

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

4th Sunday after Epiphany, February 1, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

As the Deer
Handbell Ensemble & Organ

arr. Chris Fortin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

Come, let us sing to the Lord.

Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

The hour is coming, and is now here.

Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

*OPENING HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are.

You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will leave us empty and parched.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

**Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Souper Sunday

Tyler Smith & Evan Humkey

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henry Joseph DiCecilia
Son of Joseph & Morgan DiCecilia
Sponsors: Nickolas & Kirby Baldwin

Elder Scott Lakefield

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from a "Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are claimed in the waters of baptism,
fed with the bread of life, and called to be God's people.**

We trust in the one triune God whom alone we worship and serve.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Do you, as members of this church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture
Henry by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and
follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

THE BAPTISM & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Henry.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share
with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

(Children ages preschool–grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited
attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 78

You Thirsty Ones, Come

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:1-42

Allison Fahey

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lower Your Buckets

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fill-a Me Up
Sanctuary Choir
Jeff Schaub, solo

by Pepper Choplin

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Please indicate to the pastor if you would like gluten free bread. We celebrate this sacrament using juice.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 536 *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gavotte
Organ

by J.S. Bach

We invite you to remain in the Sanctuary following worship to attend the Congregational Meeting, then please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of her sister, Margaret Ambrose Uhlman, on her birthday, by Judy Ambrose Ewald.

~In loving memory of Nancy Childs Knobloch, by her children.

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 February. 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, February 1

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Library & online
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Parlor
Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor
Youth Fellowship Bowling Trip, 5:00 p.m., Lucky Strike!, US-22, Green Brook Township

Monday, February 2

Shelter Friends, 12:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Session, 7:30 p.m., Church House Parlor & online

Tuesday, February 3

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Stephen Ministry, 1:30 p.m., Church House Parlor
Agape Hour for Pre-k-Kindergarten, 3:45 p.m., Church House Agape Room
Children & Youth Choir for grades 3-8, 5:00 p.m., Knox Room
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, February 4

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 6:30 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Gather & Grow Women's Small Group, 7:30 p.m., home of Beth Cleary

Thursday, February 5

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
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Oratorio Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m., Knox Room

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

Souper Sunday setup & soup drop-off, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Westminster Hall

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