

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM



"If it is true that our Lord is King, and that the emperors of this world are not, then this is true too: if we worship the Lord as our God, then we cannot worship anyone else."

- Fritz Wendt, Lutheran Pastor, LCSW, and Church Musician

 Congregation standing, as able

GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

-adapted from Psalm 99

The Lord is King! God rules! The Lord God rules from the throne,
and we the people take notice!

Our God is majestic, towering over all the big names.

Let us praise God’s great and awesome name.

For the Lord our God is holy!

God desires justice, establishing equity among the people.

God is just and right in all his ways.

Thank you God for listening to us, for your forgiveness!

Today we experience the holy presence of God through this worship service.

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **223** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we too often, are full of pride and indifferent. We confess our sins today. We have sinned by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Clothe us in Christ’s righteousness and teach us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you...

(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

“Walk Humbly with Your God”

Joel Raney

REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22

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

MESSAGE

“Idols and Images”

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

SONG OF RESPONSE **862** “Take Us as We Are, O God”

ENDLESS FEAST

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 Love in Action - selected verses from Romans 12

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

 CLOSING SONG **295** “Let Justice Flow”

LET JUSTICE FLOW

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Arr. M. Hayes

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Kris Macagney, liturgist; Dave Parish, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir;
Robert Andersen, violinist; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Oct 18 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Youth Group – Haunted House/Escape Room

Tue, Oct 20 9:15 am Helping Hands

Wed, Oct 21 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thu, Oct 22 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles

Sun, Oct 25 9:15 am Sunday Scripture
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Tesla (friend of the Pavlovich Family), Nancy Frank, Bob Janney, Bill Mariniello, June 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, Frank Minutolo, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Tiffany Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

Our sympathy and prayers are with June Nienhouse and the Nienhouse family. June's husband, Ernie Nienhouse, passed away on October 8. Funeral services and details will be posted on the website of the Vander Plaat Funeral Home in Wyckoff, NJ.

Congratulations to Nancy Sindt on the marriage of her son, Jameson, to Anna this past Friday, October 16.

Blessings and prayers to Tom Huff and Ken De Berry as they take a spiritual journey on the Camino de Santiago. The Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) is a historic network of pilgrim walking and cycling routes across Europe that all lead to the shrine of the Apostle St. James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Steve and Annie Williamson in memory of Steve's dad, Roy Bardowell.

PRC is actively collecting for a Native American organization. We are accepting donations of new or gently used winter hats, gloves, and scarves year-round. Donations may be dropped off in the Parlor.

On Sunday, Nov 8, Mike De Block and Dave Monisera will provide a presentation to familiarize us with bleeding control, CPR/AED. New this year, will be a session on stroke identification and steps to be taken. Following worship, grab a cup of coffee and join us in Berdan Hall for some or all of the class.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

On Sunday, November 29, 2026, please join us after worship in Berdan Hall to make your own advent wreath. We will also have a special Christmas-themed coffee hour in Berdan with food, coffee, and cider.

PRC will supply wreath rings, candle holders, candles and fresh greens. Bring your Christmas spirit, garden gloves, and clippers. Child-friendly versions will be available.

Since supplies need to be ordered, please sign up in the hallway or RSVP via text to Carol at 973-390-9882 by 10/30/2026.

This event will replace our Wassail Party.

✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Oct 25</u>
Flowers	Christina Gaboda	Tom Powers
Counter	Laura O'Connell	Ken Tanis
Head Usher	Laura O'Connell	Tom Powers
Usher	Effie Stern	Lydia Powers
	Marty Mariniello	Corine Miller

✧ **Consistory** ✧

<u>Elders</u>		<u>Deacons</u>	
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
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