

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

5th Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Anthem of Hope
Knox Bell Choir

by Michael Mazzatenta

CALL TO WORSHIP

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Let God's will become strong in our lives, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 633

Praise Ye the Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, We confess that like the crowds in Jerusalem, our loyalty is often divided. We claim You as our Lord, yet we often live as though we have no king but the "Caesars" of this world — our comfort, our status, and our own desires. We have stood by in silence while the innocent were mocked. We have chosen the path of least resistance rather than the way of the Cross. Forgive us for the times we have crowned You with thorns by our actions and rejected Your truth for the sake of convenience. Transform our hearts, that we may truly behold the Man and follow Him as our only King.

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

Camp Johnsonburg
Director of Ministries to Youth, Young Adults, and their Families

Kate Balboni

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 211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 146:1-6 & John 19:1-16

Herb Ryder III

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Beware and Behold Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lead, Kindly Light
Sanctuary Choir

Words by John Henry Newman
Music by Howard Goodall

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home—lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene;

One step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on.

I loved to choose and see my path, but now lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will;

Remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on,

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

*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 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Engelberg
Organ

by Douglas E. Wagner

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

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Westminster Hall
immediately following worship.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In celebration of her husband Stephen's birthday, by Dolly Tharp.

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 April. 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, March 22

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 Luncheon, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & Library
Nominating Committee, 11:15 a.m., Youth Center
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Spring Oratorio, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Oratorio Reception, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Chapel

Monday, March 23

Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Spiritual Development, 6:30 p.m., online
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor & 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, March 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., Youth Center
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, March 25

Security Task Force, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library

Thursday, March 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

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Janet Hartop Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m., Chapel

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