

WELCOME TO THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH!

January 19, 2025

10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

“The Gospel of John knows from the experience of years now that to believe in Jesus as the Christ is to live a life within a life. Nothing is changed but everything is changed. What had been water is wine. Word has become flesh.

An hour that has not yet come is here.”

Priest and Professor, Gerard S. Sloyan

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 36

The steadfast love of the Lord extends to the heavens,
God’s faithfulness goes beyond the clouds.

**The Lord’s righteousness and justice are like the mighty mountains; our
God is the Savior of all humankind and all creation.**

How precious is the steadfast love of God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of the Lord’s wings.

In God’s house we eat and drink from God’s abundance. The light of God
shines on us all.

**The steadfast love of the Lord continues, and we feel it in our hearts this
morning!**

☒ SONG OF PRAISE **579** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

☒ SALUTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (The children are invited to Sunday school at this time.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us and forgive us; and help us to walk in your ways...

WORDS OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

☒ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

QUARTET

“Send Out Thy Light”

Charles Gounod

Vocalists: Jessica Amato, Vivian Brock,
Lee Mamolen, & Michael O'Reilly

MESSAGES OF LIGHT FOR TODAY

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-12

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

“Bring Out the Good Stuff”

SONG OF REFLECTION **580** “Our God”

OUR GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ CLOSING SONG **317** “God, Who Created Hearts to Love” LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(verses 1-3)

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Holly Ryan, liturgist; Tony Galatioto, worship host; Tech Team; Chancel Choir;
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

Sun, Jan 19 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:10 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Youth Group (Oxbow)

Tue, Jan 21 9:15 am Helping Hands Breakfast

Thu, Jan 23 12:00 pm Brown Bags & Bibles

Sun, Jan 26 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room)
10:00 am Worship Service (**Berdan**)
10:10 am Sunday School



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for all of our blessings.

Please include in your prayers of intercession: Patricia Lynch, Priscilla Durkin, Wayne Bardowell and family (family member of Steve Williamson), Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, Pat Deleu (friend of Kim Goerg), Mick (friend of Tiffany), June Jesch, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Boyce family. Joanne Boyce passed away in December and her memorial service is being planned for a later date.

The 2025 Flower Donation sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the main office. If you would like to donate in honor/memory/celebration of someone special, please put your name on the sheet and fill out the dedication form. Suggested donation is \$30. Dedication forms and donations may be left in the office or in the basket on the door.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us for a **First Aid/CPR/AED presentation on Sun, February 2nd at 11:15 AM in Berdan Hall.** PRC members Mike DeBlock, Dave

Monisera, and Nancy Frank will familiarize us with CPR, using the defibrillator, and bleeding control. Come for some or all of the presentation – all are welcome!

The next PRC Book Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 4, at 7 pm in Nan’s Room. We will be discussing a book recommended by one of our Consistory members titled “Embraced by the Light,” written by Betty J. Eadie about her near-death experience. A NY Times bestseller, “Embraced by the Light” has been called a source of comfort, inspiration, and solace to millions. We hope you will join us!

Please join us for a Second Hour Conversation on Sun, Feb 9 after worship as we welcome Howie H., a member of the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets weekly at PRC, to share his story and lead a conversation explaining what AA is and how it works.

Chilton Medical Center offers a forum for you to meet with others experiencing loss. Experienced and compassionate facilitators will lead this 6-week group every Tuesday 11:30 – 12:30 starting in February.

This in-person support group will be a safe, confidential place for you to:

- * Express your thoughts, feelings, struggles
- * Connect with others who share feelings of grief and loss
- * Find validation, support, a sense of hope, meaning and belonging
- * Leaders will guide you through the grief process and provide resources

Pre-registration is required. To register or for additional information, please call 973-831-5001 (Spiritual Care Department at Chilton) any weekday morning. Group size will be limited so early registration is suggested.

✧ **Assisting in Worship** ✧

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Jan 26</u>
Flowers	Gaye Servideo	Vicki Lefelar
Counter	Ken Tanis	Marty Mariniello
Ushers	Kris Macagney	Annie McKay
	Gaye Servideo	Martin McKay

✧ **Consistory** ✧

Elders

Amanda Delet
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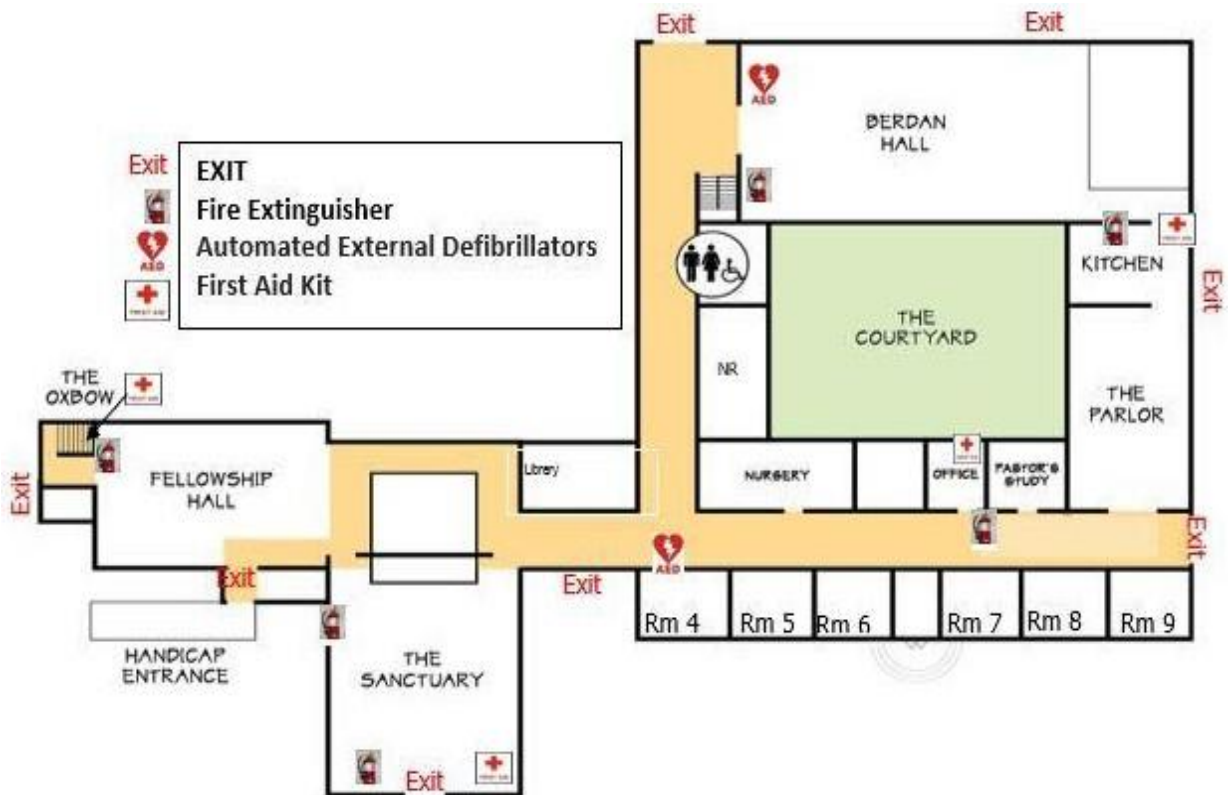
Deacons

Ken De Berry
Jennifer Graf
Tom Powers
Tim Coyne

Jessica Amato
Gaye Servideo
Vicki Lefelar

✧ **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 are welcome to exit through the door at the front of the sanctuary (this is not a disruption or an issue for our worship leaders). If possible, the best time to exit the sanctuary during the worship service is during a transition time in worship (e.g. the beginning of a song, passing the peace, etc.).



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579 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

G C Am D Em G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

C Am D Em G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Em D G Em Bm G Dsus D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

G C Am D Em G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt., P.D.

Music (ST. DENIO 11.11.11): Welsh, in J. Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839, P.D.

Our God

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C#m A E B/D#

C#m A E Bsus

C#m A E C#m

1 Wa - ter you turned in - to wine, o - pened the eyes
 2 In - to the dark - ness you shine; out of the ash -

A E F#m7

of the blind; there's no one like you,
 - es we rise. There's no one like you,

Bsus 1 B 2 B

none like you.
 none like you.

(continues)

OPENING OF WORSHIP

Refrain C#m A E

Our God is great - er, our God is strong - er; God, you are high -

B/D# C#m

- er than an - y oth - er. Our God is heal - er,

A 2nd time to Coda E B

awe - some in pow - er, our God, our God.

C#m A E B

gradual cresc.

C#m A

And if our God is for us, then who could ev - er stop us;

E B

and if our God is with us, then what could stand a - gainst?

C#m7 A2 E/G#

1 Bsus 2 Bsus D.S. al Coda

What could stand a - gainst?

Coda E B

our God.

317 God, Who Created Hearts to Love

Unison D A D Bm

1 God, who cre - a - ted hearts to love, show - ering all bless - ings from a -
 2 Je - sus at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing the wa - ter in - to
 3 Spir - it of God, be at their side: Wis - dom and Com - fort, Guard - ian,

Asus A D G A D G A D

bove— Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia—give these, who come to you with
 wine: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sign that con - tin - ues as he
 Guide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Make of their hearts a rest - ing

A D Asus A Refrain G A D G

praise, peace, love, and laugh - ter all their days.
 said— love, liv - ing, ris - en from the dead. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 place; in ev - ery tri - al, gen - tle grace.

A D G A D G D Em Asus A7 D

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 Sing, friends and family gathered here, voices in witness ringing clear;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Here is the mystery begun:
 woman and man becoming one. *Refrain*
- 5 God, let our joyful singing be
 sign of our faith community.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Baptized in water, we are fed,
 sharing the living wine and bread. *Refrain*

For an alternate arrangement see 208, 551, 847

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Music (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.8.8.6.4.4.4): *Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623, P.D.