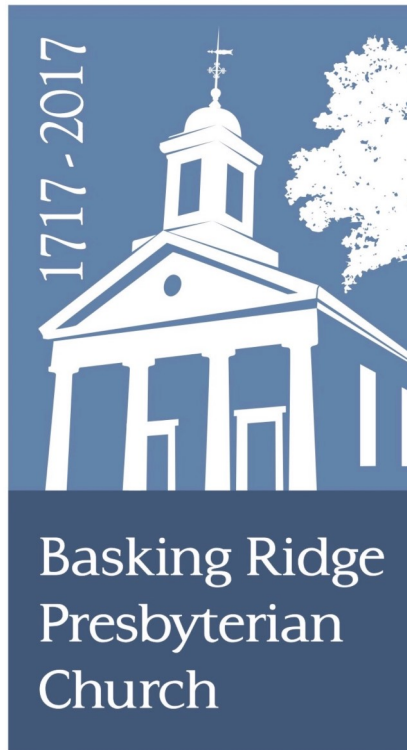


The Presbyterian Church

BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOUNDED CIRCA 1717

September 24 and 25, 2016



Pursue a righteous life—
a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy.
Run hard and fast in the faith.
Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to,
the life you so fervently embraced
in the presence of so many witnesses.
~1 Timothy 6:11-12 (The Message)

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to worship at The Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge. We pray that you will be encouraged in your journey of faith and drawn closer to God by your experience with us.

Children and Families

Childcare for infants and children ages 2 and younger is available in the church nursery during our Sunday morning services. Pagers are used to contact parents during the worship services when necessary.

Oak Table Service

We believe that worship nurtures children and that children enrich our worship life together. If your children become restless in worship, please feel free to quietly move around with them or join them on the carpet for young children behind the seating area.

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Nursery care is available for children age 2 years and younger.

10:15 a.m. Children in pre-school through grade 5 will be invited to leave for Sunday School, and Middle School students will be invited to attend Bibles & Bagels, following the *Message for Children*. All children in grades 3 and up will be invited to remain in worship with their families on the first Sunday of the month. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 and younger every Sunday.

Online Sermons

Recorded audio sermons from most Sundays are available on the church website at www.brpc.org. To access, click on the [Sermons](#) link under [Worship and Music](#) on the main menu.

Amplification Headsets

So that all may enjoy the worship service, sound amplification headsets are available from the ushers for those who need assistance with hearing.

Who Does God Call Us to Be?

We are a vibrant, warm and welcoming community of faith. Those who worship here come from a diverse range of backgrounds and would describe themselves in a rich variety of ways.

We acknowledge our doubt, our struggles, and that we are all quite human and imperfect and that we are each at a unique place on our faith journey.

We find our unity, our common identity, in Jesus Christ and together we seek to joyfully worship God and energetically minister to the needs of the world on God's behalf.

We gather in anticipation of being transformed by the power, purpose and presence of God among us, and go forth equipped to love God and neighbor more deeply and more wholeheartedly.

We believe that faithful leadership of a church requires being open to new possibilities, taking risks and learning from mistakes as we try again.

Honoring the past, we are convinced that God calls us to a new future.

~The Opening Paragraph of *Vision 2017 of the Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge*

Order of Worship

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m. - Westminster Hall

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

OAK TABLE SERVICE

(Please prepare prayerfully for worship and be sure all cell phones are turned off.)

PRELUDE

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONGS

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Be the Center*

HYMN 610
by Michael Frye

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

MESSAGE

Dr. Maureen Paterson

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are an Offering

HYMN 710

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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.**

*CLOSING SONG

Step By Step

HYMN 743

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Order of Worship

9:00 a.m. ~ Chapel; 10:15 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(As the prelude begins, please prepare prayerfully for worship
and be sure all cell phones are turned off.)

PRELUDE (10:15) *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Alpha Bell Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolyte Armani Obregon

CALL TO WORSHIP (10:15) Dr. Maureen Paterson

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God. *Luke 15*

All: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: Today, there is joy in the presence of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* HYMN 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**We have sinned, O God,
hoarding what we have,
grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.
We stay with our own kind;
We are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.
Forgive us;
purify us;
remake us,
that we might love as you love. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *We Are Forgiven* HYMN 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PASSING OF THE WELCOME PADS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:15)

PRESENTATION

Anna Sophia Hunscher
Daughter of Meghan and David Hunscher

Elder Patty Haines

PROFESSION OF FAITH (UNISON)

Adapted from a "Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are claimed in the waters of baptism,
fed with the bread of life, and called to be God's people.**

We trust in the one true God whom alone we worship and serve.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Elder: Do you, as members of this church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Anna by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

People: We do.

THE BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Elder: Let us welcome Anna.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

(Children ages 3 - grade 5 may leave for Sunday School; grades 6-8 may go to *Bibles & Bagels*.)

*HYMN (10:15)

We Praise You, O God

HYMN 612

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

(10:15) Ken Warman

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Disciples Practice Generosity

Rev. Dennis W. Jones

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY (10:15)

I Will Be a Child of Peace
Sanctuary Choir

Traditional Shaker Hymn
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

HYMN 733

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE (10:15)

Aurelia

by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Church Family

The Flowers on the Piers this morning are given to the glory of God:

~ *By the Axt Family, in loving memory of Doris and Russ Ballantyne.*

~ *By Jeff and Debbie Schaub, in loving memory of Doug Crane for his birthday today, September 25th.*

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion. **There are two pier openings on October 9, 23 and 30.** If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact Debbie Schaub at 908-507-3844; e-mail address, debbie.schaub@verizon.net.

flowers



Our Greeters this morning at the 10:15 a.m. service are Anne Williams & Dottie Klippel.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in Westminster Hall hosted by Bert and Ron Whalin after the 9 a.m. service and Tina and Jay Bramel after the 10:15 a.m. service.

Membership

Interested in Becoming a Member? Join Us Today!

We extend a warm invitation to our "Exploring Membership" class and luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-2p.m. (immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service) in the Church House Parlor, located across the street from the Sanctuary building. This is an excellent opportunity to share your faith journey and learn more about the beliefs and ministry of our church. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided, if requested in advance.

Children & Family Ministries

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place during the 10:15 a.m. worship hour. Children start with their families in the Sanctuary and then leave for Sunday School after the *Baptism* and escorted to the Chapel for a large group event. They are dismissed by grade for a formal Sunday School lesson in classrooms in the education wing., where parents can pick them up after worship. On Communion Sundays (usually the 1st Sunday of the month), children in grades 3-5 will be invited to remain in worship with their families.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Search Committee—Director of Ministry to Youth, Young Adults, & their Families

The Session has approved the job description for the full-time position of Director of Ministry to Youth, Young Adults, and their Families. The Personnel and Youth & Young Adult Councils ask you to prayerfully consider sending us names of individuals who you think may be good people to serve this committee. We would like a diverse committee with members who are youth, advisors to youth, young adults, parents of youth, and members of the congregation at large who have a passion for youth ministry! Please e-mail Dennis Jones (djones@brpc.org), Karen Johnson (johnsokaren@gmail.com), or Theresa Creedon (tcreedon@verizon.net) if you or someone you know would be a good fit for this committee. Thank you!

Middle School Fellowship - Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

All 6th - 8th graders are welcome to bring friends and meet in the Youth Center every Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. We will start the evening with dinner, followed by games, activities, and discussion. Parents—we need you! Please take a look at the link on the website to sign up to either **provide dinner** or supply pizza for an evening of Middle School Fellowship. We typically have 15-20 kids.

Bibles and Bagels

Students in grades 6-8 meet in the Church House Library on Sunday morning after the Baptism at the 10:15 a.m. worship service today. On Communion Sundays (the 1st Sunday of each month) the students will attend worship for the whole hour with their families.

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation program, led by Maureen Paterson and mentors Tom Eicher and Chris Whitlock, prepares 9th grade students to become full adult members of the congregation. Students learn more about their relationship with God, what it means to be Presbyterian and how they can be involved in the church community. Our first dinner meeting for students and families will be held on Sunday October 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church House parlor.



BRPC YOUTH Group (formerly known as Senior High Fellowship)

This newly-revised, energetic group welcomes all students (and their friends!) in grades 9-12. Come and make new friends, grow spiritually and be a part of fun and fellowship! Our next meeting is Sunday, October 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Join in for a delicious dinner and small group discussion afterward.

Save the Date: Sunday, October 23 is our annual Hayride at Shady Brook Farm in Yardley, PA. Please look for upcoming details in the coming weeks!

Youth Music

Led by Chris Fortin, all students in grades 6-12 are invited to explore using their musical and other talents in service to God. We meet Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Sermon Series

What Disciples Believe A fall sermon series



Although Christians are often identified with what they **believe**, Jesus seemed to care more about what his followers **did**. Our beliefs matter a great deal, yet what matters even more is how we live and what we do. This fall sermon series will take a fresh look at the core practices of Christianity,

and at how we might faithfully embody those practices in this time and place. Join us in worship and in ministry at Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church!

Deacons Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach ministry of the Deacons. The purpose of a prayer shawl is to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care. These shawls are available to our ministers, deacons and Stephen Ministers. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting very simple patterns and would like to help replenish our supply of shawls, please contact Jean Dorr (908-766-0228) or Sally Warman (908-766-0490) for more information.

Music Ministries

Make Music this Fall!

Vocals, guitars and other instruments needed each Saturday at 5 p.m. for our Oak Table Service. E-mail Chris Fortin today for more information (cfortin@brpc.org).

Men's Choir—October 9th

Male singers needed (high school through adult) to sing an anthem and the hymns on Sunday, October 9th at the 10:15 a.m. service. Two rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 29th & Oct. 6th at 8:30 p.m. Contact Chris Fortin to join in! *Ladies, save the date—Jan. 22nd is Women's Choir!*

Catch the Spirit at BRPC this year! Spirit and Little Spirit

Spirit and Little Spirit are our mid-week programs of music and Christian education for children ages 3 years to grade 5.

Little Spirit: children ages 3 through kindergarten meet Tuesdays from 4-4:45 p.m.

Spirit: children in grades 1-5 meet Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. Please sign up on our website brpc.org or contact Jackie Obregon or Beth Donley for more information.

Spiritual Development

Early Bird Bible Study

The Early Bird Bible study meets from 8-8:45 a.m. with a chronological survey of the Bible. Coffee and conversation begins at 7:45. We use the Bible to trace major stories in the relationship between God and humankind. New-comers and drop-ins are always welcome!

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. in the Church House Parlor

Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor each Wednesday for a time of prayer and learning together. We will look at the modern Church in America to gain an understanding of the various labels and designations used by leaders and the media. What does it mean to be a part of the Christian Evangelical movement, the Progressive Church, the Conservative or Liberal Church? Join us for a lively discussion as we attempt to answer these questions in the coming weeks! Contact Dr. Maureen Paterson for more information.

Understanding the Bible as Literature— Sunday 9 a.m. Small Group

Begins October 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church House Parlor

People have used various approaches to understand the Bible and apply it to their faith ever since the books of the Bible were written. In this series of discussions, after a brief overview of the different methods of biblical interpretation that have been used over the centuries, we will focus on the literary approach, an interpretive method that has become increasingly popular since the late 20th century. This approach focuses on understanding the biblical books as various forms of literature and applying the techniques of literary interpretation to uncover their meaning. We will explore how the literary approach can complement and enhance the understanding we can derive from other interpretive approaches and help us to apply the words of the Bible to our faith and spiritual lives. Charles King will lead the six session series from October 2– November 20 (excludes October 16 and November 6.) Please join us!

Tuesday Night Small Group-7 p.m. at the Taylor's Home

The Tuesday Night group meets at the home of Bob and Eleanor Taylor for seven weeks, skipping Election Day. We are studying N.T. Wright's book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection and the Mission of the Church* and we will share leadership. The BRPC library has a copy of the book, study guide and DVD. Please join us!

Presbyterian Women's Group—First Meeting on November 10

Mary Circle will have it's first meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the Church House Parlor. We invite all women to join with us! Elaine Coulthart will lead our study. Please bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided. Please call Estrid Jones at 766-4272 for more information.

Church Picture Directory

Sign up Today to have your picture taken for the 2017 Picture Directory

The new BRPC Picture Directory will be a great way to connect with other church members. As part of the 300th anniversary of our church, a picture directory is being put together, but it won't be complete without you. Professional portrait sessions are being scheduled now from Tuesday, October 4th through Saturday, October 8th. Be a part of our new directory and a part of our church's history. For each photo session, you will receive a FREE 8"x10" portrait and a copy of the 2017 BRPC Picture Directory. Additional photo packages are also available. Select a date and time that works best for your portrait session by going on the church website and clicking on the link. You don't have access to the website? Sign-ups will be available each Sunday after church beginning today. Thanks for your participation!

Opportunity to Give and Serve

Homeless Solutions Coordinator

Five times a year BRPC provides a meal for Homeless Solutions in Morristown. For many years Karen Cokewood has served as our coordinator but she is ready to pass on the baton to someone else. This is a great way to get to know other church members and help out with a meaningful ministry. All training will be provided. The menu is provided by Homeless Solutions so the main responsibility is to ensure food is purchased and recruit volunteers for each of the evening slots. Dates are given a year in advance! Meals are provided and served by church members, clean up is handled by shelter guests. The coordinator does not need to attend each of the five evenings - merely recruit and equip volunteers. Please contact Maureen Paterson for more information.

Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway-Collection through October 28

Cleaning out your closets? Please consider giving new or gently used coats, hats, scarves and gloves to the Market Street Mission Coat Drive. Items are needed for men, women and children. There are collection boxes in both the Church House and Narthex and donations will be accepted through Friday, October 28. These items will be distributed to the needy in the community on Saturday, November 5 at the 26th Annual Coat Giveaway on the Green in Morristown. Help to bring the warmth and comfort to those in need this winter! Thanks for your support!

Church Anniversary

300th Anniversary Commemorative Items

Beginning in October, the Tricentennial Committee will be selling the items designed for BRPC's 300th Anniversary following all worship services. Until that time, they are available at the church house office during regular business hours. If you wish to purchase any of the items, please bring a check payable to BRPC or cash in the exact amount to the office and you can pick up the item(s). The prices are as follows:

300th Anniversary Christmas Ornament—\$25	Brass Ornament Stand—\$5
Stationary with Painting of the Church at Christmas-\$10	Large Car Magnet—\$3
Small Car Magnet—\$2	

Trustee Update

New Update on The Basking Ridge Oak Tree

For as long as this congregation has been blessed with the presence of this representation of God's creation, we have strived to be good stewards. In reviewing the current situation, we are confident in saying that all viable interventional steps have been explored and care has been provided in every reasonable way. Nonetheless, the tree has taken a significant turn for the worse over the summer and the hopes for renewed vitality have not been realized. We have reached a point where the condition of the tree is quite evident and the ultimate prognosis is no longer in question.

Accordingly the decision has been made to now first proceed with an extensive program of appropriate pruning / reduction for the purposes of limb load relief and safety. This step will be implemented this fall.

Additionally, a study team will focus on the subsequent steps to be taken and the establishment of a step by step future work plan. This effort will consider the various practical and logistical factors as well as crafting plans for appropriately memorializing the tree in a dignified manner. Included in this process will be the review of the numerous fine suggestions that have been provided by members of the congregation and the local community.

Throughout this process we, as a congregation have been deeply moved by the thought of the loss of a living monument that has been an ever-present part of the place that we call home. Very shortly we will begin a year of celebration of 300 years of sharing God's love - remembering our past, and being open to God's direction as we move forward. We look to similarly celebrate the magnificent gift that this tree has been and to find a special way to honor it.

- The Trustees of BRPC, September 13, 2016

Session Highlights

September Session Highlights

- Session passed a motion granting the Tri-centennial Committee approval to sell the following items on Kickoff Sunday and during the upcoming year: Ornaments, Car Magnets, and Note Cards
- Session approved the job description for the Full Time/Non-Ordained Youth Ministry Position. Karen Johnson, Chair of the Personnel Council, is asking the Congregation at large for suggested names for the search committee.
- A full copy of the minutes are always available for review at the Church Office.

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 25

Early Bird Bible Study, 8:00 am	Library
Worship, 9:00 am	Chapel
Fellowship Time, 9:45 am	Westminster Hall
Worship, 10:15 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:15 am	Westminster Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 am	Library
Fellowship Time, 11:15 am	Westminster Hall
Exploring Membership Class, 11:30 am	Parlor

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 26

Leisure Learning, 9:00 am	Sanctuary
Adult Ed. Committee, 7:00 pm	Geneva Room
Deacons, 7:00 pm	Parlor
Tree House Board, 7:30 pm	Library

TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 27

Walk & Talk, 8:30 am	Off-site
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 am	Geneva Room
Spirit Program, 4:00 pm	Westminster Hall
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 pm	Knox Room
Small Group, 7:00 pm	Off-Site
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 pm	Knox Room

WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 28

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am	Parlor
Youth Music, 5:00 pm	Knox Room
Middle School Fellowship, 6:00 pm	Youth Center
Stephen Ministry Training, 7:30 pm.	Library

THURSDAY—SEPTEMBER 29

Women's Group, 9:30 am	Youth Center
Stewardship Council, 7:30 am	Library
Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 pm	Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:30 pm	Youth Center
Men's Choir, 8:30 pm	Knox Choir

FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 30

Wedding Rehearsal: Felter, 6:00 pm	Sanctuary
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SATURDAY—OCTOBER 1

Wedding: Felter, 3:30 pm	Sanctuary
Oak Table Service, 5:00 pm	Westminster Hall

October 2

9:00 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Services

"Disciples Take Their Faith Home"

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Dr. Maureen Paterson, preaching

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