

**The Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost, September 4, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

*Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.*

PRELUDE

Bill Watson, organ

Selections by Louis Lefebure-Wely

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Maureen Paterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who thirst, come to the waters.

**The world is a bit hot and dry. We are somewhat parched.**

Come, all who thirst, come to the waters.

**We have drunk of other fountains and have not been quenched.**

Come, all who thirst, come to the waters.

**God's invitation is tempting.**

Come, all who thirst, come to the waters.

**Alright, we'll come! Lead us, O God, to your promised oasis in the desert.**

\*SUMMER HYMN SING

#610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

#375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

#4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, from whom all blessings flow, we confess sin is like sand.**

**The grains may be tiny, but they cling to every nook and cranny.**

**Over time, the grains accumulate forming deserts in our communities.**

**We have formed food deserts, opportunity deserts, health care deserts.**

**We have judged certain neighborhoods not worthy of fresh produce,  
economic investment, and the attention of health care providers.**

**Forgive us when human society allows the desert sands to blow through  
unchecked. Enable us to join in your blessing of living water for parched  
people. Amen.**

DECLARATION 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

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

\*HYMN 625

*How Great Thou Art*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 4:5-15 (pp. 94-95)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Oasis**

Rev. Katja Gruening

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Meditation*

by Cécile Chaminade

Tom Verchot, trumpet  
Bill Watson, organ

\*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

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN 363

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
trumpet & organ

arr. Mark Cabaniss

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

*Special thanks to Bill Watson & Tom Verchot for sharing their musical talents with us today.*

Please join us for Lemonade in the Shade in the Church House Courtyard immediately following worship.

## Flowers

**The Flowers are given to the glory of God.**

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).



**FALL**  
**WELCOME**  
**BACK**  
**BRUNCH**  


Please plan to be a part of our church family as we welcome Dennis back and join together to begin another year!

There will be good food, opportunities for fellowship and a chance to see each other after summer vacations, as well as fun and games for the entire family.

**Sunday, September 11th following worship.**

**E. Allen Street Parking Lot (Rain location: Westminster Hall)**

## Calendar of Events

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### **Sunday, September 4**

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.

Lemonade in the Shade 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard

### **Monday, September 5**

Labor Day, offices closed

### **Tuesday, September 6**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms

Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.

Scout Troop # 351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Session, 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, September 7**

### **Thursday, September 8**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday, September 9**

### **Saturday, September 10**

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, 10:00 a.m., Camp Johnsonburg Retreat Center, Hybrid Meeting

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