“It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.”

— Mother Teresa
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 a.m. Nursery care is available for children age 2 years and younger.
10:15 a.m. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger. Children ages 3—grade 5 may go to Sunday School after the Message for Children. Middle School Students are invited to Bibles & Bagels in the Church House Library after the Message for Children. The first Sunday of the month, children in grades 3 and up are invited to remain in worship with their families.

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. in Westminster Hall
MARCH 3, 2018
OAK TABLE SERVICE
(Please prepare prayerfully for worship and be sure all cell phones are turned off.)

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP
*GATHERING SONGS

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Be the Center

HYMN 452
by Michael Frye

OPENING PRAYER
SCRIPTURE
Psalm 78: 1-8, Matthew 25: 1-13
MESSAGE
When the Unexpected Takes You By Surprise
Dr. Jim Morris

OFFERING
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
(All of the Communion bread is gluten-free.)

SPECIAL MUSIC
I Surrender All
by Judson W. VanDeVenter
& Winfield S. Weeden

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
I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

BENEDICTION
Order of Worship
9:00 a.m. ~ Chapel; 10:15 a.m. ~ Sanctuary
MARCH 4, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
(As the prelude begins, please prepare prayerfully for worship
and be sure all cell phones are turned off.)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (10:15) Maggie Caputo, Acolyte
PRELUDE (10:15) Lenten Prelude by Chris Fortin
Youth Bell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYMN 366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Merciful God,
in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against
ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profits and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE God, You Invite Us by Chris Fortin
*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.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:15)
  WELCOME
  Leader: Let us welcome our new members.
  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.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN (10:15)
  (Children ages 3 - grade 2 may go to Sunday School.
  Children in grades 3 and up are invited to remain in worship.)

*HYMN (10:15)  Break Thou the Bread of Life  HYMN 460

  Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
  People:  Thanks be to God.

SERMON            Invitation to Practice the Presence of People  Rev. Dennis W. Jones

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING (10:15) Dr. Maureen Paterson
  OFFERTORY (10:15)  I Give to You a New Commandment  by Peter Nardone
                     Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY        Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow  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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
  Minister: The Lord be with you.
  People:   And also with you.
  Minister: Lift up your hearts
  People:   We lift them up to the Lord.
  Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  People:   It is right to give our thanks and praise.
  Minister: Let us pray......
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING THE BREAD AND FRUIT OF THE VINE

(All of the Communion bread is gluten-free.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

People: Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,

All: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Women’s Retreat

Linda Metcalfe

*CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

HYMN 547

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (10:15)

Kingsfold

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Lenten daily devotional At the Crossroads is still available in Westminster
Hall, outside the Chapel and in the Narthex for personal use during this season.

Taizé Service of Prayer

Taizé Service of Prayer - Oak Table Service on Saturday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.

Taizé, a small village in the hills of Burgundy, France, has been the home of an
ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer, three times each day, is at
the center of their lives. The community works for the reconciliation of all of
humanity with the Church as a place of communion for all. Song and scripture
are the essential elements of this form of worship. The songs, by using just a
few words, express a basic reality of faith. When sung over many times, the
songs have a meditative quality that penetrates the whole being so they remain
in our hearts and minds, enabling us to continue our prayer after we resume our
daily lives. We invite you to join us and allow Christ to speak to you through
Church Family

The Flowers on the Piers this morning are given to the glory of God:
~ By John and Cindy Tran, in thanks to Pastor Maureen and the church for your prayers and continued love and support for our newborn baby Bella Vi Tran.
~ In loving memory of Don Wadsworth, by a friend.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Would you like to contribute to the flowers to celebrate a joyful event, share a memory or honor a loved one or rejoice in God’s many gifts? There is one pier opening on April 1 and 8. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact Debbie Schaub at 908-507-3844; or email debbie.schaub@verizon.net.

Our Greeters at the 10:15 a.m. service are Charlotte Peterman, Helen Mallon & Luke Govan.

Join us for coffee hour and fellowship following worship in Westminster Hall, hosted by the Scott and Joan Eichhorn after the 9 a.m. service and Ken and Karen Skoglund after the 10:15 a.m. service.

Welcoming Team Nametags - Scott Eichhorn will be in Westminster Hall following the 10:15 a.m. service with nametags for those who ordered them. You may also place an order if you have not yet done so.

Meet Our New Members
Today we welcome new members that the Lord has brought to our congregation. During our 10:15 a.m. worship service, our new members will come forward to be warmly received into our congregation. We joyfully welcome the following to The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge:

- Angela and Jack* Looby
- Heather and Frank Tafur
- Melanie, Fabian

*Non-member

Music Ministries

Conversation with Chris, Today at 4 p.m., Church House Parlor
Our music director, Chris Fortin, will discuss Dan Forrest’s 2014 Requiem for the Living to be performed on March 18 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary by our oratorio choir and instrumentalists. In an interview format Chris will answer why this requiem was selected, how he prepared for it, who Dan Forrest is, and what to listen for. A short video of Dan Forrest will be shown and there will be ample time for questions. For more information please contact Evelyn Drake 908-766-9282 (endrake@verizon.net).

The Reverend Ian Rankine will be installed as the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Pluckemin on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. All are warmly invited to attend.
Lenten Season

Lenten Sermon & Small Group Series — Invitations from God

We continue with our Lenten theme in our sermon series and our small groups, Invitations From God, inspired by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun's book, Invitations from God: Accepting God's Offer to Rest, Weep, Forgive, Wait, and Remember. The book is readily available at Amazon in both paperback and Kindle and we hope you have purchased a copy to read as part of your personal Lenten journey, or to participate in one of the small groups.

Come to one of the Lenten Small Groups:

- Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Bob and Eleanor Taylor, 141 Childs Road, Basking Ridge.
- Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Church House Parlor led by Maureen Paterson (Women’s Bible Study).
- Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Church House Parlor led by Dennis Jones.

Lenten Music & Meditation

Wednesday 12pm Services followed by Luncheon ($7)

- March 7th: Kathryn Krasovec, soprano
- March 14th: BRPC Chamber Singers
- March 21st: Merynda Adams, harp
  Amy Butler-Visscher, cello

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Lenten Season...continued

**Lenten Mission Offering and Food Drive**
Help us to support two local mission partners throughout the Lenten season.

**Safe and Sound (formerly Women's Resource Center)**  
Safe and Sound continues to operate a women’s shelter on a BRPC property for those escaping domestic abuse. This invaluable ministry provides healing and hope to women and children who often leave their homes with very few possessions and provides shelter and services as they rebuild their lives. Our Lenten offering will support the Safe House Resident's Fund which is used to help with emergency needs. Please mark "Safe and Sound" on your envelope or memo line of your check.

**Food Drive for God's Co-Op Pantry**
Each month approximately 300 bags are given to over 130 individuals and families. Clients include local residents of Ridge Oak, veterans and local residents living below the poverty level. Please bring items from the list below to the marked boxes in the Church House, Westminster Hall and the Narthex.

- 4 lb bags meseca flour
- 5 lb bags rice
- 24 oz vegetable oil
- 1 lb bags dried black beans
- Powdered chicken bullion
- Large cans tomatoes
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Pasta sauce
- Macaroni & cheese

**Easter Lilies**

Celebrate the Memory of Loved Ones
The lilies that grace our sanctuary at Easter are gifts from members of our congregation given in memory of loved ones. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact the Church Office by **Thursday, March 22**. The cost is $15. Names of those honored will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**Youth and Young Adult Ministries**

**Middle School Youth**
**Middle School Fellowship**—Dinner, discussion and games in the Youth Center of the Church House.
Wednesday, March 7—join us as we make Pysanky (Ukranian Easter Eggs) after dinner.
Wednesday, March 14—be on time, as we will leave by 6:05 p.m. to go to Ridge Oak for pizza, bingo and ice cream sundaes with the senior residents. If your child will arrive later, please bring them directly to Ridge Oak’s main building on Manchester Drive.

**Middle School Bibles & Bagels**—start at 10:15 a.m. worship then go to the church house library for bagels & a lively discussion. This month we will meet on Sundays March 11 & 18.

**Senior YOUTH**
**Confirmation Overnight Retreat**—March 10-11—come to experience a Seder and learn why Holy Week and Easter are so important to our faith journey.

**Senior YOUTH Fellowship**—March 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, followed by a lively discussion and games led by Caroline, Connor and Cathi.
Mission

Join us for the 2018 Ecuador Mission Trip
For the 8th time, BRPC will send a mission team to work in Ecuador, from July 7 to July 14, 2018. The team will return for the fourth time to work in La Union, a severely impoverished island barrio in the Guayas River. Our core work will continue to be building simple cane houses for families as well as painting the school and providing instruction in sewing.

We have continued to serve the people of La Union since the 2016 mission trip by continuing to provide 2 nurses to run the health clinic we built in 2014; supplying of materials for the building of a shelter for children at the school; providing the material for the building of two houses for families in crisis – the labor was provided by members of the community. We also provided oversight of the 20 ecological, composting toilets we built in 2016.

If you enjoy hard work, fulfilling service, working with wonderful people and are interested in joining the team, please email or call Judy Pasnik at judy13@att.net - 908-568-6343.

Women’s Ministry

Deepening Faith Through Christian Mindfulness

A Women’s Retreat
Led by Linda Metcalfe

Saturday, March 24, 2018
9 AM – 3 PM

Held at the Fellowship Deaconry Retreat Center in Liberty Corner, NJ (just 4 miles from BRPC).

Sponsored by the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church
Registration begins in February – space is limited.

A registration table will be available during coffee hour on March 4 and 11.

The registration fee is $35. Checks may be made out to the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church.
Children and Family Ministries

Children’s Mid-Week Update

So much is happening in Children and Families Ministries! Please be sure to mark your calendars for the great things coming up! Come join us for our Mid-week Ministry program Tuesdays 4:15-5:30. Thanks to Dotty Dameo for joining us last week with her therapy dog, Nikki. We all learned a lot and had a good time. We are in the midst of planning something “egg”stra special after the 10:15 service on March 25. You won’t want to miss it! We’ll have an “egg”cellent encore on March 27 following the midweek program: please join us for a pizza dinner and egg-coloring 5:30-6:30. Planning summer camps and getaways yet? We hope you include July 30-August 3 to set sail on a Bible adventure with us. "Shipwrecked" registration details coming soon! LOTS of volunteers needed!! Please contact Susan Ward at sward@brpc.org or Beth Donley at bethdonley@ymail.com with any questions.

It’s About BRPC’s Future!

We need your help to identify additional candidates for the very important role of Deacon at BRPC. A sense of God’s call to serve, coupled with a willingness to dedicate your energy to moving God’s work forward, is much more important than any particular set of skills or talents.

Please prayerfully consider whether you can serve in this significant role in the life and ministries of BRPC. As a Deacon, you will carry out a ministry of care, communication and hospitality to all BRPC members. Deacon responsibilities include delivering food and/or flowers to those going through illness, loss of a loved one, or birth of a child, hosting memorial & funeral receptions, organizing Sunday morning greeters and coffee hour hosts, and overall care for church members in a cluster.

To recommend yourself or another BRPC member, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office or to “nominating@brpc.org”

The Nominating Committee: Rev. Dennis Jones (ex-officio), Ellen Johnson (Trustee), Dotty Dameo (Deacon), Sue Brewer, Bill Gretta, Pat Haines, Meghan Klinger, David Klippel, and Don Grossmann (Elder, Chair).

CHURCH OFFICER CANDIDATE FOR DEACON NOMINATION

Candidate Name: _________________________________

I believe this person would be a good candidate because:

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Weekly Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 4
Early Bird Study, 7:45 am............. Library
Adult Small Group, 9:00 am .......... Parlor
Worship, 9:00 am..................... Chapel
Fellowship Time, 9:45 am .......... Westminster Hall
Worship, 10:15 am................... Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:15 am.......... Westminster Hall
Fellowship Time, 11:15 am ......... Westminster Hall
Nominating Comm., 11:30 am .... Library
Conversation with Chris, 4:00 pm ...... Parlor
Confirmation Class and Dinner, 5:00 pm Youth Center

MONDAY—MARCH 5
Session, 7:30 pm .................... Parlor

TUESDAY—MARCH 6
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 am.......... Geneva Room
Children’s Mid-Week Min, 4:15 pm Westminster Hall
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 pm .......... Knox Room
Adult Small Group, 7:15 pm...... Off-Site
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 pm .......... Knox Room

WEDNESDAY—MARCH 7
Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 am ...... Parlor
Lenten Music & Meditation, 12:00 pm Sanctuary
Lenten Luncheon, 12:30 pm ........ Westminster Hall
Youth Music, 5:00 pm............... Knox Room
Lenten Small Group, 6:00 pm ...... Parlor
Middle School Fellowship, 6:00 pm Youth Center
Oratorio Choir, 7:30 pm............. Knox Room
Stephen Ministry, 7:30 pm......... Parlor

THURSDAY—MARCH 8
Stewardship Council, 7:30 pm .... Library
Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 pm .......... Knox Room
Oratorio Choir, 8:30 pm .......... Knox Room

FRIDAY—MARCH 9
SATURDAY—MARCH 10
Confirmation Retreat, 4:00 pm .... Youth Center
Oak Table Service, 5:00 pm........ Westminster Hall

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