

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

August 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM



"Like John 3:16, Colossians 3:16 does not speak only to what we do in worship and in church. It speaks to how we clothe ourselves with new life and let the word and peace of Christ dwell richly in ourselves and our actions every day."

-Professor Frank L. Crouch

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

C.H. Gabriel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Philippians 2

We come together to celebrate Jesus Christ, who, though He was in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God as something to abuse or misuse.

Instead, Christ emptied Himself completely, not only taking on human form, but the form of a slave.

Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.

So God raised Him up with great honour, and gave Him a name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus everyone—

in heaven and on earth and even under the earth might bow down, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

This is our God—the God we have come to worship!

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **599** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

 SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, we ask for your forgiveness this day. We admit that there are times when we are ungrateful and have been careless stewards of your blessings. Help us and move us to have sincere hearts that are faithful to you in all that we say and do. Guide us this week to be humble and generous servants of Christ...

(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

"I Can Only Imagine"

Bart Millard

LISTENING AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Put on your Summer Clothes"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

SONG OF RESPONSE **318** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

NYLAND

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: **259** The Unity of the Body

✠ CLOSING SONG **266** “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound” ST. PETER

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “This Little Light of Mine” SPIRITUAL

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Charles Schmitt, liturgist; Christina Gaboda, worship host; Tech Team;
Jason and Jayden Declet, vocalists; Kevin Lynch, accompanist;
Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Aug 23 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon, Aug 24 7:00 pm Consistory Calendar meeting (Zoom)
Tue, Aug 25 9:00 am Helping Hands
Thu, Aug 27 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
Sun, Aug 30 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon, Aug 31 7:00 pm Christian Ed meeting (Zoom)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Ruth (friend of Skip Dahl), Ernie Nienhouse, 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, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Tiffany Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Effie Stern in loving memory of her husband, Charles Stern, and her nephew, Joseph Stern, Jr.

The PRC Book Club will be meeting again on Tuesday, Sep 15 either in-person or via Zoom for a discussion of "The Apostle's Sister" by Angela Hunt, the fourth novel in the Jerusalem Road series. This novel explores themes of grace, transformation, and the cost of following God's call, and offers a glimpse into the lives of those who witnessed the birth of the early Christian church.

We're bringing back Children & Worship (the wooden figure bible stories), a beloved program from our church's past, and we need volunteers willing to lead it. The program runs just 5-6 times a year, so with enough volunteers on board, each person might only be asked to serve once or twice annually. If you have a heart for helping kids encounter faith in a meaningful way, we'd love for you to join the team.

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.

Please join us for the 2026 Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, Sep 17th, at Packanack Golf Club in Wayne to raise funds for the PRC Scholarship Fund. 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. The cost of playing nine holes of golf, including a brown bag breakfast, a cart, and range balls, is \$65 per golfer (cash or check payable to PRC). **Fundraising will continue with a catered dinner for all at 5:30 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). Please sign up for golf and/or dinner on the sheet in the hallway, or contact Ken De Berry at kennethwdeberry@gmail.com.

✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

	<u>Aug 23</u>	<u>Aug 30</u>
Flowers	Gaye Servideo	Jessica Amato
Counter	Laura O’Connell	Laura O’Connell
Head Usher	Laura O’Connell	Cathy Tanis
Usher	Jane Declet	Amanda Declet
	Juliet Declet	Jessica Amato

✧ 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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