

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

The Power of Your Love
Handbell Ensemble & Organ

arr. Chris Fortin

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come because our lives are blessed beyond measure,
and it is you, O Lord, we long to thank.

We come because we are weary and disappointed and afraid,
and it is you, O Christ, we need to save us.

We come because you will send us out, to live and serve in your name,
and we need strength for the journey.

We have come to you, O God;
meet us here.

*OPENING HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For failing to love others, as you have loved us,
God of grace, forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
God of grace, forgive us.

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet,
God of grace, forgive us.

For fearing those who are different than us and ignoring those in need,
God of grace, forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope,
God of grace, forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,
God of grace, forgive us.

We offer our prayers in the name of the one who saves us, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

All Praise and Glory

by Chris Fortin



*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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nathan Schwed, Director of Music Ministry for Children & Youth

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 remain in worship with their families. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 823

Shall Tribulation or Distress

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Tyler Smith

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Our Imagination Tells Us

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Who Can Separate Us?

by Larry Shackley

The Finley Singers

*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

Ken Warman

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 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Festal Postlude
Organ

by John G. Barr

Please join us for Lemonade in the Shade in the Church House Courtyard
immediately following worship.

Maureen Paterson is on vacation and will return on July 30.

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

Evelyn DeGennaro

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

March 1, 1982
July 21, 2026

A private service will be planned for the future.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Bob Conway, a member of BRPC for over 25 years, by his daughter Robin Conway Morley.

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 August. 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 Elle Alexandra Shook, daughter of Nicole and Kenneth Shook, granddaughter of Jill Salisbury, on July 16.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 26

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
Lemonade in the Shade, 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street

Monday, July 27

Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Spiritual Development, 6:30 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, July 28

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms

Wednesday, July 29

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

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