

# The Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 18, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Gaudio Exsultans*  
Knox Bell Choir  
Kristen Wuest, flute

by Valerie W. Stephenson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our ears  
**to hear your word.**  
Open our eyes  
**to see your presence.**  
Open our arms  
**to the embrace of community.**  
Open our minds  
**to the beauty of truth.**  
Open our hearts  
**to the joy of new life.**  
Come, let us worship God.

\*HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Maureen Paterson

**Gracious and compassionate God,**  
**your love for us is unflinching and unending,**  
**but we confess that our love for you is uneven.**  
**We ask for your help, but act as though we saved ourselves.**  
**We ask for your forgiveness, but repeat the same mistakes.**  
**We ask for your grace, but live as though it wasn't present.**  
**So renew us once again, O Lord.**  
**Set us free from a past we cannot change;**  
**open us to a future in which we can be changed;**  
**and guide us through the gift of your Holy Spirit.**  
**We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*This Is the Day*

by Chris Fortin

1 C Gm Bb C C/E Eb G(sus4) G

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us de - clare our thanks and praise.

7 F E7 Am F C/E F G(sus4) G7 C

God has re - deemed and for - giv - en, through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior. A - men.

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**and also with you.**

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Elder Tina Bramel

*Sydney Ashley Carlo*

Daughter of Betsy & Richard Carlo

*and*

*Beckett Gene Mulvihill*

Son of Sarah & Tyler Mulvihill

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 triune 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 Sydney & Beckett by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of this church? If so, please say "we do."

**People: We do.**

THE BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Elder: Let us welcome Sydney & Beckett.

**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.**

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Stacy Currie

(Children ages preschool –grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Children in grades 6 and up are invited to remain in worship. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

\*HYMN 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 12:1-9 (p. 10)

Ken Warman

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Retirement Lessons From Abraham**

Dennis Jones, Pastor

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Go Into the World*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Kristen Wuest, flute

words by Melissa Moll  
music by Hal H. Hopson

\*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 THE PEOPLE

### 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 719

*Come, Labor On*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Jerusalem*

by C. Hubert H. Parry

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

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for fellowship in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

## Flowers

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### The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

- ~In loving memory of Timothy S. Canary, Jr., by his grandparents.
- ~In honor of Jean Roy Lamp's 94th birthday today, by Wendy Potter.
- ~In loving memory of Nancy Wisneiski, whose Memorial Service was held in our Sanctuary yesterday, by her family.

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 openings in September. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at [flowers@brpc.org](mailto:flowers@brpc.org).



## Calendar of Events

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### **Sunday, September 18**

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Westminster Hall & Calvin Hall  
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library  
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall  
Middle School Fellowship, 5:30 p.m., Youth Center

### **Monday, September 19**

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary-Chapel  
Youth & Young Adult Council, 6:30 p.m.  
Children & Families Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m.  
Personnel Council, 7:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, September 20**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.  
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms  
Children Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary  
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room  
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center  
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

### **Wednesday, September 21**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor  
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

### **Thursday, September 22**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.  
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary  
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday, September 23**

Youth Retreat, Spruce Lake Retreat Center

### **Saturday, September 24**

Youth Retreat, Spruce Lake Retreat Center

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