The Presbyterian Church

BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOUNDED CIRCA 1717

August 17 and 18, 2019

Vacation Bible School Celebration Weekend



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His faithful love endures forever."

~Psalm 106:1

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.

Nursery Care

Our warm and loving Nursery is staffed for our Sunday morning worship service with two child care providers caring for children 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. 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.

Summer Sunday School will run through August 11 for children ages 3 yrs. through rising 2nd graders. Please contact Stacy Currie at scurrie@brpc.org with questions.

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 whole-heartedly.

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

August 17, 2019

OAK TABLE SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING SONGS A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Shield About Me

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 106: 1

MESSAGE Kim Pagano, Amanda and Norah Hughes

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC Shepherd of My Soul by Evan Wickham

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

O Christ, Surround Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

August 18, 2019

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Chris Fortin

Organ and Handbells

WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Maureen Paterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O let us give thanks to the Lord, **People:** for the love of God will never end.

Leader: Let we who love God be unashamed to declare it, **People:** because God has answered our cries for help.

Leader: The Lord our God has met our every need,

People: we will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord!

*HYMN SING Favorites of the Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Forgive us, O God,

when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face.

Strengthen us to walk in your brightness

and live in your ways. Enlighten the shadows

that keep us from growing

in your love and light.

Shower us with your grace,

that we might shine as your people upon this earth. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

All Praise and Glory

by Chris Fortin



^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

*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.

VBS MUSIC

(Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God HYMN 275

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 106 vs. 1 p.557 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Life is Wild, God is Good

Stacy Currie, Stefani Kuhn, Joanna Messineo

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Walk Together Children arr. by Moses Hogan

Nancy Deutsch, solo

*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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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*CLOSING HYMN O Christ, Surround Me HYMN 543

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Lobe den Herren arr. Richard A. Williamson

Reverend Dennis Jones is on medical leave, following recent surgery, and will return to the office on September 4. He is grateful for your continued prayers.

Church Family

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

~ By Jim and Susan Felter, in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Jim and Susan were married by Dr. Felmeth on August 18, 1979 at BRPC and celebrated with a Reception in Westminster Hall.

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 two pier openings on August 25, September 8 and 29. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our new flower coordinator, Ellen Johnson, at 908-285-1638; e-mail address, flowers@brpc.org.

Our Greeters this morning are Joanne Hamilton and Dotty Dameo.

Join us for Lemonade in the Shade of the church house courtyard following the service, hosted by the Govan family.

Children and Family Ministries

Special thanks to all our Vacation Bible School volunteers who made this week a success by using their time, talent and love for children! We had a ROARING great time while learning about God and his love for all of us.

Emma Alexis Joanna Messineo Kate Balboni Liz Messineo Ruth Bashe Carter Nowack Dan Bliss Hunter Nowack Rebecca Creswell Sidney Nowack Kim Pagano Beth Donley Meredith Donnelly Ally Pellegrino Jackie Faltas Kate Prins Marcella Gorsky Angus Rankine Lindsay Healy Daniel Ryder Tiffany Hill Katie Ryder Amanda Hughes Patrick Tharrett Teresa Jones Kevin Ward Stefani Kuhn Cassidy Wyman Sharjah M'Bodji Alice Yeo Kailey McCabe

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

High School (Rising 9 - 12 gr) Dinner/Pool Party - Sunday, August 25 from 2-7 p.m. at Cathi Reckenbeil's home (408 W. County Dr., Branchburg). Rain Date is Monday, August 26 from 5 - 9 p.m. at Cathi's home.

Middle School (Rising 6 - 8 gr) Dinner/Pool Party - Tuesday, August 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Dick and Betsy Fryling's home. Rain Date is Wed., August 28 (same time & place).

Opportunity to Give and Serve

Interfaith Hospitality Hosting Week—September 8-15

We will once again be hosting homeless families here at BRPC from September 8-15. We need volunteers as evening, dinner, and overnight hosts in addition to helpers to set up beds and wash the linens. Please sign up online at brpc.org and thanks for your generous support!

Fall Block Party



Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY—AUGUST 18 Worship, 9:30 am			
CIC Family Support Group, 7:00 pm Parlor			
FRIDAY—AUGUST 23 SATURDAY—AUGUST 24			
Oak Table Service, 5:00 pm Westminster Hall			
Important Dat	es		
September 15	Fall Kick-Off and Block Party		
September 22	Launch of New Worship Schedule Saturdays—5 pm, Sundays—10 am		

Cultivating Spiritual Resiliency

Exploring Membership Class



September 29

A Women's Retreat Led by Linda Metcalfe

> Saturday, September 28, 2019 9 AM – 3 PM

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

Register online at brpc.org. Cost is \$35.

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