

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
*May 24, 2026 at 10:00 AM***



*“Thank God for the Holy Spirit that takes a group of
haphazard individuals and crafts, shapes,
forms us into the Body of Christ
— the household of faith.”*

-Rev. David N. Mosser

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of wind and fire,
when you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,
when we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,
when we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit,
let sacred waters flow

fill us with holy food.
**May our hearts and our hands be open wide
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **243** "One People, Here, We Gather" MUNICH

 SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, we thank you for your Spirit breaking down barriers. Barriers that distort our ability to lead a life full of you and your ways. Forgive us for the times we have deliberately resisted the Spirit's work. Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.

Forgive us God, for the barriers we create between us and each other. Barriers that separate us from neighbours near and far and prevent mutual love and care. Forgive our resentment of others, our love

of control, and our indifference for those in need. Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us...

(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.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S SPIRIT

SONG OF PREPARATION "Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire "
VENI SANCTUS SPIRITUS, Arr. Thomas Attwood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Suddenly, or Not So Suddenly?"

THE SPIRIT SENDS US OUT

SONG OF RESPONSE **747** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

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: **229** “The Holy Spirit” Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 53

✠ CLOSING SONG **237** “Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth” TRURO

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Corine Miller, liturgist; Maggie Capone, worship host; Tech Team; Kevin Lynch, accompanist;
Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

Quartet:

Maggie Capone, Soprano

Jessica Amato, Alto

Michael O'Reilly, Tenor

Lee Mamolen, Bass

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

- Sun, May 24 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- Mon, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
- Tue, May 26 9:00 am Helping Hands
- Wed, May 27 7:00 pm Berdan Hall Band Rehearsal
- Thu, May 28 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles
- Sun, May 31 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Sunday Worship (Berdan Hall)
10:10 am Sunday School
11:20 am Grove clean-up

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of Richie Corbo. Happy Birthday – May God Bless You. Love, Mom ❤️

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *Jasmeekah Durkin, Tammy Venti, Barbara De Berry, Alice O'Connell, Jannie van Drimmelen (Corine Miller's mother), David Terpstra, Dave Vanderbush, Christina Gaboda, Priscilla Durkin, Eileen (Roben Roon's cousin), Jac Young (Glenn O'Connell's uncle), Skip Dahl, Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Janet Wright, Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, James M. (friend of Kim Goerg), Tiffany Nix and her brother, Donald, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

A note of gratitude from Pastor Eric...

Thank you, PRC friends and family, for a special Sunday last week! You went above and beyond to celebrate our 15 years together in ministry. My family and I thank you tremendously for the kind words, celebration, coffee hour, and gifts. These 15 years have gone by so fast – which is probably a good thing! God bless you!

PRC is in need of a refrigerator for the Oxbow kitchen. If you have one you can donate, please contact Christina in the office.

Calling all Grads! On Scholarship Sunday, June 21, we'll be honoring all of our high school, college, and trade school grads with a special mention in the bulletin. Please email Christina in the office with your grad's name and school, as well as any other details or future plans they'd like to share. PRC can't wait to celebrate our graduates!

May is Military Appreciation Month! Military Working Dogs play an important role in protecting Service Members, military installations, and our country. To honor these four-legged heroes, the Sunday School is collecting the following:

Items Most Needed:

- Strong toys for power chewers
- Hypoallergenic dog wipes
- Grooming tools
- Lots and lots of poop bags!

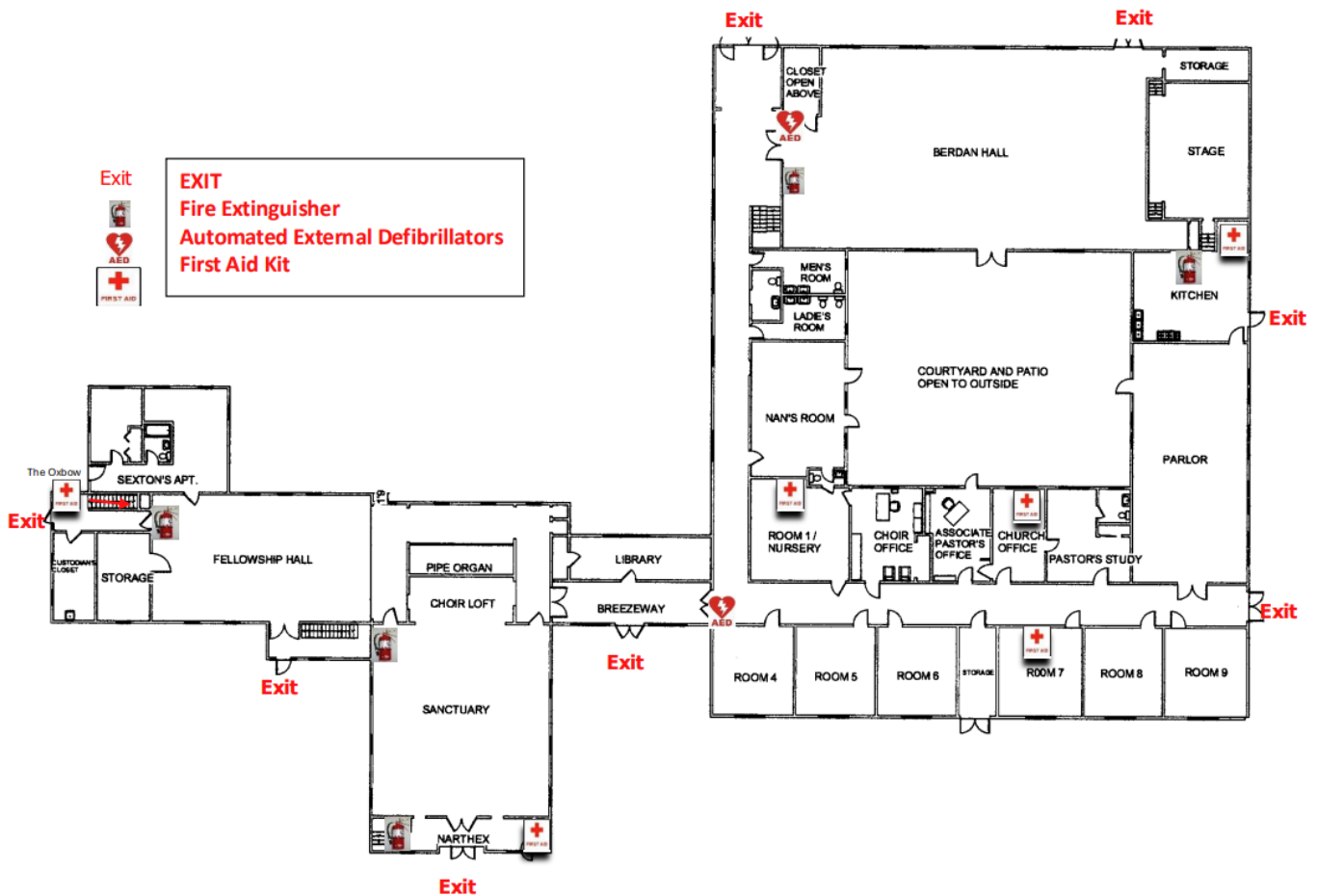
Items may be left in the parlor anytime between today and Sunday, May 31.

Our annual Grove clean-up will be after worship on Sunday, May 31. We can use as many helping hands as we can get to prepare for outdoor services this summer and fall. Feel free to wear your "yardwork" best and BYO wheelbarrows, shovels, and metal garden rakes.

Let's kick off summer with a twist to Second Hour Conversations and find our ZEN. Please join us in Berdan Hall after worship on June 14 as Tara Temple, a yoga instructor and therapist, leads us in a chair yoga session. Chair Yoga is a gentle, accessible form of yoga that adapts traditional yoga poses to be performed in a chair or using the chair for balance, increasing muscle and bone strength as well as flexibility and balance. It may also help improve joint range of motion, and various health issues such as arthritis and diabetes. Breathwork with movement and meditation are also a part of the practice which may help improve anxiety, stress and sleep by reducing cortisol. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome!

Assisting in Worship

	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31 (Berdan Hall)</u>
Flowers	Jessica Amato	Jen Graf
Counter	Amanda Declet	Rich Ullman
Head Usher	Marty Mariniello	Joan Vanderbush
Ushers	Carter Graf	Bob Janney
	Cassidy Tielve	Rita Janney



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.).

✧ Consistory ✧

Elders

Amanda Declet
Priscilla Durkin
Jennie Franklyn
Bill Weston

Deacons

Hannah Kudrik
Donna McKeon
Glenn O'Connell
Heather Kroll

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
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