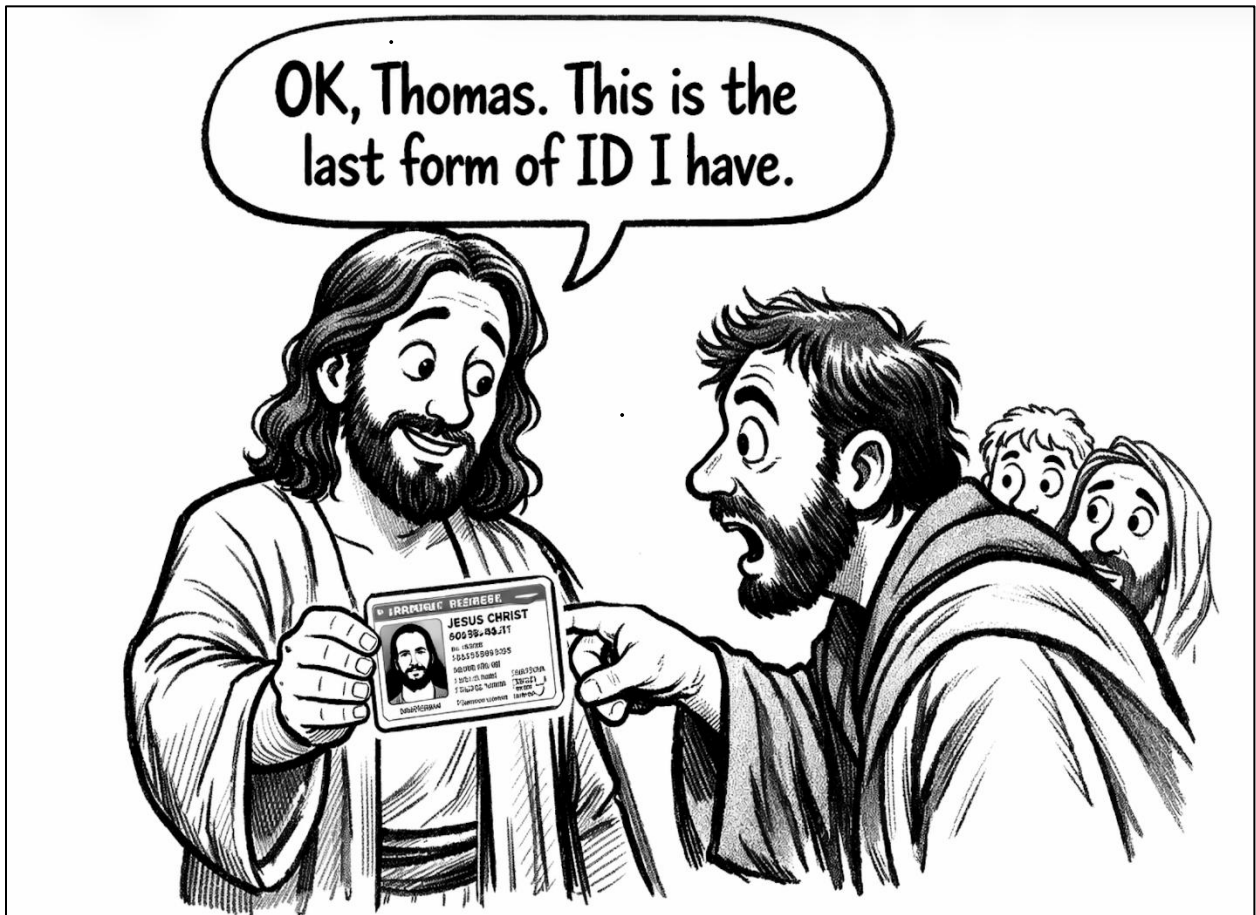


**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
April 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM**



*“When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bicycle.
Then I realized that the Lord doesn’t work that way, so I stole one
and asked the Lord to forgive me.”*

– Emo Philips

☩ Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN THE JOY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

“Easter Prelude”

Kevin Lynch

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP

- Rev. Dr. Mary Luti

Dear friends in Christ: The night is over! The morning is here!
We continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Sadness has vanished! Tears are no more!
Death has fled! Life is victorious!

This is the day the Lord has made:
We rejoice! We are glad in it!

Come, assemble for the Feast of Life,
the Feast of the Kingdom of God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

☩ OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **184** “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”
(verses 1-3) GELOBT SEI GOTT

☩ SALUTATION

EASTER MESSAGE WITH THE CHILDREN

(The children may proceed to Sunday School at this time.)

☩ 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

SOLO

Soloist: Dan King

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE “Unlikely Saints: Thomas the Doubter”

RESPONDING AS EASTER PEOPLE

SONG OF RESPONSE 197 “Christ is Risen”

CENTRAL

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

- Rev. Dr. Mary Luti

We believe in the God of Life,
whose breath is in us
and whose mercy encircles the creation.
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who loved us indestructibly
and who shared our pain.
Christ is with us now as he promised,
even to the end of the age.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who welcomes us into the household of faith,
gives us gifts in abundance,
enlivens our hearts with joy,
**and urges us into the world
to testify without fear
to God's justice and grace.**

Hoping against hope
for the promised realm of peace,
we love one another while we live,
we honor every creature God has made,
**we stand against the powers of sin and death,
and we bless the earth and all that fills it.**
**Glory, thanks, and praise be yours,
O Living God, now and forever! Amen.**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

 CLOSING SONG 929 "See My Hands and Feet" Mary Louise Bringle

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign" Arr. M. Hayes



*Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Tania Janney, liturgist; Cassidy Tielve, worship host; Tech Team; Kevin Lynch,
accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 **Calendar and Notices** 🌀

- Sun, Apr 12 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
 10:00 am High School Sunday School
 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:10 am Sunday School

- Tue, Apr 14 9:00 am Helping Hands

- Wed, Apr 15 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

- Thu, Apr 16 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles

- Sun, Apr 19 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:10 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Second Hour Conversation (parlor)
 TBD Youth Group

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Ron and Jennie Franklyn in memory of their moms ❤️❤️

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, Jac Young (Glenn O’Connell’s uncle), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Mary Tielve, Janet Wright, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, James M. (friend of Kim Goerg), Tiffany Nix and her brother, Donald Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

🌀 **Assisting in Worship** 🌀

	<u>Apr 12</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>
Flowers	Vicki Lefelar	Christina Gaboda
Counter	Ken De Berry	Rich Ullman
Ushers	Kathy Curtin	Bill Weston
	Corine Miller	Hope Weston
	Ted Curtin	Rich Ullman

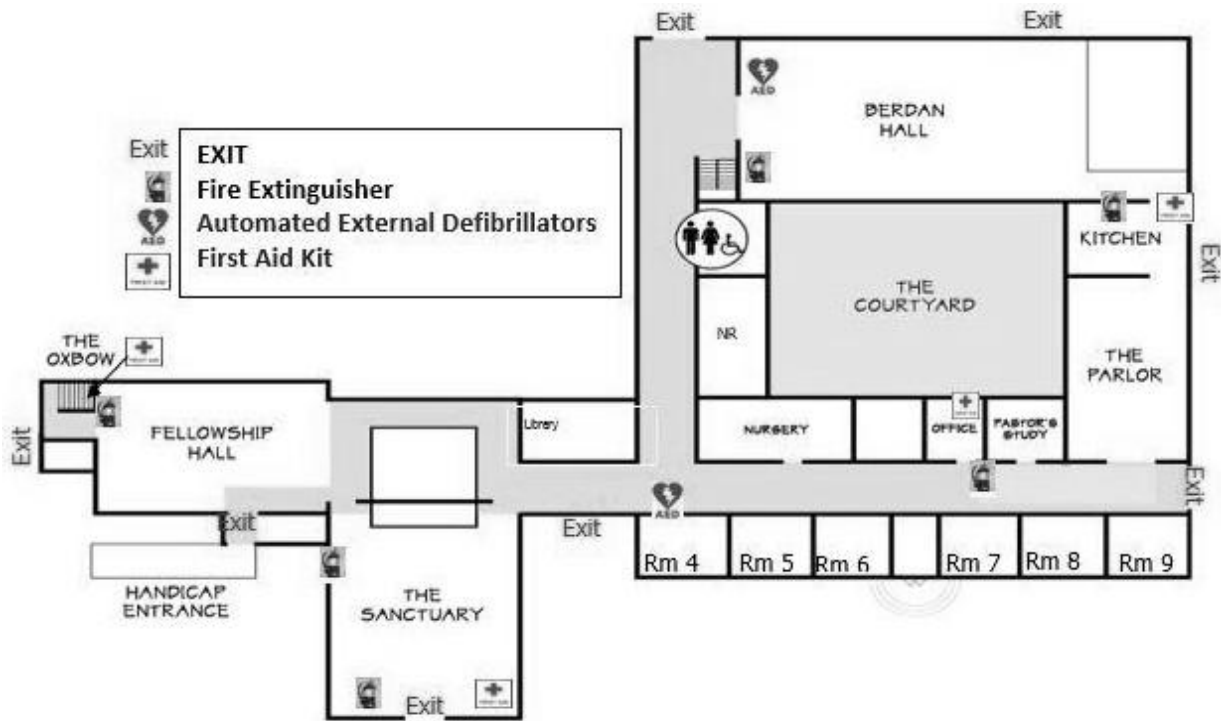
Please join us in the Parlor after worship on 4/19 for a Second Hour Conversation about the non-profit organization, Wounded Warriors. Our very own Ted Curtin has been a part of Wounded Warriors for a number of years, and will be sharing his experiences as President and Co-Founder of the New Jersey Warriors hockey program. The Warriors are affiliated with the NJ Devils and USA Hockey, and the team was created to give disabled US military veterans a new sense of purpose, camaraderie, and an opportunity to rehab, both mentally and physically, through the exciting world of ice hockey. Their team of disabled service men and servicewomen compete against other disabled veteran teams from across the country and in local charity matchups with community teams to raise awareness for veterans' issues and to combat veteran suicide.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PRC's next Ladies' Night Out will be held on Friday, May 1, at 5:30 PM at The Village Inn in Wayne, located at 422 Runnymede Drive. The cost per person is \$30 (payable in advance). We hope you'll join us for another fun evening of fellowship, laughter, and spiritual encouragement!



Applications for the 2026 PRC Memorial Scholarship Awards

are now available electronically on the PRC website, paper copies in the church office, or from Joan Vanderbush at djvander90@gmail.com. Applicants may attend or plan to attend a two-year vocational college, a four-year academic college, graduate school, or be enrolled in courses which help the individual progress toward his or her educational goals. **The firm deadline this year is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026.** Please adhere to all directions and timeline. Any questions, please call or text Joan at 201-245-9844. *Parents, if your children do not receive emails from PRC, please pass along this information.*



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.).



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