

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



“Where would Jesus sit today if he had to deliver again the Sermon on the Mountain? On Wall Street? Washington D.C.? Calcutta? Buenos Aires? Gaza City? Darfur? Tijuana? On one of the many churches erected in his name? And who would be the ones Jesus declares blessed or honored?”

-Professor Osvaldo Vena, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Here I Am To Worship"

C. Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Micah 6

With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

Shall we bring God all that we own—our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property? Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

No, that's not what God is looking for. God has told you what is good, and what God expects of you:

To do justice. To love mercy. To walk humbly before our God.

Let us worship God!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 599 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The children are invited to Sunday School at this time.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

God of love and our salvation, we are in awe that you sent your Son into the world that we might become your children. Yet we confess that we

rebel against you and your ways. We often fall back into a spirit of fear. We tend to turn toward false saviors.

Forgive and heal us, we pray. Help us once again, to turn away from all that is false, and to turn toward you. Help us to hear and embrace the identity, the promise, and the calling you give to us in our baptism. May we all live in joy and into the mission of your Kingdom...

(continue with silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

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 "Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend" Pepper Choplin

GOD'S WORD IS OUR LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE "Beatitudes should bring the right Attitudes"

REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

SONG OF RESPONSE 117 "Blest Are They" BLEST ARE THEY
(verses 1-3)

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

- 20th Century African Creed

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

This is our faith. This is our hope!

CLOSING SONG 908

“Christ, Be Our Light “
(verses 1, 3, & 5)

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Arr. Mark Hayes

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

❖ Calendar and Notices ❖

Sun, Feb 8	9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room) 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow) 10:10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Christian Ed (Nan's Room)
Mon, Feb 9	7:30 pm Consistory Meeting (via Zoom)
Tue, Feb 10	9:15 am Helping Hands
Wed, Feb 11	7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thu, Feb 12	12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
Sun, Feb 15	9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room) 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 10:10 am Sunday School 11:30 am Youth Group (Oxbow)
Tue, Feb 17	11:00 am Helping Hands 12:00 pm Helping Hands Luncheon at Maggie's in Wayne

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *Priscilla Durkin, Jim (nephew of June Nienhouse), Skip Dahl, Amanda Posa (cousin of Nicole Carline), Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Lisa Cacici (friend of the Weston's), Mary Tielve, Janet Wright, Jonathon Norman (Roben Roon's cousin), Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Lynn Hutman (friend of Gaye Servideo), Pat Deleu, James Mauro, and Alex S. (friends of Kim Goerg), and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

On Sunday, Feb 15, Mike De Block and Dave Monisera will familiarize us with bleeding control, CPR, and using the AED. Following worship, grab a cup of coffee and join us in Berdan Hall for some or all of the class.

Join us at our next book club on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 PM in Nan's Room as we discuss *Daughter of Cana* by Angela Hunt. This is a historical novel that brings the wedding at Cana vividly to life through the eyes of twin siblings

caught between family loyalty and a growing movement around Jesus of Nazareth. Come for conversation, community, and a fresh perspective on a familiar biblical story. Please reach out to Pastor Kim with any questions.

❖ Assisting in Worship ❖

	<u>Feb 8</u>	<u>Feb 15</u>
Flowers	Tim Coyne	Heather Kroll
Counter	Ken Tanis	Bruce Hinners
Ushers	Kris Macagney	Bruce Hinners
	<u>James McKeon III</u>	<u>Charles Schmitt</u>
	<u>Heather Kroll</u>	<u>Ellie Wattenbach</u>

❖ Consistory ❖

Elders	Deacons		
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	



During these winter months, when we have inclement weather please check our church website or social media pages (Facebook/Instagram) before leaving your home. We will also use our emergency telephone system. We strive to decide by 8am to cancel in-person worship based on road conditions, so please check before you head out. If you do not have internet access on your computer or phone, please call any of our Consistory Members or a fellow church member and they can check for you. If you are unsure of the driving conditions for yourself, we encourage you to stay home and simply watch the worship service online. Be safe and God bless!

****If we have canceled in-person worship we will do our best to offer a pre-recorded service or a simple reflection by Pastor Eric on our website.****



Come join the fun at PRC Game Night!
Friday, February 20, 2026
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

We hope you'll join us for a night full of fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Feel free to bring a favorite game. Snacks and water will be provided.

We will also be collecting donations for the WIN food pantry. Their most needed items are listed below. Can't make it to game night? Feel free to drop it off your donation in the parlor on Sunday before worship.

All non-perishable food donations are welcome, but the pantry is especially in need of the following items:

- condiments (regular size ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- vegetable oil (regular sizes)
- pasta and rice sides
- pasta sauce (canned or bottled)
- canned fruit
- canned soup
- canned meat & fish (i.e.: tuna, salmon, spam, beef, chicken)
- jelly (small jars but not individual packets)
- peanut butter
- low salt, sugar-free, and gluten-free food items
- coffee (regular and decaf), tea
- fruit juice (family size and individual servings)
- water
- shelf stable boxed/powdered milk
- paper towels, paper napkins, toilet paper, tissues
- toiletries (bar soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes)
- cleaning supplies

Please join us for our Sunday evenings in Lent at 5:30pm in Berdan Hall, March 1st-March 15th. Adults will watch Saint Vincent, and the Youth will break off and enjoy Game Night and Youth Olympics. *The movie takes place in Brooklyn, and we will do theme nights based on the movie and location. Please bring a dish with enough to share.*

Sunday, March 1st

Green Bean Spaghetti "Family Night" Brooklyn family style Italian food.

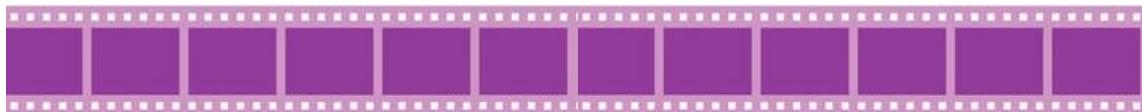
Sunday, March 8th

Daka's "Russian & Ribs" Party - bring an Eastern European dish.

Sunday, March 15th

Pizza will be served (no cooking!)

Please use the link in the weekly eblast to sign up for drinks/desserts that are needed. Please contact Annie McKay, Jennie Franklyn, or Carol Huff with any questions.



IFTAR DINNER INVITATION

Join our friends from **Peace Island Institute** as they celebrate **Ramadan** with an Iftar Dinner! There are two meaningful ways to participate:

- **Be a guest in a Peace Island family's home** for dinner. Contact Pastor Kim to be connected. Multiple people from PRC can attend together in the same home.
- **Attend the community Iftar Dinner** hosted by **Packanack Community Church** on **March 6th**. RSVP to their church office at 973-694-0608 or office@packanackchurch.org.

Come share in fellowship, learning, and a meaningful celebration of faith!

