

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



“Throughout all of life we carry with us the vision of our real value to God, of the Human One, who made himself at home with our humanity, for a time taken up into God, sustained, valued and held, before returning home to restore the world.”

- Theologian John S. McClure

CHILDREN MAY PROCEED DIRECTLY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

HEALTH AND SAFETY PRESENTATION

David Monisera

✠ Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN THE JOY OF EASTER

CALL TO WORSHIP: Litany for Ascension Sunday written by Christine Sine

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—

a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

God's new world has begun.

✠ OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **601** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

✠ SALUTATION **601**

✠ 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.)

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

ANTHEM "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

MACHT HOCH DIE TUR
Arr. David M. Cherwien

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Follow the Directions"

RESPONDING AS EASTER PEOPLE

SONG OF RESPONSE **831** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
(verses 1 and 2)

HYFRYDOL

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.**

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **213** "The Benefits of the Ascension"

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #49

✠ CLOSING SONG **209** "Hail the Day that See Him Rise"

LLANFAIR

(verses 1 and 5)

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

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

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, May 17 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am Youth Group (Oxbow)
- Mon, May 18 7:30 am Consistory Meeting (Parlor)
- Tue, May 19 9:00 am Helping Hands
- Wed, May 20 7:00 pm Berdan Hall Band Rehearsal
- Thu, May 21 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, May 24 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
- Mon, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the congregation in honor of Pastor Eric Nichols' fifteenth anniversary at Preakness Reformed Church, with love and gratitude.

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Tammy Venti, Barbara De Berry, Alice O'Connell, Jannie van Drimmelen (Corine Miller's mother), David Terpstra, Dave Vanderbush, Christina Gaboda, Priscilla Durkin, Eileen (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Janet Wright, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, James M. (friend of Kim Goerg), Tiffany Nix and her brother, Donald, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

Congratulations and blessings to Dylan and Mimi Pavlovich on the birth of their daughter Marley on May 8. Pastor Kim's official title is now the Reverend Grandmother Kim Pavlovich

May is Military Appreciation Month! Military Working Dogs play an important role in protecting Service Members, military installations, and our country. To honor these four-legged heroes, the Sunday School is collecting the following:

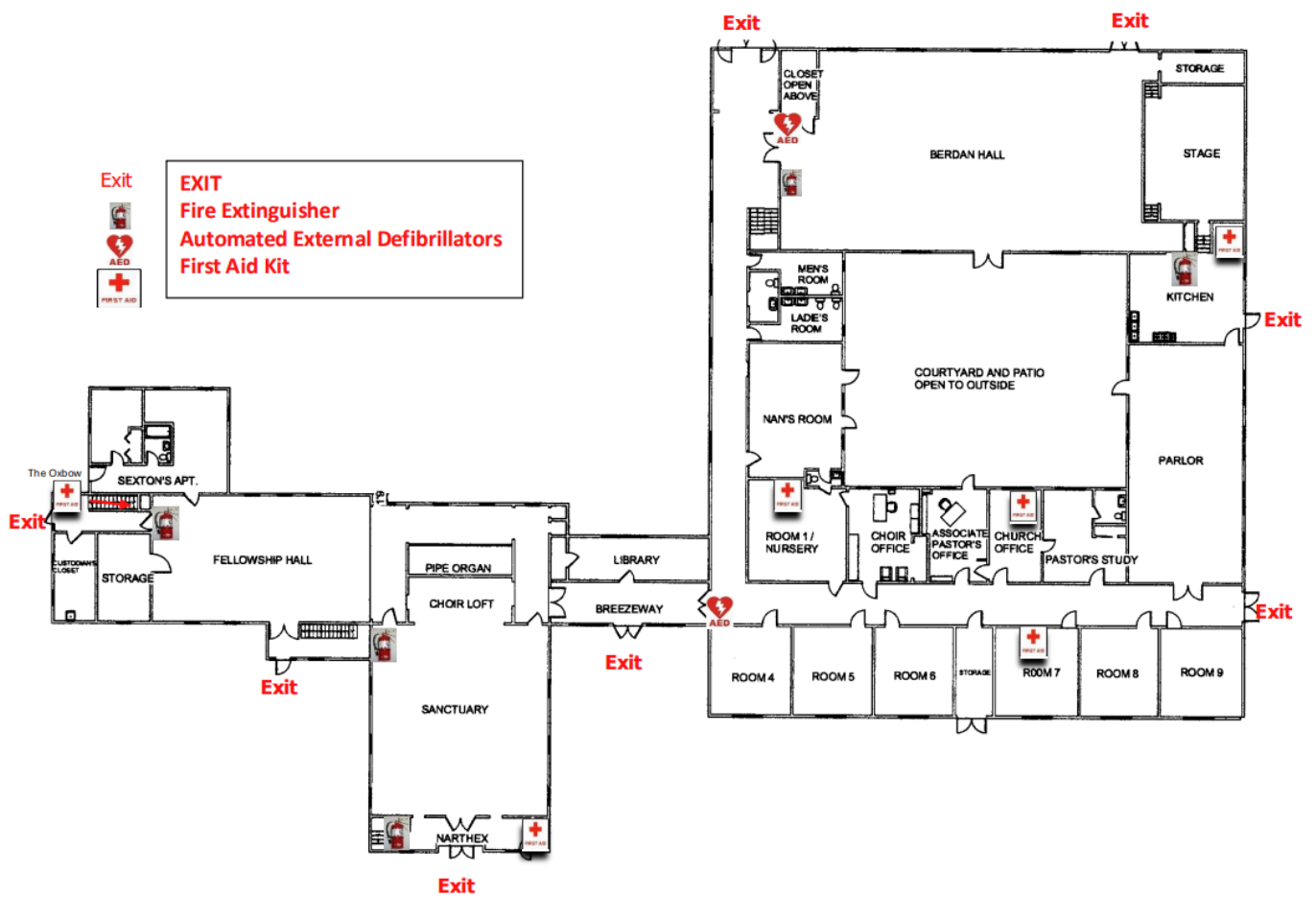
Items Most Needed:

- Strong toys for power chewers
- Hypoallergenic dog wipes
- Grooming tools
- Lots and lots of poop bags!

Items may be left in the parlor anytime between today and Sunday, May 31.

☞ Assisting in Worship ☞

	May 17	May 24
Flowers	Madison Servideo	Jessica Amato
Counter	Ken De Berry	Amanda Delet
Head Usher	Kris Macagney	Marty Mariniello
Ushers	Dan Macagney	Carter Graf
	Ellie Wattenbach	Cassidy Tielve



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.).

✠ Consistory ✠

Elders

Amanda Declet
Priscilla Durkin
Jennie Franklyn
Bill Weston

Deacons

Hannah Kudrik
Donna McKeon
Glenn O'Connell
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
Rev. Kim Pavlovich, Associate Pastor
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