



Announcements and Events – November 30, 2025

Welcome To Worship

We extend a loving welcome to all who gather today in worship of Almighty God, including those who come as visitors or newcomers and those possibly seeking a church home! Our prayer is that you will experience the depth of love for God and love for one another that is present in this community of faith.

Thank you for your generous giving, which is what allows the life and ministry of our church to exist. For those who would like to make a financial contribution to support the mission and ministry of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to use this QR code to give with a credit card or through Venmo. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!



Stewardship 2026

On behalf of the Stewardship Council we would like to thank those who have already made a financial commitment to the life and ministry of the church for 2026. We have received 131 pledges totaling \$692,131, with over half of these commitments representing increases compared to last year. We are grateful for each one of these generous gifts. We ask those who are still prayerfully considering their pledge to let us know of your commitment as soon as possible so that we might be able to responsibly plan and prepare for the year ahead. You can pledge by going to our website, by sending a confidential email to pledge@brpc.org, or by mailing your pledge card to the church. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!



Making Room this Advent

This Advent at BRPC, we're making room—room for hope in the fire, for breath among dry bones, for grace that costs nothing, and for the Word made flesh who moves into our neighborhood. Each week, Scripture reminds us that God does not wait for perfect conditions to arrive. God shows up in furnaces and valleys, in hunger and in darkness. As we prepare for Christ's birth, we're invited to clear the clutter of fear and hurry, to open space in our hearts, our homes, and our church for God's renewing presence. By Christmas Eve, the question is no longer whether there was room in the inn—but whether there is room in us for love to be born again.

Special Advent & Christmas Events and Services:

TODAY:

- 1st Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship
- Advent Festival, 11 a.m. in Westminster Hall with crafts, games, and refreshments.

December 7:

- 2nd Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship
- Christmas Oratorio Concert, 4 p.m. followed by a reception in Westminster Hall

December 14:

- 3rd Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship
- Walk to Bethlehem town-wide event, begins at St. James at 4 p.m., concludes at BRPC with a reception in Westminster Hall

December 21:

- 4th Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship, A Service of Lessons & Carols
- Ridge Oak Caroling for children and their families, 11 a.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve:

- Children's Service, 4:30 p.m.
- Town wide Carol Sing, 7:00 p.m.
- Traditional Candlelight Services, 7:45 & 10 p.m.

Cookie Walk - December 6

The 35th Annual Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall. Homemade cookies, baked goods, and boutique gifts will all be available. Donations will all benefit the Atlantic Adult Day Center here in Basking Ridge.

Christmas Oratorio Concert - December 7

Join us Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Oratorio Concert! Led by our own Oratorio Choir and Knox Bell Choir with a special guest orchestra, this delightful program will feature Howard Helvey's sing-along cantata *Sing We Now of Christmas* conducted by Chris Fortin. 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. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

Mission Council Giving Tree

Choose a tag from one of our trees, located in the narthex and Westminster Hall, to help make Christmas a festive occasion for some local families. Names and gift requests have been collected from some of our Mission Partners, and we invite you to purchase the gift and return unwrapped by **December 14**.

Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary this Christmas season. If you would like to place an order in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office, send an email to info@brpc.org or visit our website by **December 15**. The cost is \$18.50 each. The names of those honored will be listed during worship on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Calling All Holiday Cookie Bakers!

Do you love baking holiday treats? Are you ready to spread some sweet Christmas cheer? The Fellowship Council is looking for a few merry bakers to help make our Advent Oratorio reception (12/7) and the Walk to Bethlehem celebration (12/14) even more special! Your generosity will help bring joy to our congregation, and our community. Thank you for your holiday spirit and happy baking! We welcome new members to our fun and esteemed Fellowship Council! Please contact Julie at 908-930-9788 or conwaysail@aol.com with your interest or any questions.

Children & Youth Music Ministry

Students in 3rd-8th grade are invited to participate in our Children & Youth Choir led by director, Nathan Schwed. Join us in the Choir Room on Thursdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m. to prepare fun anthems to sing monthly at church while also engaging in exciting musical activities! For more info and special Advent opportunities, contact nschwed@brpc.org or (908) 202-9624. Invite your friends and we'll see you there!

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. *There will be no Agape Hour December 16-30.*
- Tuesday, **December 16**: Art & Bible for grades 1-5, art class based on a Bible verse, at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- Tuesday, **December 16** Family Dinner for all families with children through grade 8, in Westminster Hall at 5:45 p.m. Cookie Swap and Pizza Party! Please bring a batch of cookies to share!
- **December 21**: Caroling at Ridge Oak directly following worship. Please bring a batch of cookies to share with the residents!

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- No Fellowships groups will meet today.
- Camp Johnsonburg Middle School Retreat: **December 5-7**
- Mark your calendars! Fellowship Christmas Parties **December 21**. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$20 value or less) for our White Elephant game.
 - Middle School at 5:00 p.m.
 - Senior High at 7:00 p.m. - College-age fellowship and Workcamp alumni welcome!
- Workcamp 2026 dates, mark your calendars!
 - Middle School, The Philadelphia Project: **June 28-July 2**
 - Senior High, Maine Workcamp: **July 11-19**

To learn more, ask questions, or get involved, email Kate at kbalboni@brpc.org and follow us on Instagram [@brpc.youth.group](https://www.instagram.com/brpc.youth.group).

For special events details and for all events where signing up ahead of time is required, please go to our website homepage at brpc.org and scroll to "Special Events & Sign-Ups."