

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Consecration Sunday, November 17, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise
Knox Bell Choir

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this day to the house of God,
We are greeted in peace and in love.
Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator,
We worship in hope and with grace.
Welcome this day to our community of faith,
Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

*OPENING HYMN 401

Gather Us In

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle God, trusting in your tender mercy,
we confess our sin to you with one another.
We confess that we forget you.
We are so concerned for our own comfort that we forget our neighbors.
We are so attached to our own will that we forget yours.
We are so aware of our need, we forget our calling.
We are so pleased with our possessions that we forget that they are yours.
Bring us back to mindfulness, God.
Forgive us, and be generous with your grace.
Heal our hearts, restore your Spirit in us, and re-create us in your image.
Awaken us to your gifts in us, that we might live by them with trust and courage.
Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

God, You Invite Us

by Chris Fortin

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God, You in - vite us to fol - low You, to rest and be made whole. May

5
we Your peo - ple be re - newed in heart and mind and soul.

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

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

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship 2025

Matt Goad

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claire Deutsch Gilroy

Elder Betsy Carlo

Daughter of Lydia & Robert Gilroy

Sponsors: Synne Chapman and Brewster Tisson

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture
Claire by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and
follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

THE BAPTISM & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Claire.

**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.**

(Children ages preschool–grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited
to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark M. Miller

*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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 14:15-23; Matthew 5:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Light For The World

Dennis Jones, Pastor

GATHER US IN PHOTOGRAPHS

DEDICATION OF 2025 PLEDGES

*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

Postlude in D
Organ

arr. Michael Ryan

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

Gabe & Gemma Balboni are our acolytes this morning.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of parents Arthur and Gloria, and brothers Robert, David and Mark by Dolly and Steve Tharp.

~In celebration of the baptism of Claire Deutsch Gilroy, daughter of Lydia Deutsch Gilroy and Robert Gilroy, by Nancy and Edward Deutsch.

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.



The Rosebud on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Declan James Antonelle on 11/8, son of Thomas John and Shannon Antonelle, grandchild of Stacy and Julian Currie.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 17

HOME of Somerset County, 11/17-11/23, Youth Center
Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Music with Ms. Donley Grades 2-5, 9:15 a.m., Chapel
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class Luncheon, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & Library
Potluck with a Purpose, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Agape Hour, 3:45 p.m., Church House Agape Room
Art & Bible for grades 1-5, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Monthly Dinner for families of children grades 5 and under, 5:45 p.m., Westminster Hall
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., online
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room
Gather & Grow, 7:30 p.m., home of Beth Cleary

Wednesday, November 20

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 6:30 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Youth & Young Adult Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library & online
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

Saturday, November 23

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