

WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH


THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM



Joy to the World was written by English minister and hymnist Isaac Watts, based on a Christian interpretation of Psalm 98 and Genesis 3...

*“He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.”*

 *Congregation standing, as able*

PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

 CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here to remind one another that we are beloved children of God!


And as children of God, we are called to obey God's commandments and live in God's love!

The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

The love of God shall conquer the world.

Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

Today we praise God for God's power and might, we sing of God's love and peace for all. AMEN.

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **770** "In Christ Alone" IN CHRIST ALONE

 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

Patient and forgiving God, through Jesus you have made us disciples who bear witness of your love and grace. We admit we don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love. So, we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time treating ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love. Turn us around. Heal us and help us again, and place us on the path of peace and service...

(silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

EASTER MESSAGE

ANTHEM "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" HYFRYDOL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 98

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "The Content of God's Character"

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER

SONG OF PREPARATION **809** "Remembering with Love and Hope" Verses 1-4
LAND OF REST

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Meaning of the Sacrament

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance, that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

By Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension our Lord established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. In the breaking of the bread, Christ makes himself known to us as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

In the cup of blessing Christ comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup, are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love, of which we shall partake when God's kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

Words of Consecration and Communion

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.

 CLOSING SONG **925**

“Go to the World”

ENGELBERG

 BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Dan Kudrik, liturgist; Lawrence Lee, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir;
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, May 5 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
12:00-2:00 pm RISE adult training
5:30 pm Confirmation students and elders meet (Parlor)
7:00 pm Youth Group (Oxbow)

Tue, May 7 9:00 am Helping Hands

Wed, May 8 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thu, May 9 12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles

Sun, May 12 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service
10:10 am Sunday School

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.

2024 Scholarship applications for the Memorial Scholarship Awards are due next Sunday, May 12! They 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. 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>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>
Flowers	Jennifer Graf	Brandon DeLeonardo
Counter	Carol Huff	Ken De Berry
Ushers	Hannah Kudrik	Laura O'Connell
	Joan Vanderbush	Brandon DeLeonardo

✿ **Consistory** ✿

Elders

Hannah Kudrik
Ken Tanis
Marty Mariniello

Jennie Franklyn
Dave Parish
Amanda Delet

Deacons

Holly Ryan
Jennifer Graf
Andrea Andersen

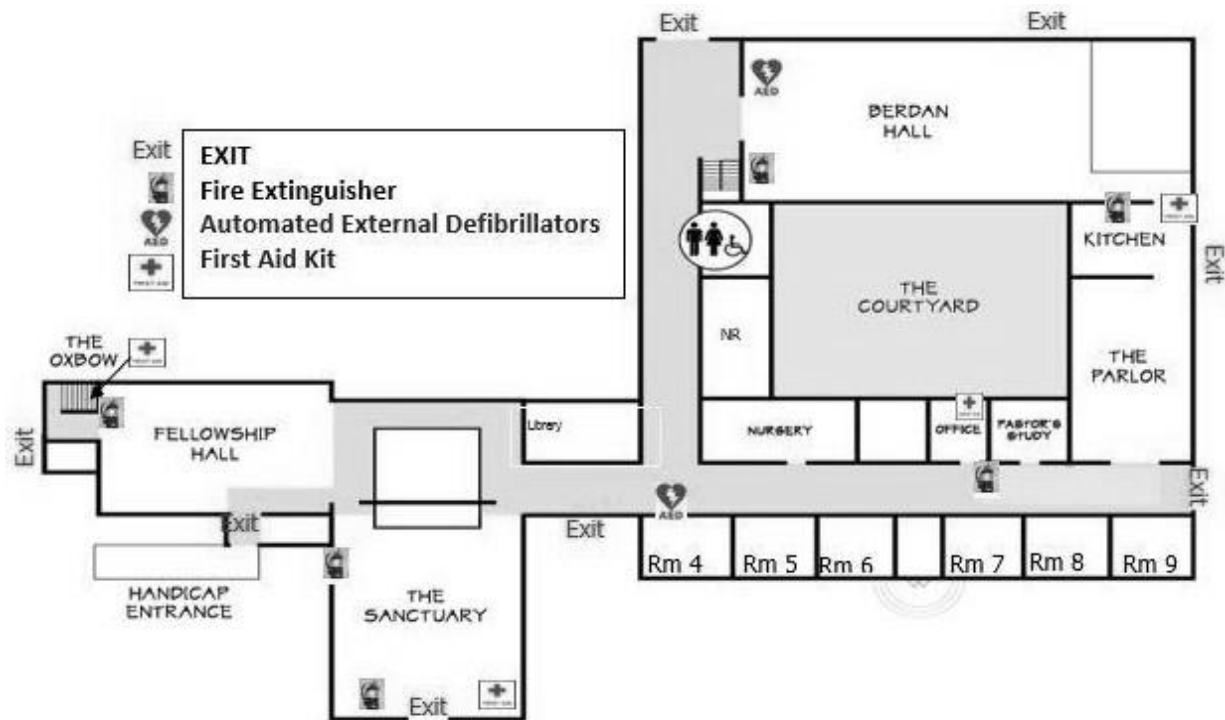
Brandon DeLeonardo
Ken De Berry
Tom Powers

✿ **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

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 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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In Christ Alone

G D G A Bm

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh— full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

G Em7 A D G D G

light, my strength, my song— this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe!— this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al

A Bm G Em7 A D

ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of

G D A D G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all,
fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid;
me; for I am his and he is mine,
hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me home,

here in the love of Christ I stand.
here in the death of Christ I live.
bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

The Nicene Creed 1

771

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again,
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son*,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*and the Son was not originally part of this creed
For an alternate version of this creed see 806

809 Remembering with Love and Hope

F B \flat /F F

1 Re - mem - ber - ing with love and hope, we
 2 God's Word made known in flesh and blood, a
 3 Through all our lives, Lord, you are near— and

Dm C F Am Dm F

cel - e - brate the feast. Christ bids us come and
 cov - e - nant of grace— in man - ger, cross, and
 to the end of time. In bread and cup your -

B \flat F C7 Fsus F

dine with him, our Host and great High Priest.
 emp - ty tomb, we see God's lov - ing face.
 self you give; our life in yours we find.

- 4 We break the bread and bless the cup;
 your Spirit is outpoured.
 Made one in you, we feast in love
 until you come, O Lord.
- 5 We trust this pledge of your strong love
 and pray your kingdom come,
 when face to face we'll feast with you
 in our eternal home.

Go to the World

925

Unison G D/G D7 C G/B D7

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go preach the
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. Go live the
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray; the nights of
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am

G D A D Dm G7

cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing
 word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's
 tears give way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant
 with you till the age shall end, when all the

C2 Am Em Cmaj7 Am G Dsus D

as the sign of our re - birth. Al - le - lu - ia!
 pres - ence in each time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Church, you fol - low Christ's own way. Al - le - lu - ia!
 hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men." Al - le - lu - ia!

Accompaniment for final stanza

Em Bsus B Em C G C/G G