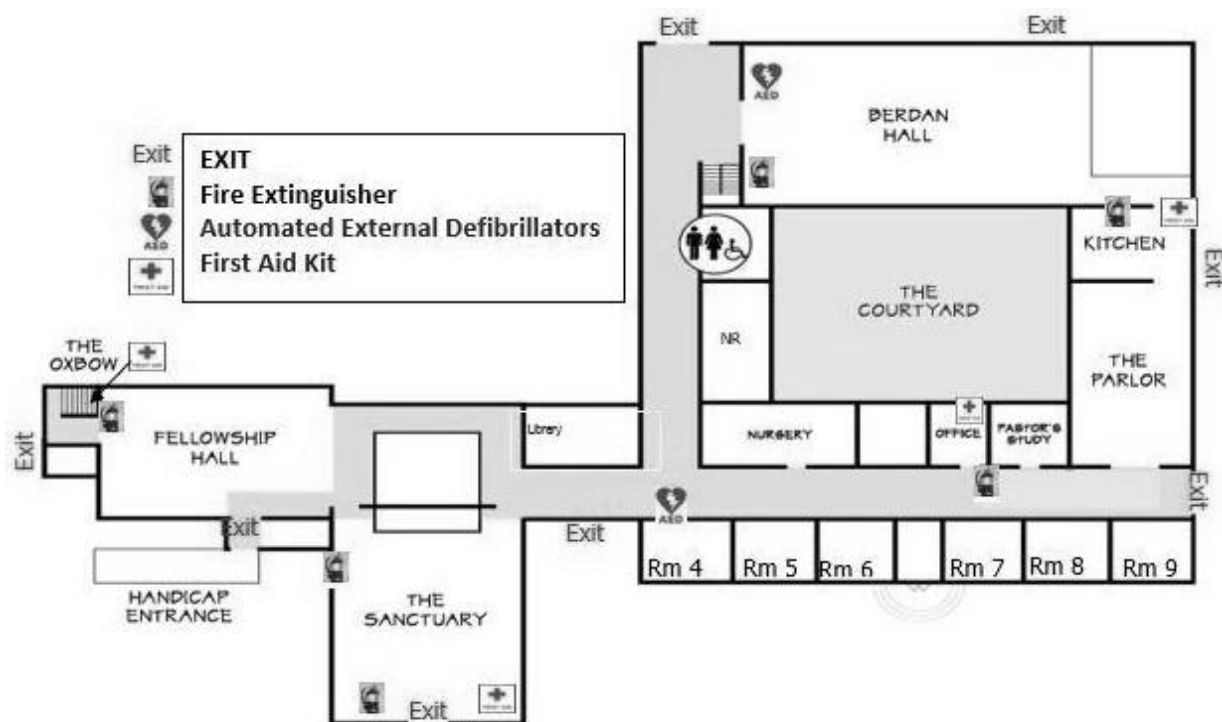
Deacons

Holly Ryan
 Jennifer Graf
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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.).

PRC Office Hours

Mon – Thu	9 am – 3 pm
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED



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184 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

C Em F G C

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day. Sing songs of praise a -
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which

G D G C Em Dm C

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
long his way. Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:

Refrain Am G D G Am G C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Refrain

5 To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, three-in-one,
we sing for life in us begun:
Refrain

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Cyril A. Alington, 1925, alt. © 1958 *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, admin. Hope Publishing Company
Music (GELOBT SEI GOTT 8.8.8 with alleluias 4.4.4): Melchoir Vulpius, 1609, P.D.

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

205

G C G D Em Bm C G

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter, tell - ing the sto - ry to
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the Spir - it the

Cmaj7 D G Am G/B Dsus D G D Asus A D

glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,

Em G Cmaj7 D G Refrain D

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus, our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise. Je - sus is ris - en and
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.

G/D D Em G Am D G

we shall a - rise: give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:
 death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
 Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,
 golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
 river of life, saints, and archangels,
 sing with creation to God the I AM!
Refrain

396 For the Fruit of All Creation

F B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

B^b Gm7

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

F B^b Gm C B^b2 C7 F

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

For a descant see 946

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