

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*September 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM***



"If you owe someone an apology, tell them you are sorry today. If someone asks for your forgiveness, forgive them. Start being the person you always wanted to be today and don't waste your time worrying about tomorrow."

– Mary Kate McErlean, who lost her father on 9/11 when she was 8 years old

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

RESIGNATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, my soul.

With all my being I bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget none of his benefits.

He pardons all my wrongdoing and heals all my ills.

He rescues me from death’s pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

He satisfies me with all good in the prime of life, and my youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

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With all my being I bless his holy name.

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **559** “Ten Thousand Reasons” J. MYRIN, M. REDMAN

 SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reconciling God, we would rather gossip about those who sin against us, than speak to them privately; we would rather parade our wounds for all to see, than quietly work toward forgiveness and reconciliation. Help us choose the harder road, the road that opens possibilities for real healing, real forgiveness, and real growth in your Spirit. Help us place the best interests of our community of faith above our own need for public vindication. Have mercy on us...*(continue with silent prayers of confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

671 “The Lord is Compassionate and Gracious”

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

"Come Unto Jesus"

Orson Pratt Huish, Arr. Judy Checketts Hatch

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

“The Math of Mercy”

SONG OF RESPONSE **638** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

ST. ETHELDREDA

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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 **678** The Forgiveness of Sins

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 56



CLOSING SONG **689**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

CIVILITY



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Arr. M. Hayes

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

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, Sep 13 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
11:00 am PRC Family Picnic (Berdan Hall, parking lot)
- Tue, Sep 15 9:15 am Helping Hands
7:00 pm PRC Book Club (Zoom)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu, Sep 17 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, Sep 20 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
- Mon, Sep 21 7:30 pm Consistory Meeting (Parlor)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Bill Mariniello, June and Ernie Nienhouse, Tom McKay (Jennie Franklyn's father), Janet Wright, Tammy Venti, 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.

HOPE, FELLOWSHIP, CHURCH... Please join us after worship today for our annual Summer Picnic. Come hungry, and enjoy FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN!

Are you looking for a fun way to serve the 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.

The PRC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Sep 15 at 7 pm, 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.

The PRC Basket Raffle Committee will be offering a ticket presale and prize preview opportunity in Nan's Room for all members following worship today, as well as a chance to place your tickets in prize bags in advance of the dinner (members need not be present at the dinner to participate!). Presale tickets will be offered at a discount at 12 for \$10 (they will be 10 for \$10 on the day of the event).

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.

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.

Please drop off items in Sunday School Room #9.

✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

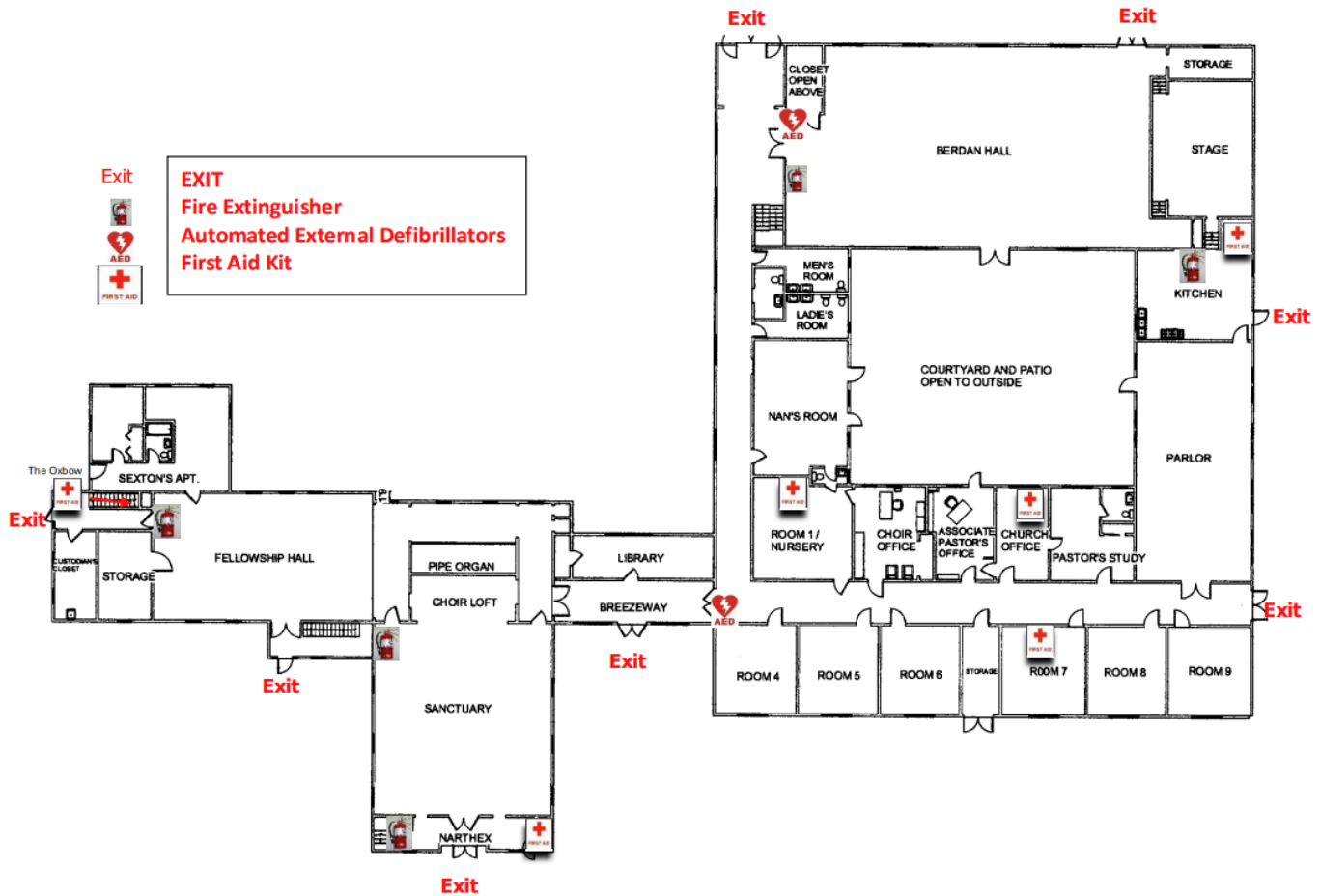
	<u>Sep 13</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>
Flowers	Tim Coyne	Vicki Lefelar
Counter	Bruce Hinnens	Ken De Berry
Head Usher	Holly Ryan	Kris Macagney
Usher	Bruce Hinnens	Dan Macagney
	Basia Hinnens	Priscilla Durkin

✧ **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
Rev. Mary Marcus, Minister Emerita



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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