

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent & Tree House Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
Knox Bell Choir

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our dwelling place,
a home of peace and plenty.
The Lord is our dwelling place,
a refuge when trouble is near.
The Lord is our dwelling place,
a temple that will stand forever.
Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin.
We want you to do whatever we ask of you,
but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us.
We want to sit beside you in your glory,
but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering.
We want to be first in your great kingdom,
but we are among the last to serve the least.
Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us
and wash us clean in your saving grace.
All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise to You, O God

by Chris Fortin

Praise to you, O God, for mercy triumphs over
judgment! Give us strength to speak with humility, and to
walk in the ways of peace. Amen, amen.
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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

TREE HOUSE SUNDAY WELCOME

Jen Nowack, Director of Tree House

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Dance, Sing, Clap your Hands

by Douglas Wagner

Matthew Oliveira, piano

Beth Donley, director

Children's Choir

25 YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR DAVID BROWNLEE

Cara Burchett

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?

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(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 647

Give Thanks

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 10:32-52

Allison Fahey

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seating Assignments

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

by Carson P. Cooman

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 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on 'Engelberg'* by Douglas E. Wagner
Organ

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

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall
immediately following worship.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Sue, John and Rosemary Schaub, by Jeff and Debbie Schaub.

~In memory of Hon. Paul D. Perry of Ellis County, Texas, beloved friend of Courtney, Isabelle, and Willem Rijksen.

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.



The Rosebud on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Jackson Joshua Felter, son of Chad & Rachel Felter, grandson of Jim & Susan Felter, on 2/17/24.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 25

HOME of Somerset County, Youth Center
Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
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., Westminster Hall
Sunday Discussion Group, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., online
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Sr. High Bowling Night, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Hall

Monday, February 26

HOME of Somerset County, Youth Center
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Spiritual Development Council, 6:15 p.m., online
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Ministry Engagement Council, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, February 27

HOME of Somerset County, Youth Center
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., Westminster Hall
Tuesday Night Adult Small Group, 7:15 p.m., online
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, February 28

HOME of Somerset County, Youth Center
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library

Thursday, February 29

HOME of Somerset County, Youth Center
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, March 1

HOME of Somerset County, Youth Center
PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor

Saturday, March 2

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