



Announcements and Events – February 1, 2026

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!



Congregational Care Fund

The Congregational Care Fund exists to assist with the short-term financial needs of church and local community members caused by job loss, medical crisis or other temporary situations. Most commonly it is used to help with rent payments, medical bills, utility bills and other day to day necessities. The balance in the fund is currently quite low, and we invite you to make contributions that enable us to support neighbors in need in the coming months. Please mark contributions "Congregational Care Fund."

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - *TODAY*

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, Part I (Statistical and Financial), will be held in the Sanctuary on **the new date of Sunday, February 1, 2026, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service**, for the purpose of receiving the Statistical and Financial reports for 2025; for consideration of the Local and General Mission Budgets for 2026; for acting on the Pastors' Compensation for 2026; and for such other business as may properly come before the Congregation. ~ January 21, 2026 ~Tina Bramel, Clerk of Session

Souper Sunday - February 8

Our annual Souper Sunday BIG Fundraiser for our Middle School & Sr. High Workcamps is here!

- When to Purchase Soup: Sunday, February 8 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Choose from several delectable soups or chili! Congregants are invited to stay for a sit-down lunch served by our eager youth. We hope you enjoy some fellowship, and the youth look forward to getting to know everyone and showing their appreciation for your support. For those unable to stay, a Soup-To-Go will also be available.
- Cost: Monetary donations are accepted gratefully at the door!
- Volunteer to make Soup or Chili in Advance! We are eagerly looking for help to make soup or chili - the recipes are on our church website! Please sign up at brpc.org or scan the QR code.
- Soup Drop Off: Saturday, Feb. 7 between 4-5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall (the soup should be COLD), OR Sunday, Feb. 8 between 8:30-9:30 a.m. (the soup should be WARM).
- Questions? Email Kate Balboni at kbalboni@brpc.org.
- Senior High Youth, Parents and Advisors: All Hands on Deck! Volunteers are needed Saturday, February 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. to help with setup. Sunday, February 8, volunteers, please arrive by 9:30 a.m. in Westminster Hall. We will go to worship together at 10 a.m. and leave around 10:40 a.m. to prepare to serve. We will finish by 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Kate if you plan to attend!



HOME - February 22-28

We will be hosting guests from HOME of Somerset County from February 22-28. Please join Mission Council in extending hospitality and welcome to these guest families. Volunteers are needed to shop, provide dinners, serve as evening and overnight hosts. Sign up online or after worship.



Exploring Membership Class - February 22

Are you interested in becoming a member? This class is an excellent opportunity to share about your own faith journey and learn more about the beliefs and ministry of our church. Join us from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Church House Parlor.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 17

Join us Tuesday, February 17 in Westminster Hall as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper from 5:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome, and there is no need to sign up. A free will offering may be given at the door.

Lent Begins on February 18

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.

Ash Wednesday Worship with Bishop Janes Methodist Church - February 18

Join us for worship in the BRPC Chapel at noon and in the Bishop Janes Methodist Church Sanctuary at 7 p.m. as we begin the season of Lent. The Sacrament of Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be included in both services.

Lenten Sermon Series - "What Love Looks Like"

This Lent, we journey through the Gospel of John, discovering how God's love is made visible in the life of Jesus, in moments of service and suffering, courage and failure, cross and resurrection. Each week we will prayerfully consider the question: What do these stories reveal to us about God's love, and how do they call *us* to love?

Lenten Music & Meditation Services – March 4, 11 & 18

Join us three Wednesdays in March at noon in the Sanctuary for our Lenten Music & Meditation Services featuring excellent music with interactive readings and prayers. Lunch is provided afterward in Westminster Hall. We'll begin March 4th with the beautiful sounds of Merynda Adams on harp and Brian Preston Harlow on organ, followed by our own Finley Singers accompanied by Chris Fortin on piano. We'll conclude this series with the stunning sounds of the Madison String Quartet on March 18th. A free will offering will be taken to offset our costs and support our special music events throughout the year. For more info, visit www.brpc.org/worship/friends-of-music.

Children & Youth Music Ministry

The Children and Youth Choir will be continuing for the spring! Open to students in 3rd-8th grade, we meet on Tuesdays from 5-5:45 p.m., minus the 3rd Tuesday of the month when Art & Bible occurs, to prepare anthems to sing monthly at church! We will sing during worship on March 1, April 5, and May 17. Please consider joining us! Reach out to Nathan Schwed at nschwed@brpc.org or (908) 202-9624 for more information. We are looking forward to a year full of fun and music!

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.
- Tuesday, **February 17**: Art & Bible for grades 1-5, art class based on a Bible verse, at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- Tuesday, **February 17**: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at **5:30 p.m.** in Westminster Hall in place of our Family Dinner.
- Sunday, **February 22**: Tree House Sunday and a concert with Mr. Ray Rocks.
- Sunday, **March 15**: Visit from Laura Sassi to read her new book, "Happy Easter Risen King! An Early Learning Board Book of Colors."
- Palm Sunday, **March 29**: Easter Egg hunt immediately following worship in Westminster Hall.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- Bibles and Bagels meets today at 10:15 in the Church House Library.
- Confirmation Class is today at 11:15 a.m. in the Church House Parlor.
- Youth Fellowship Bowling Trip at 5:00 p.m. at Lucky Strike! Registration is closed.

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."