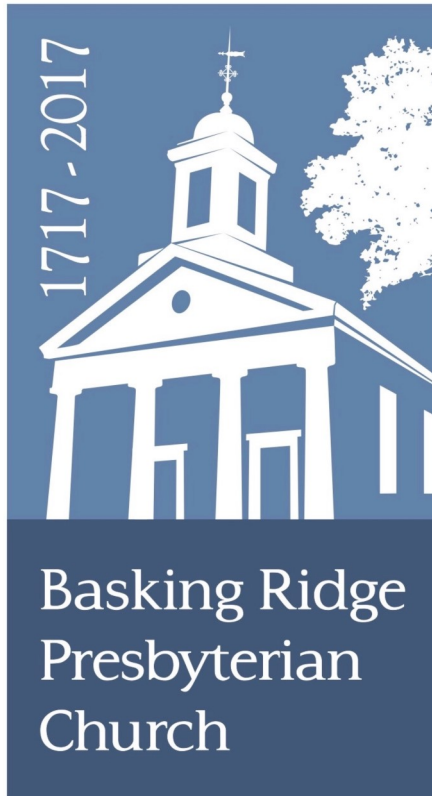


# The Presbyterian Church

BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY    FOUNDED CIRCA 1717

January 5 and 6, 2019



I am not alone at all, I thought.

I was never alone at all.

And that, of course, is the message of Christmas.

We are never alone.

Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest,  
the world seemingly most indifferent.

For this is still the time God chooses.

*~Taylor Caldwell*

# Welcome

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**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.

## Nursery Care

Our warm and loving Nursery is staffed for our 10:15 a.m. worship service with two child care providers caring for children, infants through age 2. Parents may leave their children while they attend worship in the Sanctuary. The worship service will be live streamed into the Nursery for parents who wish to stay with their children and watch the service. During the 9 a.m. worship service, the Nursery is available as a parents' room. Please speak with our Director of Ministry to Children and their Families, Stacy Currie, if you have any questions or to find out more about our ministry to children.

## Sunday School

At the 10:15 a.m. worship service after the *Message for Children*, children ages 3 through grade 5 may go to Sunday School, and Middle School Students may go to Bibles & Bagels in the Church House Library. On the first Sunday of the month, children in grades 3–middle school remain in worship for the full hour.

## Online Sermons

Recorded audio sermons from most Sundays are available on the church website at [www.brpc.org](http://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*

JANUARY 5, 2019

OAK TABLE SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONGS	<i>I Could Sing of Your Love Forever</i> <i>We Three Kings</i>	by Martin Smith HYMN 151
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OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2: 1-12	p. 2
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MESSAGE	Dr. Maureen Paterson
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OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Go Outside</i>	by Robbie Seay Band
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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>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	HYMN 150
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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# Order of Worship

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

JANUARY 6, 2019

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE (10:15)

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Willis/arr. McDonald/Wood  
*O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam/arr. McDonald/Wood  
Merynda Adams, harp

WORDS OF WELCOME

(10:15) Dr. Maureen Paterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world! Psalm 8: 1-5

**People: Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

Leader: You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**People: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

Leader: what are human beings that you should be mindful of them?  
Mortals that you should seek them out?

**People: You have made them but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn them with glory and honor.**

\*HYMN

*Gather Us In*

HYMN 401

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!**

Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior,  
the Son of God who became one of us, saying:  
The grace of God be with us all.

O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place  
where the Word of Life is not yet received.

Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known  
through all the earth.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your Church to every place,  
make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of  
Nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted,  
strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen.  
Watch over the lonely and those in danger.  
Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

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.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN (10:15)

Stacy Currie

*O Come, with Body and Mind*

by Helen Kemp

**O, Come, with body and mind.**

**O, Come, with spirit and voice.**

**Bring the whole person, bring the whole person,  
Come, let's sing and rejoice.**

(Children ages 3—grade 2 are invited to attend Sunday School.

Children grades 3 and up are invited to remain in worship.)

\*HYMN (10:15)

*We Three Kings (vs. 1, 2, 5)*

HYMN 151

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

**Home by Another Way**

Rev. Dennis W. Jones

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY (10:15)

*Greensleeves*

English Melody  
arr. Kim Robertson

\*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 (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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SERVING THE BREAD AND FRUIT OF THE VINE

(ALL OF THE COMMUNION BREAD IS GLUTEN FREE)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:15)

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Rossetti/Holst

*Breath of Heaven*

Chris Eaton/Amy Grant

Merynda Adams, harp

### 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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

\*CLOSING HYMN

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

HYMN 150

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (10:15)

*Joy to the World*

Handel

Merynda Adams, harp

arr. McDonald/Wood

*Special thanks to harpist, Merynda Adams  
for sharing her gift of music with us this morning.*

## Church Family

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

~ *In gratitude for the hope and blessings of a New Year!*

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 and cost \$42 per pier. **There are pier openings on January 13 and 20.** If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact Debbie Schaub at 908-507-3844; *NEW e-mail address, dschaub23@gmail.com.*

flowers



**Our Greeters** for the 10:15 am service are Courtney and Willem Rijkssen, Marilou Howe and Carter Nowack.

## Spiritual Development

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**Women's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor**

A new study on the book of Romans led by Dr. Maureen Paterson will begin on January 9th. New members are always welcome. Come when you can for prayer, discussion and learning together.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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**Confirmation Family Dinner**—Join us today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

**Middle School Wednesday Fellowships:**

January 9: 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Games in the Youth Center

January 16: 5:30-7:30 p.m.—We will head to Ridge Oak Senior Center for pizza and to lead Bingo for the residents.

**Middle School —Friday Fun Night, Jan. 11 from 5-10 p.m. in the Youth Center**

*Due to schedule conflicts, the overnight component has been cancelled* Join us for dinner, spiritual games, and our own “chopped” dessert bake off! RSVP to Cathi (908) 240-2060.

**Senior High Fellowship—Sunday, January 13 in the Youth Center**

6-7:30 p.m.—Fellowship with Dinner and Games

7:30-8 p.m.—Optional time to hang out with Friends

## Stewardship

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**Stewardship 2019—Gifts of Love**

We are so grateful and inspired at the Generosity of the Congregation! Thanks to all of you who have made pledge commitments for 2019 in response to prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to do. Those of you still in thought and prayer about your commitment to the mission and ministry of our church are encouraged to return a pledge card as soon as possible so we can complete our plans for this new year. We are counting on you!

*"Let love be your greatest aim..."-1 Corinthians 14: 1a*

# Weekly Calendar

## SUNDAY—JANUARY 6

Early Bird Study, 7:45 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
Fellowship Time, 11:15 am .....	Westminster Hall
Nominating Comm., 11:30 am .....	Library
Confirmation Class and Dinner, 4:30 pm	Youth Ctr.

## MONDAY—JANUARY 7

Session, 7:30 pm.....	Parlor
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## TUESDAY—JANUARY 8

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 am.....	Geneva Room
Children's Mid-Week Ministry, 4:15 pm	West. Hall
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 pm.....	Knox Room
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 pm.....	Knox Room
Scout Troop # 351, 7:30 pm .....	Youth Center

## WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 9

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am .....	Parlor
Middle School Fellowship, 6:00 pm	Youth Center
Youth & Young Adult Min., 7:00 pm	Parlor
Cemetery Heritage Comm., 7:30 pm	Geneva Room

## THURSDAY—JANUARY 10

Sanctuary Choir, 7:00 pm .....	Knox Room
Women's Choir, 8:15 pm.....	Knox Room

## FRIDAY—JANUARY 11

Middle School Fun Night, 5:00 pm .	Youth Center
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## SATURDAY—JANUARY 12

Oak Table Service, 5:00 pm .....	Westminster Hall
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### God's Co-Op Pantry

Please bring in donations of the item listed below for God's Co-Op Pantry to help those in need in our surrounding community. Donations may be brought to the church house. Thanks for your generous support!

January—24 oz. Vegetable Oil



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