



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – March 23, 2025

Today is the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Lent is the 40-day season of the Christian year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting, in order to grow closer to God. It is a season of taking stock of one's life in general and one's spiritual life in particular, and to seek repentance, renewal, and rebirth. In some traditions it is when the catechism process happens for those preparing to join the church or be baptized. Lenten Devotionals are available in the Narthex and the Church House. The devotionals are based on the music and readings for the Good Friday worship service.

Lenten Sermon Series - "Lenten Love: Loving Our Neighbor More Fully"

Looking at the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, we will explore the unexpected and transformative ways that Jesus calls us to love our neighbors more fully. The Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Parables of the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, and the Lost Son, and the encounter between Jesus and a vertically challenged tax collector will be among the stories that we experience anew.

Final Lenten Music & Meditation Service - March 26

Join us at noon in the Sanctuary for our final Lenten Music & Meditation. Lunch is provided afterward in Westminster Hall. We'll enjoy the stunning sounds of the Madison String Quartet. A free will offering will be taken to offset our costs and support our special music events. For more info, visit www.brpc.org/worship/friends-of-music.

Spring Oratorio

Join us Sunday, **March 30** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our annual Spring Oratorio! Led by our own Oratorio Choir and Knox Bell Choir with a special guest orchestra, this concert will feature British composer, Philip Stopford's Missa Deus Nobiscum (Mass of God With Us) as well as a sing-along medley of familiar spring hymns. A delicious reception in Westminster Hall will follow. A free will offering will be taken to help cover our costs for this and other special music events. Thanks very much!

Lenten Offering

The Mission Council has designated our mission partner Village to Village Project as our Lenten Offering recipients this year. V2V provides education, healthcare and support to children in Uganda. We will welcome founder and director Laurie Kroll to worship to share about their ministry on **March 30**. Your donations should be marked V2V/Lenten Offering.

Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

Interested in being part of a mission trip to NC to help with hurricane relief? Contact Maureen Paterson to discuss possibilities for an upcoming trip.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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| Palm Sunday, April 13 | Worship service at 10 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt during coffee hour in Westminster Hall. |
| Maundy Thursday, April 17 | Worship service at 7 p.m., Sacrament of Communion |
| Good Friday, April 18 | Prayer Vigil in the chapel from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sign up at brpc.org .
Worship Service at 7 p.m. at Bishop Janes United Methodist Church featuring combined choirs with BRPC. |
| Easter Sunday, April 20 | Worship services at 9 & 10:30 a.m. (note modified times) |

*All services will be live-streamed.

Lenten Toiletry Collection

The Mission Council is sponsoring a Lenten Toiletry Collection for E'Port (Elizabethport Presbyterian Center). E'Port is a gateway to building strong families and strong communities by supporting the physical, intellectual, and social needs of all. They support more than 5,000 economically disadvantaged residents annually through a wide variety of programs. BRPC has supported this important mission for decades, and church member Tom Eicher currently serves as the President of their board.

Collection bins are in Westminster Hall and the Church House. You can also shop through our Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code and having items delivered directly to the church. No specific sizes/products are necessary: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Skin Cream or Lotion, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (adult/children), Dental floss, Disposable razors, Sanitary Napkins, Diapers. Thank you!



Early Birds - Lenten Study through April 13

The Early Birds meet in the Church house parlor at 8:30 am on Sundays, in-person and online. They will be studying Holy Week through the lens of the Book of Mark. Contact Chris Whitlock for more information.

Small Group Bible Study

Please join us on the following two dates for Sunday Morning Discussion Group led by Charles King at 11:15 a.m. in the Church House Parlor and online.

- Today: A Ministry of Reconciliation through Active Listening
- April 6: The Passion According to Luke

Help Us Find Our Director of Music Ministry for Children and Youth

Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church is seeking an energetic, creative, faith-filled candidate to serve as the Director of Music Ministry for Children & Youth. The selected candidate will lovingly bring vision and leadership to create a vibrant and welcoming music ministry program for children and youth from age 3 to grade 8. Visit brpc.org for the job description and directions on how to apply.

Children & Family Ministry

- Sunday School (grades Pre-K-4) at 10:15 a.m. in Calvin Hall. Nursery care is available for those 2 years and younger.
- The Agape Hour for grades Pre-K-Kindergarten, Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 p.m. in the Agape Room of the Church House: Bible story, snack, craft, movement and music.
- 3rd Tuesdays: Art & Bible for grades 1-5, art class based on a Bible verse, at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- 3rd Tuesdays: Family Dinner for families of children grades 5 and under, in Westminster Hall at 5:45 p.m.
- **March 30: Tree House Sunday with ice cream bar after worship in Westminster Hall.** Special guest author, Laura Sassi, will join the celebration.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Bibles & Bagels meets today at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.
- Confirmation Class will be held in the Church House Parlor at 11:15 a.m. today.
- Middle School and Sr. High Fellowship groups meet tonight in the Youth Center at 5 PM & 7 PM, respectively.
- Camp Johnsonburg Spring Retreat: **March 28-30.**
- Middle School Summer Workcamp: We will be attending the "Summer of Service" with "The Philly Project" from **June 25-28**. Please let Kate know if your child might be interested and for more information! This is open to children finishing grades 6-8 this year.
- **Sr. High Fellowship youth are encouraged to register for this summer's Maine Workcamp which will be held July 12-20.** Scan the QR code or go to brpc.org for more details and to reserve your spot. Enjoy Early Bird pricing if you sign up by March 31. Scholarships are available: please reach out to Kate Balboni to discuss financial aid opportunities.

