

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Brenda Day, organ

arr. Buxtehude and Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

All-wise God,

**You know how much we enjoy being honored above others,
and how often we resent the special respect others receive.**

You are aware of the shortcuts we take for our own advantage.

You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are.

You observe not only our actions but our motives as well.

We need your help to put away all that is false

and to discover our true identity as your children.

Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray, in Jesus' name, 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.

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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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

Let us welcome our new members.

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.

SPECIAL HANDBELL MUSIC *Morning Has Broken*
Good News Choir

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP 2024 Come to the Table Karen Donohue
HOME of Somerset County

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and Their Families
Let the Children Come by Helen Kemp

**Let the little children come to me.
Let them come and gather at my knee.
Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?
This is how God's kingdom ought to be.**

(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.)

*HYMN 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Matthew 14:13-21; Luke 24:13-31 Rachel Biondo
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Share the Bread** Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Because He Lives*
Good News 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

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

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 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe in D
Organ

by John S. Dixon

Please join us for Fellowship in the Church House Parlor following worship.

Meet Our New Members

Today we welcome new members that the Lord has brought to our congregation.
We joyfully welcome them to our life and ministry at BRPC!

*Matt & Dana Goad
Don & Barbara Haynes*

*Jill Salisbury
Douglas Smith*

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

Estrid Jones

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

May 23, 1971
November 2, 2023

Jane McArthur

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

May 27, 1965
November 7, 2023

Memorial Services will be planned in the future.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In honor and in memory of our U.S. Veterans, by Jill and Tom Brown.

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 November & December. 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 Weston John Gallegly on November 3, son of Craig & Jennifer, grandson of Mike & Wendy Gallegly.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 12

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., Calvin Hall
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m., Youth Center
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, November 13

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Pantry Committee, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Mission Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Trustees, 7:00 p.m., online
Fellowship Council, 7:30 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, November 14

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Children's Mid-week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Knox Room
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, 7:00 p.m., online
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., Church House Library & online
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, November 15

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Wednesday Night Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m., online
Worship & Music Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m., Blue Cafe

Saturday, November 18

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