

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM



"What we do and say matters. While what we do won't convince or be convincing to all we encounter, there will always be some who are transformed by our work. In this season, the work of Al Amana Centre, and all individually, working for peace and understanding is so important we must:

- 1. Not give up!*
- 2. Keep encouraging each other even if forces from all sides would advocate for violence and the destruction of the 'other.'*

Peace to you all, as we work to be peacemakers in this world, no matter what religion or faith tradition we claim for ourselves."

- RCA Missionary in Oman, Rev. Justin Meyers

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Gather Us In”

M. Haugen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world that remains divided and in conflict,
God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

What do we find at today’s table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

Thanks be to God! Let us be witnesses of this great love.

Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **268** “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER

THE WELCOMING AND RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Bill Fraenhoff, Dylan & Mimi Pavlovich, Mario & Merrienne Rosa

Presentation and Profession of Faith

 Congregational Vow and Welcome

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these servants of Christ 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?

We do.

Let us welcome these servants of Christ today.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and in bearing God’s creative
and redeeming Word to all the world. Alleluia, Amen!**

 Prayer of Blessing

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Marley Victoria Pavlovich

(The children are invited to Sunday School following the baptism.)

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

“One Bread, One Body”

John Foley, Arr. Mark Hayes

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

“What makes a good tenant?”

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Meaning of the Sacrament

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (2) **811**

Words of Institution and Communion

 CLOSING SONG **296**

“We are Called”

WE ARE CALLED

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

A. Williams

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

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Oct 4	9:15 am Sunday Scripture 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 10:10 am Sunday School Breakfast 11:15 am Bread of Life mission
Tue, Oct 6	9:15 am Helping Hands
Wed, Oct 7	7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thu, Oct 8	12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
Sun, Oct 11	9:15 am Sunday Scripture 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Nancy Frank, Bob Janney, Bill Mariniello, June and Ernie Nienhouse, Tom McKay (Jennie Franklyn's father), Janet Wright, 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 patients, residents, and staff of Family of Caring in Ridgewood, NJ.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Joan and Dave Vanderbush in honor of all whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. May we win this battle.

Flowers were also given by the Pavlovich Family in celebration of their granddaughter, Marley's, baptism.

PRC is actively collecting 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.

Please drop off items in Sunday School Room #9.

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)

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.cpfhemptbowls.org

Volunteer Sign-Ups & Sponsorship Opportunities Available Online

Questions? Contact Helene at 201-452-4470

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☞ **Assisting in Worship** ☞

	<u>Oct 4</u>	<u>Oct 11</u>
Flowers	Gaye Servideo	Jessica Amato
Counter	Ken De Berry	Amanda Declet
Head Usher	Charles Schmitt	Dave Parish
Usher	Joan Vanderbush	Tom Huff
	Ellie Wattenbach	Carol Huff

☞ **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



*Ninety-five years ago today, on October 4, 1931,
the newly built Preakness Reformed Church reopened for services
following a devastating fire in May, 1930.*



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