

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who need rest.
Come, all who need restoration.
Come and worship,
All who need Christ's guidance and love.

*OPENING HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you are before and behind us, around and within us.
We give thanks for your constant presence, even as we admit that we don't
always travel in the light of your way.
We are impeded by fear, by society, and by the demands of the urgent.
We pray for a clear path, to stay the course with courage and resolve,
and we confess that even when we know your direction, we detour instead.
We prefer the easier and seemingly safer way,
even if it is not where you call us. Forgive us, O God.
Steady us and turn our eyes to you and where you lead. 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

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Let us welcome our new members.
**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Lighthouse
Bibles & Bagels Class
Nathan Schwed, director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and Their Families
Let the Children Come by Helen Kemp

(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 628

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Good News Home Dr. Inga Brockington, Exec. Director

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:12-27

Roger Greenway

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Disciple Who Failed

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

Merry
Sanctuary Choir

Words by Susan Boersma
Music by Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes; I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy.
In mercy, cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with your pardon, purity.
In equal measure of your love, you promise mercy,
Tender compassion to the one who seeks your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
Together cry for your forgiveness and your grace.
Against you only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.
Of your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.

*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 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. Peter
Organ

by Alexander Reinagle

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

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

Meet Our New Members

Today we welcome new members that the Lord has brought to our congregation.
We joyfully welcome the following to The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge:

*Karin & James Farrell and their children Madeleine, John, & Elizabeth
Kristen & Chip Humkey and their children Evan, Landon, & Brynn
Pamela Mackey
Jacqueline & Harrison Neely and their children John, Penelope & Charlotte
Valerie Nieves*

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Patricia Williams, by her family.

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. 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.

The Rosebud on the Communion table is in celebration of the birth of Edward Deutsch Gilroy, son of Lydia Deutsch and Robert Gilroy, grandson of Nancy and Ed Deutsch, on March 3.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 8

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Special Meeting of Session, 9:40 a.m., Westminster Hall
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
Finley Singers Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Knox Room
Small Group Bible Study, 11:15 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Nominating Committee, 11:15 a.m., Church House Library
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Taizé Worship Service, 4:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Chapel

Monday, March 9

Pantry Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Mission Council, 7:00 p.m., online
Trustees, 7:00 p.m., online
Fellowship Council, 7:30 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, March 10

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Agape Hour for grades Pre-& K, 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, March 11

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Lenten Music & Meditation, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Lenten Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Westminster Hall

Thursday, March 12

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, March 13

Youth Spring Retreat, 3/13-15, Camp Johnsonburg, 822 County Road 519, Johnsonburg, NJ

Saturday, March 14

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