

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 24, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

How Beautiful
Flute & Piano

arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord, with all our heart!

**We will sing Your praises before all creation
and rejoice in Your steadfast love!**

You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself.

In You we become everything You have made us to be!

Come among us this day.

Be present in our worship.

*OPENING HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you made us and set us free from all that binds us to this world,
but we confess that too often we allow ourselves to be shackled to our past,
our mistakes, our regrets and our fears.**

**We listen to the voices of others who name our weaknesses
and judge us by the standards of our day;**

your voice can be drowned out by our own self-criticism and insecurities.

**Help us this day to once again rest in your holiness, claim your freedom
and move forward in the faith given to us through Christ our Savior. 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.**

**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

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 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited remain in worship with their families. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (vv. 1, 2, 4)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 103:1-8 and Luke 13:10-17

Annabella Biondo

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Do You See?

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

arr. Joel Raney

Flute & Piano

*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 772

Live into Hope

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord
Flute & Piano

arr. Joel Raney

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

Special thanks to Linda Loria and Kristen Wuest for sharing their musical talents with us today
while Chris Fortin is away. Dennis Jones is on vacation and will return on September 2.



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 September. 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 24

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

Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall

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

God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street

Monday, August 25

Spiritual Development, 6:30 p.m., online

Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor & online

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, August 26

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

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

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

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 29

Saturday, August 30

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