

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Vacation Bible School Sunday, August 17, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Handbell Ensemble & Organ

arr. Chris Fortin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Jones, Pastor

As we gather in this place,
May the presence of our loving God be with us.
As we gather in this place,
May the love of Christ surround us.
As we gather in this place,
May the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us.

*OPENING HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God we know that in our words and actions
we have failed to show your love to our world.
We have been too busy with our own lives to notice the needs of others.
We have listened to the desires of our hearts and ignored your call
to love our neighbor.
Forgive us Lord, teach us to live in your ways and strengthen us to be your
people through Christ our Lord, 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.

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Whole World in His Hands
Vacation Bible School Choir

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMAGES

(Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.
Children are invited to remain in worship with their families.)

*HYMN 628

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:30-44

Stacy Currie

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONIES OF FAITH

Stacy Currie
Nathan Schwed
Liz Messineo
Devon Jones

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

A Place at the Table
The Finley Singers

by Mary McDonald

*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 543

O Christ, Surround Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyous Praise Unending
Organ

by Lani Smith

Please join us for Lemonade in the Shade on the Church House Courtyard
immediately following worship.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers and staff who helped to make this year's
Vacation Bible School the success that it was! ~Stacy Currie & Nathan Schwed

Gabe Balboni
Kate Balboni
Ashley Bastow
Claire Bastow
Hannah Bastow
Maggie Caputo
Ruby Caputo
Colby Chapman
Allison Fahey

Luca Gilberti
Audrey Goad
Ruth Gombas
Claire Healy
Grace Healy
Lindsay Healy
Evelyn Helland
Amanda Hughes
Ben Hughes

Norah Hughes
Anna Inzano
Camryn Ireland
Karen Johnson
Devon Jones
Cora Kimbal
Nancy Kubn
Stefani Kubn
Brett Lakefield

Kelsey Lakefield
Connie Ledder
Liz Messineo
Allie Pellegrino
Isabella Pellegrino
Isla Rankine
Kevin Ward
Violette Ward

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

Elizabeth Boughton

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

September 28, 1975
August 8, 2025

A Memorial Service will be held on August 27 at 11 a.m. at Fellowship Village.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of our parents Joan and Adam Fischer, in remembrance of their wedding anniversary on August 20, from Karen Zaccaria and Adam Fischer III.

~In celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Barbara and Don Haynes, by Leslie and Bob Mensak.

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. 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.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 17

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.

Lemonade in the Shade, 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard

Monday, August 18

Children & Families Ministry Council, 7:15 p.m., online

Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, August 19

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms

Stephen Ministry, 1:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Wednesday, August 20

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

God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 6:30 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street

Thursday, August 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

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

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