



Basking Ridge
Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – February 22, 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!



Today is the 1st Sunday in Lent and Tree House Sunday!

A warm and loving welcome to all of the students, families and staff of the Tree House who are joining us in worship this morning. What families need to know:

- Worship begins at 10 a.m. and children will be invited to come forward for the Children's Message.
- Tree House staff will escort children to Calvin Hall for Sunday School.
- Parents are invited to remain in worship, but are welcome to join children in Calvin Hall.
- Children should be picked up at Calvin Hall after the service.
- Following worship, all are invited to Westminster Hall for a concert with Mr. Ray and refreshments.

The Season of Lent

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. This year's Lenten Devotionals, "The Hardest Part" by Kate Bowler, are available in the Narthex and the Church House.

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 Offering

During the season of Lent the Mission Council invites you to consider supporting two of our mission partners by your gifts. You can make a financial contribution to Good News Home for Women for their new Mommy and Me program which gives mothers and children a safe place after escaping domestic violence. You can also support God's Coop Food Pantry through your donations of feminine hygiene products and diapers. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex and Church House, or you can scan the QR code to purchase via our Amazon wish list. All monetary donations should be marked "Lenten Offering."



HOME - Guests Arriving Today

We will be hosting guests from HOME of Somerset County this week. Please join Mission Council in extending hospitality and welcome to these guest families. Volunteers are still needed to serve as an evening host on Monday and an overnight host on Tuesday. Sign up online or after worship.



Exploring Membership Class - Today

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.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group - Today

This series, Metaphors for Jesus in the Gospel of John, continues at 11:15 a.m. in the Church House Parlor today, and on the following dates: March 1 and March 8.

Taizé Worship - March 8th

Please join us at 4:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall on March 8 for a service of prayer and song in the style of Taizé as we continue our journey through Lent. Through prayer, silence and music, we will enter into a time of quiet and contemplative worship. All are welcome.

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 will 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.
- Sunday, **March 15**: Visit from Laura Sassi to read her new book, "Happy Easter Risen King! An Early Learning Board Book of Colors."
- Tuesday, **March 17**: Art & Bible for grades 1-5, art class based on a Bible verse, at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- Tuesday, **March 17**: Family Dinner for all families with children through grade 8, at 5:45 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Parents, please bring a side or a dessert.
- 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 meets today at 11:15 a.m. in the Church House Library.
- Middle School Fellowship is tonight at 5:00 p.m., and Sr. High Fellowship is at 7:00 p.m. **Both groups will meet in Westminster Hall.**
- Spring Youth Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg: **March 13-15**. All students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. Contact Kate to sign up! Parent/advisor drivers and chaperones needed.
- Middle School Workcamp 2026: Registration is open now! **June 28-July 2**. Join us at The Philadelphia Project. Contact Kate for registration details.
- Senior High Maine Workcamp 2026: Registration opens March 1! **July 11-19** in Pemaquid, Maine. Scan the QR code to complete the interest form, and be the first to hear about registration.



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."