

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
4th Sunday after Epiphany, January 29, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Alpha Bell Choir

arr. Dan R. Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP

God alone is our refuge and hope,
God is our shelter and protection.
From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fail.
We gather to lift our voices in praise of God.
We bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.
Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.
Together, let us worship God.

*HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Toby Montgomery

Director of Youth, Young Adults & their Families Ministry

Faithful God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to you.
You require us to do justice, yet we conform
to the standards of our world and do not work for change.
You ask us to love kindness, but we fail to be caring friends
and neglect those who are different from us.
You ask us to walk humbly with you,
yet we often take you for granted and seek our own way.
O God, remind us again of your steadfast love
and your call upon our lives.
Give us strength to do what you desire.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

by Chris Fortin

1 E B/D# C#m E7/B A F#m
Glo - ry to God! We are for - giv - en. Ho - san - na in the
4 G#m7 C#m7 A B7 E
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*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

Andrew Prins Vernimb

Elder Kim Pagano

Son of Caroline & Philip Vernimb

Sponsors: Elizabeth Prins and Daniel Wasilick

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.

Do you, as members of this church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Andrew by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

THE BAPTISM & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Andrew.

**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.**

*HYMN 469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:7-21

Gabe Balboni

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Children ages preschool–grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Middle School students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

SERMON

Where Is Your Treasure?

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven

by Pepper Choplin

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

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

More Precious Than Gold

by Lynn DeShazo

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

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

We invite you to remain in the Sanctuary following worship to attend the Congregational Meeting, then please join us for Fellowship in Westminster Hall.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of her sister, Georgia Harris, by Linda Lutes.

~In loving memory of my husband, John Barrett, by Maureen Barrett.

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 February. 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.

The Rosebud on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Neo Valentino Henriquez on January 24, grandson of Debra Jones.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Westminster Hall
Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Small Group Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Senior High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, January 30

Pantry Special Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31

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
Adult Small Group, 7:15 p.m.
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2

Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Meditation Group, 4:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.
Oratorio Choir, 8:15 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, February 3

PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor

Saturday, February 4

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