

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
1st Sunday in Lent, February 26, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Old Time Gospel Medley
Alpha Bell Choir

arr. Sandra R. Wagner

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks unto the Lord, for God is good.

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or show forth all God's praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise to You, O God

by Chris Fortin

Praise to__ you, O__ God, for__ mer - cy tri - umphs o - ver
judg - ment! Give us strength to speak with hu - mil - i - ty, and to
walk in the ways of__ peace. A - men, a - men.
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*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

Charlotte Rose Bergeron

Elder Jim Felter

Daughter of Amanda & Nicholas Bergeron

Juniper Elouisa Felter

Daughter of Rachel & Charles Felter

Theodore James Felter

Son of Rachel & Charles Felter

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 Charlotte, Juniper & Theodore 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."

We do.

THE BAPTISM & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Charlotte, Juniper & Theodore.

**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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-35 (p. 20)

Isabella Henriquez-Jones

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

How Often Should I Forgive?

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works

by Allen Orton Gibbs

Sanctuary Choir

Janet Lantz, horn

Steve Falker, trumpet

*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 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Darwall's 148th

by John Darwall

Horn, Trumpet & Organ

**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.

Our Acolyte this morning is Grace Healy.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Jeff's mom, Grace "Sue" Schaub, by Jeff and Debbie Schaub.

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 March. 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.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 26

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
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Small Group Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, February 27

Monday Afternoon Book Group, 2:00 p.m.
Spiritual Development, 6:15 p.m.
Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
Children & Families Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m.
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28

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, March 1

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Lenten Music & Meditation, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Lenten Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Westminster Hall
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m. Church House Parlor
Last Days of Jesus, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Yoga Class, 4:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
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, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

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