

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 6, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One
who leads us in the ways of life.**

*OPENING HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy
Arthur Rachofsky, trumpet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we so easily wander from your path.

**We allow our hearts to chase after selfish gain rather than your truth,
and we have allowed our eyes to linger on worthless, distracting things.**

**We confess that our obedience is often half-hearted, pulled by our own
desires rather than rooted in a true delight in your word.**

**Turn our hearts back toward your statutes and grant us the understanding
we need to follow you whole-heartedly, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

HYMN 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*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

Blessing of the Backpacks

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

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 119:33-40 & Romans 12:1-8

Chris Whitlock

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Worthy Wisdom

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ages Past

arr. Chris Fortin

Trumpet & Piano

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Please indicate to the pastor if you would like gluten free bread. We celebrate this sacrament using juice.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 536 *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Beach Spring
Trumpet & Organ

arr. Chris Fortin

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

Dennis Jones is on vacation and will return on September 8.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of those lost on September 11, 2001, by Judy Ewald.

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 September. 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, September 6

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
Lemonade in the Shade, 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard

Monday, September 7

Labor Day - Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Session, 7:30 p.m., Church House Parlor and online

Wednesday, September 9

God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 6:30 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Fellowship Council, 7:30 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, September 10

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, September 11

Saturday, September 12

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