WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM



"In a culture of hectic schedules and the relentless pursuit of productivity, we are tempted to measure our worth by how busy we are, by how much we accomplish, or by how well we meet the expectations of others...We do know that Jesus invites all of us who are worried and distracted by many things to sit and rest in his presence, to hear his words of grace and truth, to know that we are loved and valued as children of God, to be renewed in faith and strengthened for service."

Pastor Elisabeth Johnson

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE Op. 13, No. 8: II. Adagio cantabile L.V. Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 126

We gather to worship with expectations, praying that God will be revealed in new and astonishing ways.

God comes to us in real time. God comes to us through our songs, our reflections, and in our fellowship with one another.

Sometimes God's presence feels distant—difficult to believe.

O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

God is present here.

God is working in our midst. Then our mouths are filled with laughter, our tongues shout out with joy!

SONG OF PRAISE 261	"Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"	TRURO
	(verses 1-3, 5)	

SALUTATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (The children will remain in worship.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to your voice. Transform our priorities so that we make space in our lives to be quiet and listen to you. Jesus, seeker of the lost, we confess to becoming so shaped by the values of this age that your call on our lives is increasingly hard to hear. Transform our values so that they are shaped by your concern for the unloved and unlovely, and for the weak and powerless in our society. Transform our hearts so that we are filled with the desire to forgive one another and to make peace. Jesus, source of our faith, we confess that we forget all too quickly the words we say, and pray, and sing, in our time of worship. Transform our lives, so that we always remain connected to you at all times and in all places...

(silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 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.)

SOLO "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" RESIGNATION, Psalm 23 Arr. Lloyd Larson Soloist: Lee Mamolen

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:38-42

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE "Listening and Serving"

SONG OF REFLECTION 758 "Order My Steps (with Litany)" IN YOUR WORD

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.

CLOSING SONG 928 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" PLEADING SAVIOR

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Arr. Mark Hayes

Assisting God's people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader; Tony Galatioto, liturgist; Tammy Venti, worship host; Tech Team; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.

🇞 Calendar and Notices 🖘

Sun, Jul 20	10:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tue, Jul 22	9:15 am Helping Hands
Thu, Jul 24	12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles
Sun, Jul 27	10:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Grove)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *Rich Norman (Roben Roon's cousin), Ron Franklyn, Tiffany Nix, Dimitru Mazilu (close friend of the Pavlovich family), Ketty Lewin, Christina Gaboda, Jeff Vanderbush, Priscilla Durkin, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Barbara Peterson (friend of Barbara and Ken De Berry), Lynn Hutman (friend of Gaye Servideo), Pat Deleu, James Mauro, Alex S., and Lindsey Adair (friends of Kim Goerg), Mick (friend of Tiffany), and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

Today's flowers in the sanctuary are given by Donna Wichot in loving memory of her husband, Zachary.

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Sign-ups for the 2025 Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, August 21st are FULL - thank you for your support! Reminder: We have a 9:30 am tee time but request that you arrive at 8:30 am. All golfers should wear proper golf attire and are prohibited from bringing coolers, food, or alcohol.

Not a golfer? Scholarship fundraising will continue with a catered dinner for all at 5 pm in Berdan Hall, with gift basket raffles, prizes, and awards. The cost of attending the dinner is \$35 per person as we enjoy great fellowship for a great cause. This is a BYO "beer and wine only" event (no hard liquor). If you are interested in golf and/or dinner, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or contact Ken De Berry at <u>kennethwdeberry@gmail.com</u>.

PRC Scholarship Fundraiser Baskets: Between now and Aug 8, we are collecting empty baskets, filled baskets, and new items and gift cards to fill baskets. If you would like to contribute to our golf outing fundraiser, please place items in the corner of the church parlor. Monetary donations may be left in the church office. Contact Kim Goerg (845) 416-1260 or Cheryl Trenary (862) 571-5140 with questions.

PRC is excited to support the CASA Open Door Store again with a Back to School supplies collection! The collection will run from now through Sunday, August 3. The Open Door Store is open to all 300 kids in foster care throughout the year and allows them to come in and "shop" for the things they need most. *No money is ever exchanged.* The Open Door Store is only possible through the generosity of donors like the Preakness Reformed Church community. See below for their most needed items (NEW items only, please). Donations may be left in the church parlor. Please reach out to Annie McKay or Carol Huff with any questions.

Backpacks	Lunch boxes	Graphing Calculators
3-ring binders	Dividers/folders	Pencils, pens, crayons
Loose leaf paper	Highlighters, markers	3-subject notebooks
Combination locks	Composition notebooks	

Passing the Mic...Pastor Kim and Pastor Eric came up with a schedule for August with some local RCA pastors to participate in a pulpit exchange. This is a nice way to connect with other churches and their pastors, and a nice thing to hear from other preachers in our area. Below is the proposed schedule of preachers:

August 3: Pastor Kim August 10: Pastor John Burden - Pompton Reformed Church, Pompton Lakes August 17: Pastor Keith Moody - Abundant Life Reformed Church in Wyckoff August 24: Pastor Emily Ratering-Youngberg - First Reformed Church, Little Falls August 31: Pastor Eric

We are looking for additional coffee hour volunteers! If you would like to help out, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or reach out to Jennie Franklyn at 201-452-9694 or via email <u>jenfrank65@gmail.com</u>.

A baby girl was born to the refugee family in Jersey City! Your generosity in quickly responding to the Amazon gift registry has been wonderful. The baby has clothing, diapers, a bassinet, and a stroller among other important items. The Shop-Rite gift cards have been used to purchase supplemental food for this and the other families. This large family has been using their food stamp to purchase diapers for 3 other young children before the birth of this infant. Thank you all for your caring generosity and responsiveness.

We have some exciting news! We are in the process of updating our Sunday school and nursery rooms and remodeling some of our office space for our staff. You may notice that rooms are being emptied and items are being stored in Fellowship Hall. PRC has memorial funds available for this project. Thank you to all the families who have given to PRC over the years. We hope to have everything finished in September!

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	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jul 27</u>
Flowers	Tom Powers	Gaye Servideo
Counter	Bruce Hinners	Marty Mariniello
<u>Ushers</u>	Hannah Kudrik	Laura O'Connell
	<u>Dan Kudrik</u>	TBD

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Elders		Deacons	
Amanda Declet	Hannah Kudrik	Ken De Berry	Jessica Amato
Priscilla Durkin	Marty Mariniello	Jennifer Graf	Gaye Servideo
Jennie Franklyn	David Parish	Tom Powers	Vicki Lefelar
Bill Weston		Tim Coyne	

₯Preakness Reformed Church Staff <</p>

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

> OFFICE HOURS Mon-Thu 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

* Please note that Pastor Eric will be vacation from July 21 – Aug 1.*



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