

**The Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Consecration Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

*Our Grateful Hymn of Praise*  
Alpha Bell Choir

by Michael Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Jones, Pastor

Hope in God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.

Hope in God, who keeps faith forever.

**I will praise God as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

Come, let us worship God.

\*HYMN 310

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*  
Arthur Rachofsky, trumpet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,**

**take pity on us as we confess our sin.**

**We are not the stewards Christ calls us to be.**

**Riches possess us while others go hungry.**

**We mismanage creation with our pollution and strife.**

**Your goodness is betrayed by our lust for power.**

**We abuse your provision for us by our selfish desires.**

**Help us to hear once again Christ's call to be faithful,**

**and through him forgive us as we repent of our sin and turn from it. 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP 2024 Come to the Table

Elta Johnston

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

*I Give Thanks*  
Children's Choir  
Matthew Oliveira, piano  
Beth Donley, director

by Toni Sullivan

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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

*God of All Creation*  
Sanctuary Choir

Words by Gordon Giles

Music by David Kelley

God of all creation, for whom the church, in liturgy and song,  
has borne faithful witness through the centuries;  
let us be your instruments of praise,  
that in us may be found that new dimension of sound  
which tunes our souls and bodies to the infinite beauty of your truth  
and the profound glory of your eternal light.

\*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.**

\*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **Remembering to Give Thanks** Rev. Ed Halldorson

COME TO THE TABLE PHOTOGRAPHS

PRESENTATION OF 2024 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

\*DEDICATION HYMN 697 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

(As we sing the dedication hymn, please come forward using the center aisle and place your pledge card in the chest. Return to your pew using the side aisle.)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* (17th Century)  
Trumpet and Organ

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

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall immediately following worship, and for the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Westminster Hall Kitchen.  
All are welcome to come and tour the new kitchen!

## 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 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](mailto:flowers@brpc.org).



**The Rosebud on the Communion table** is in celebration of the birth of Theodore James Burns on November 6, son of Taylor & Carolyn Burns, grandson of Jeanne & Michael Poehner.

**A Memorial Service** will be held for Jane McArthur on December 2 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Church House Parlor.

## Calendar of Events

---

### **Sunday, November 19**

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & 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., Calvin Hall  
Grand Opening and Dedication of Westminster Hall Kitchen, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall  
Fellowship & Refreshments 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall  
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center  
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

### **Monday, November 20**

Children & Family Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m., online  
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online  
Personnel Council, 7:30 p.m., online

### **Tuesday, November 21**

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online  
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms  
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room  
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center  
Trustees, 7:00 p.m., online  
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., online  
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

### **Wednesday, November 22**

Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library

### **Thursday, November 23**

Thanksgiving Day-Church Offices Closed

### **Friday, November 24**

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

### **Saturday, November 25**

**The Presbyterian Church**  
One East Oak St., Basking Ridge NJ 07920  
908.766.1616  
info@brpc.org    www.brpc.org