The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Vacation Bible School Sunday, August 13, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *As the Wind Song Through the Trees* arr. Chris Fortin
Handbell Ensemble & Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME Dennis Jones, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord alone is God;
we belong to the Lord, who made us,
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;
go into the holy courts with praise;
give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.
For good is the Lord,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age. Psalm 100

*HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that often we are afraid and scared
when things in life do not go as planned.
We fail to trust in you and believe in your promises.
We quickly try to find our own solutions and do not
have patience to wait for your presence to be revealed.
Forgive us, Lord, and help us to turn to you in all times
in our lives, and trust in your love and grace. 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.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMAGES

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Jesus Loves the Little Children/ He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. Reeves & Wright
Vacation Bible School Choir

*HYMN 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 139:1-18 (pp. 577-578) Stacy Currie

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

TESTIMONIES OF FAITH
Kate Balboni
Gabe Balboni
Gemma Balboni
Liz Messineo

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY *I'll Walk with God* arr. Dan Coates
Beth Donley, soprano

*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 749 *We Are Called*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Tree of Life* by Chester G. Allen

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

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

We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers and staff who helped to make this year's Vacation Bible School the success that it was! ~Stacy Currie

Jackie Antinozzi
Elise Asay
Kate Balboni
Ruth Bashe
Ashley Bastow
Claire Bastow
Hannah Bastow
Katerine Gomez Bautista
Mason Beder
Annabella Biondo
Betsy Carlo
Beth Donley
Allison Fahey
Ruth Gombas
Grace Healy
Lindsay Healy
Evelyn Helland
Sanvi Inam
Isabella Henriquez-Jones
Brett Lakefield
Liz Messineo
Toby Montgomery
Katie Ryder
Kevin Ward
Violette Ward



Please plan to be a part of our church family as we 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 10th following worship.
Location: Church House Courtyard, Parlor and lawn.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In honor of her mother, Jean Morrow, by Jeri Morrow Thomas.



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 August. 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 Finn Rees Mulvihill on July 12, son of Tyler & Sarah Mulvihill.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 13
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Lemonade in the Shade, 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard

Monday, August 14
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Council, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15
Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 16
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, August 17
Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Meditation Group, 4:30 p.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

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