

WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH


THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM



*Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ is to look out on a
hurting world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours
are the hands with which he is to bless now.*

– St. Teresa of Avila

 *Congregation standing, as able*

PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

PRELUDE “Mary, Did You Know?” Lowry/Greene

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

 CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 1

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.


God’s ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God’s mercy and justice. AMEN.

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **227** “He Is Lord” HE IS LORD
(Choir will sing first verse, and congregation will join in for verses 2 and 3.)

 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

Almighty God, You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power as we are forgetful of your presence in our lives. Forgive us when we treat

people as though they are just a nuisance and when we become annoyed with others' behavior. Forgive us when we do not heed Jesus's prayer for unity. Forgive us for all this and more...

(silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

EASTER MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Arr. David Angerman & Douglas Nolan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-17, 21-26 (page 118)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Who is Matthias?"

SONG OF RESPONSE **470** "View the Present Through the Promise"

FRANKLIN PARK

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 **213** The Benefits of the Ascension
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 49

✠ CLOSING SONG **224** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL'S 148TH

✠ BLESSING

POSTLUDE "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" ENGELBERG

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

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

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

Tue, May 14 9:00 am Helping Hands

Wed, May 15 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thu, May 16 12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles

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

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

Today's flowers are given by Charles Schmitt in remembrance of his parents' anniversary.

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.

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 the Jobst family, causing significant damage to their house and all of their possessions, and dealing a severe emotional and financial blow to Andrea and her three children. While they are thankfully safe, they are mourning the loss of their cherished dog, Cali, who sadly perished in the fire. Cali was not just a pet but a beloved member of their family, having grown up alongside Andrea's children. The bond between Cali and the family was deep, and they are devastated by this profound loss. Coping with the absence of Cali adds an extra layer of grief as they navigate rebuilding their lives from scratch after losing their home and belongings.

Known for their kindness and selflessness, Andrea and her family have always extended a helping hand to those in need. Many in our community know Andrea for how thoughtful she is, often going above and beyond for others. 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 12</u>	<u>May 19</u>
Flowers	Brandon DeLeonardo	Ken De Berry
Counter	Ken De Berry	Marty Mariniello
Ushers	Laura O'Connell	Marty Mariniello
	Brandon DeLeonardo	Corine Miller

☞ **Consistory** ☞

Elders

Hannah Kudrik
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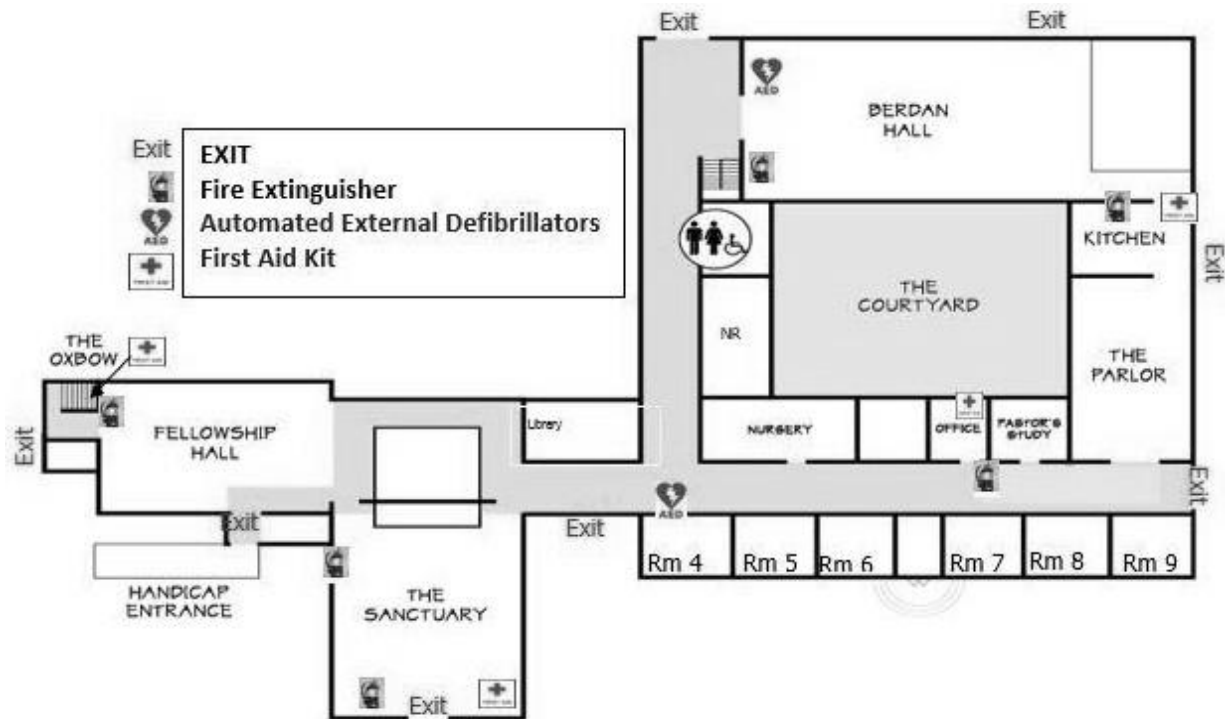
Brandon DeLeonardo
Ken De Berry
Tom Powers

☞ **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

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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Dm Dm7/C B^b B^b/A Gm7 Csus C F

Lord! Je - sus is Lord! Je - sus is Lord! Je - sus is Lord!"

He Is Lord

227

C7 F

1 He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris - en from the
 2 He is King, he is King, he will draw all na - tions
 3 He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his
 4 He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us

G7 C7 F F7

dead, and he is Lord! Ev - ery knee shall bow, ev - ery
 to him; he is King! And the time shall be when the
 life that he is Love! All his peo - ple sing with one
 free, and he is Life! And he calls us all to live

B^b Gm7 F/C C7 F

tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.
 world shall sing that Je - sus Christ is King.
 voice of joy that Je - sus Christ is Love.
 ev - er - more, for Je - sus Christ is Life.

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View the Present Through the Promise 470

Unison G *Harmony* C Am7 D7sus D7

1 View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 2 Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 3 Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison Em C Am7 D *Harmony* Em Cmaj7 Dsus D

Trust de - spite the deep - ening dark - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison Am G Am Em Am7 Bm C

Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing
 Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing
 Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

G Cmaj7 Am *Harmony* C Am7 D7 G

in the hope past hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

213 Affirmation: The Benefits of the Ascension

How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**First, he is our advocate in heaven
in the presence of his Father.**

**Second, we have our own flesh in heaven
as a sure pledge that Christ our head
will also take us, his members, up to himself.**

**Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth
as a corresponding pledge.
By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things
but the things above, where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand.**

Text: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 49

214 Why This Dark Conspiracy

PSALM 2

Am Dm Am Dm A Dm

1 Why this dark con - spir - a - cy, na - tions plot - ting to be free?
2 On this Cor - o - na - tion Day, God's dear Son holds king - ly sway.
3 Now his king - ship ful - ly won, God af - firms him as the Son,
4 All con - spir - a - cies are vain: God's Mes - si - ah comes to reign.

Gm Dm A Dm A Dm

Fool - ish - ly they rid - i - cule God's most wise and right - eous rule.
His the hon - or, his the worth, his the na - tions of the earth!
say - ing: "Rule with pru - dent hand each pos - ses - sion, ev - ery land."
Prin - ces, peo - ples, heed this call: Hon - or Christ as Lord of all.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Descant

4 Re - joye in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to
C G Am F Dm G

1 Re - joye, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -
2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow
4 Re - joye in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall
C Am D G D7 G F G7/D

joye, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your
down at his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your
gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall

hear the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joyce!
Am G F C G7 C

heart, lift up your voice. Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!
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