

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

1st Sunday in Lent & Tree House Sunday, February 22, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Alpha Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks unto the Lord, for God is good.

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or show forth all God's praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

Come, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

May We Love

by Chris Fortin

May we love as you have loved, and for - give as you for -

give. Cre - ate in us clean hearts, O God, and re -

store to us the joy of your sal - va - tion.

***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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tree House Sunday

Jen Nowack

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 to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

***HYMN**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:1-44

Chris Whitlock

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Shape of Love

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Arise! Arise!

by Joseph M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

***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 252

Day of Arising

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Life Eternal
Organ

by Gerald Peterson

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Please join us for refreshments and Mr. Ray concert in Westminster Hall
immediately following worship.

Dennis Jones is away today following the death of his father-in-law in Tennessee
and will be back in the office on Tuesday.

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

Janet Hartop

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

February 9, 1975
February 15, 2026

A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 23 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Sue, John and Rosemary Schaub, by Jeff and Debbie Schaub.

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 March. 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 22

HOME, February 22-March 1, Youth Center
Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & 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 Library
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:15 a.m., Church House Library
Small Group Bible Study, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Exploring Membership Class, 3:00 p.m., Church House Library
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Hall

Monday, February 23

Janet Hartop Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m., Chapel
Spiritual Development, 6:30 p.m., online
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., online
Ministry Engagement, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, February 24

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Agape Hour, 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., Westminster Hall
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, February 25

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online

Thursday, February 26

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 & Sanctuary

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

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