

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM



"Jacob's surprising encounter with God at Bethel leads to reflection about where we as individuals and as congregations meet God unexpectedly on life's journey."

- Professor Esther M. Menn

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 86

Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; give us an undivided heart to revere your name.

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole heart, and we will glorify your name for ever!

For great is your steadfast love towards us;

you O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to us today and be gracious to us; give strength to your servants;
show us signs of your favor, signs of comfort and hope!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **10** “We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

KINGSFOLD

 SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are sometimes selective about who we choose as neighbors. We prefer neighbors who look like us, who talk like us, and who are “safe” to us. Teach us to love others more fully...

(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.)*

DUET "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Harry Rowe Shelley
Vocalists: Vivian Brock, Dan King

LISTENING AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10-19a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Surely the Lord is in this place!"
 (But don't call me Shirley.)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

SONG OF RESPONSE **565** "God Himself Is with Us" ARNSBURG
(Soloist verse 1, congregation verses 2 and 3)

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: **350** A Call to Discipleship

✠ CLOSING SONG **348** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “In the Garden” Arr. K. Lynch

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

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Jul 19 10:00 am Sunday Worship and (Sanctuary)

Tue, Jul 21 9:00 am Helping Hands

Thu, Jul 23 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles

Sun, July 26 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Tom McKay (Jennie Franklyn's father), Janet Wright, Tammy Venti, David Terpstra, Dave Vanderbush, Priscilla Durkin, Judi (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle) and Karen (friend of the O'Connells), Janet Bardowell (Steve Williamson's mother), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Tiffany Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

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

Bread of Life serving opportunity!!! On Sunday, August 2nd, we will serve lunches to the community of Newark at North Reformed Church. If you have never participated, please see Christina Gaboda and Pastor Eric after worship and they will share their experiences and how important this ministry is in Newark and for us at PRC. We would really like to extend this opportunity to more people at PRC. Bread of Life is a tangible, practical, and authentic way to be the hands and feet of Christ.

The PRC Book Group will meet via Zoom on Tue, Aug 4 at 7 PM, when we will discuss *A Woman of Words* by Angela Hunt a historical fiction novel that brings the reader into the world of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Mathew, the tax collector, offering a thoughtful exploration of faith, calling, and the unexpected ways God works through ordinary people.

PRC Scholarship Fundraiser Baskets: Between now and Sep 6, we are collecting empty baskets, filled baskets, and new items and gift cards to fill baskets. If you would like to contribute, please place items in the bin in the church parlor. Monetary donations may be left in the church office. Please contact Kim Goerg (845) 416-1260 or Cheryl Trenary (862) 571-5140 with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 17 at the Packanack Golf Course. Catered dinner and basket raffle will be hosted at PRC. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

✧ Assisting in Worship ✧

	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
<u>Flowers</u>	Gaye Servideo	Vicki Lefelar
<u>Counter</u>	Laura O'Connell	Ken Tanis
<u>Head Usher</u>	Dave Monisera	Ken Tanis
<u>Ushers</u>	Laura O'Connell	Vicki Lefelar
	<u>Effie Stern</u>	

✧ Consistory ✧

Elders

Amanda Declet
Priscilla Durkin
Jennie Franklyn
Bill Weston

Hannah Kudrik
Donna McKeon
Glenn O'Connell
Heather Kroll

Deacons

Ken De Berry
Jennifer Graf
Tom Powers
Tim Coyne
Martin McKay
Jessica Amato
Gaye Servideo
Vicki Lefelar
Christina Gaboda

✧ 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



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