

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*October 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM***



"Is it not somewhat odd to urge people to be joyful? This is probably true; however, if we could measure the 'degree' of joyfulness in our Christian congregations, then we would probably have to admit that advice for more joy rather than less might be quite expedient."

- Professor Christian A. Eberhart

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

- Scripture passages of joy

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before us shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise the Lord’s holy name. For God’s anger lasts only a moment,
but God’s favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning!

God makes known to us the path of life; in God’s presence we are filled with joy and experience the eternal pleasures by the hand of God.
Let us rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for each one of us!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **562** “We Will Extol You, God and King” SCARECROW
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *(The children may proceed to Sunday School at this time.)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Loving and gracious God, we often feel weary and burdened by the demands placed upon us. Many of us feel the strain of our bodies physically wearing down through stress, illnesses or age. Show us where we are putting ultimate hope in things other than you. Holy Spirit, help us to repent and believe afresh, that our strength might be renewed, that we might again persevere and not grow weary in doing what is right...

(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

“You Do Not Walk Alone”

Traditional Irish Blessing
Arr. Elaine Hagenberg

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Keep on Keeping On!”

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

SONG OF RESPONSE **896** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

(sing twice)

CHILDREN PRAYING

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **245** “The Communion of Saints”

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 55

 CLOSING SONG **224** “Rejoice, the Lord is King” DARWALL’S 148th

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Rejoice, the Lord is King” DARWALL’S

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

✧ Calendar and Notices ✧

Sun, Oct 11	9:15 am Sunday Scripture 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
Tue, Oct 13	9:15 am Helping Hands
Thu, Oct 15	12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
Sun, Oct 18	9:15 am Sunday Scripture 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Tesla (friend of Pavlovich's), 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 to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Robert W. and Robert R. Drake, Jr. by Patricia, Donna, Kelly, Michael and Romi.

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. Last day to donate is, is today October 11th.

Please drop off items in Parlor or 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.cpfhemptybowls.org

Volunteer Sign-Ups & Sponsorship Opportunities Available Online

Questions? Contact Helene at 201-452-4470

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✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

	<u>Oct 11</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>
Flowers	Jessica Amato	Christina Gaboda
Counter	Amanda Declet	Laura O'Connell
Head Usher	Dave Parish	Laura O'Connell
Usher	Tom Huff	Effie Stern
	Carol Huff	Nancy Sindt

✧ **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	

✧ **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
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