Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Events – November 22, 2026

Welcome To Worship

We extend a loving welcome to all who gather today in worship of Almighty God, including those who come as visitors or newcomers and those possibly seeking a church home! Our prayer is that you will experience the depth of love for God and love for one another that is present in this community of faith. Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

Thank you for your generous giving, which is what allows the life and ministry of our church to exist. For those who would like to make a financial contribution to support the mission and ministry of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to scan the QR code to give with a credit card or through Venmo. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!



Stewardship 2027

On behalf of the Stewardship Council we would like to thank those who have already made a financial commitment to the life and ministry of the church for 2027. We have received 110 pledges totaling $565,867, with many of these commitments representing increases compared to last year. For context, we received 182 pledges totaling $937,588 in 2026 and we hope to exceed that number in order to meet our budget needs for 2027. We are grateful for each one of these generous gifts. We ask those who are still prayerfully considering their pledge to let us know of your commitment as soon as possible so that we might be able to responsibly plan and prepare for the year ahead. You can pledge by going to our website, by sending a confidential email to pledge@brpc.org, by placing a pledge card in the offering plate, or by mailing your pledge card to the church. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering - November 23

Join friends and neighbors from Basking Ridge's diverse faith communities for an evening of gratitude, reflection, and fellowship on Monday, November 23, from 6:00–8:00 PM, at the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge, 124 Church Street, Liberty Corner. This annual tradition brings people of different faiths together to celebrate our shared values, give thanks for our many blessings, and strengthen the bonds of community.

Advent 2026 Begins on November 29: "For Such a Time as This"

"For Such a Time as This" is an invitation to recognize that God calls us to faithfulness not in some ideal world or imagined future, but in the particular time and circumstances in which we find ourselves.

We live in a world marked by uncertainty, division, anxiety, and change. Yet Advent reminds us that God has not abandoned the world, that God's promises remain trustworthy, and that God continues to work through ordinary people who respond with courage, compassion, humility, and hope. It is about discerning what God is doing in our midst, trusting God's promises, and discovering how we are called to participate in that work.

Mission Council Giving Trees

Our annual Giving Trees with wishes from many of our mission partners are located in the narthex and Westminster Hall. Please take a tag and buy the item listed and return it by the date on the tag. Items do not need to be wrapped but should be placed in a gift bag. Thank you for making this Christmas season a joyous one for those in need this year.

Special Advent & Christmas Events and Services:

November 29:

- 1st Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship
- Advent Festival, 11 a.m. in Westminster Hall with crafts, games, and refreshments

December 6:

- 2nd Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship
- Christmas Oratorio Concert, 4 p.m. followed by a reception in Westminster Hall

December 13:

- 3rd Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship

December 20:

- 4th Sunday in Advent, 10 a.m. worship, A Service of Lessons & Carols
- Ridge Oak Caroling for children and their families, 11 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve:

- Children's Worship Service at 4:30 p.m.
- Community Carol Sing at 7:00 p.m.
- Traditional Candlelight Worship Services at 7:45 and 10:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: 75th Annual Christmas Tree Sale!
Our neighbors at Bishop Janes United Methodist Church are looking for volunteers starting **November 28** to help with their 75th annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser—and your help directly supports our own congregation! This volunteer-led tradition generates over $40,000 annually for local, national, and global missions, with God's Co-Op Pantry being one of the top local beneficiaries. You can help by signing up to take a 3-hour shift (weekdays or weekends) helping families find their perfect tree alongside experienced volunteers OR take a weekend 3-hour shift collecting payments for trees, wreaths, and pine roping. Volunteering is a fun, festive way to kick off the holiday season while making a tangible difference for neighbors in need. Contact Ian Lutes at ianlutes@gmail.com to sign up.

Some Christmas Spirit from BRPC!
Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift or a special keepsake? We are delighted to share three unique items this Christmas season: engraved wood slices from our historic oak tree, Christmas-themed BRPC notecards (packets of five), and beautiful commemorative porcelain Christmas ornaments featuring an image of our church. Each is available this morning outside Westminster Hall for a suggested donation of $20. All donations will support the ongoing ministry and mission of BRPC. Thank you for your generosity, and may these special keepsakes bring extra joy to your Christmas celebration!

Cookie Walk - December 5
The 36th Annual Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall. Homemade cookies, baked goods, and boutique gifts will all be available. Donations will all benefit the Atlantic Adult Day Center here in Basking Ridge.

Christmas Oratorio Concert - December 6
Join us Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Oratorio Concert! Led by our own Oratorio Choir and Knox Bell Choir and featuring Brass Quintet, Harp & Organ, and Timpani, we will perform *Wenceslas* by Bob Chilcott, conducted by Chris Fortin. A delicious reception in Westminster Hall will follow. A free will offering will be taken to help cover our costs for this and other special music events. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

Job Posting: Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Are you organized, detail oriented and adept at numbers? Do you like to find the best price and reconcile accounts to the penny? We are looking for a part time Administrative Assistant for the church office who will be a key staff member in supporting the finance team as well as serve as the primary office receptionist and provide oversight in ordering office supplies, maintaining cemetery and insurance records and various other administrative tasks. This position is 18-20 hours per week, Monday - Thursday. Please contact church administrator Cara Burchett (cburchett@brpc.org) if interested or for more information.

Children & Family Ministry
- Sunday School (grades Pre-K-4) at 10:15 a.m. in Calvin Hall. Nursery care is available for those 2 years and younger.
- The Agape Hour for grades Pre-K-Kindergarten, Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 p.m. in the Agape Room of the Church House: Bible story, snack, craft, movement, and music.
- Advent Festival: **November 29** following worship in Westminster Hall.
- Tuesday, **December 15**: Art & Bible for grades 1-5, art class based on a Bible verse, at 5:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- Tuesday, **December 15:** Family Dinner for all families with children through grade 8, at 5:45 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Parents, please bring a side or a dessert.

Children & Youth Music Ministry
Calling all singers! We invite more kids to join our Children and Youth Choir programming. In addition to learning lots of exciting music to sing at Church services, we also have snacks, games, and lots of fun at every rehearsal. Please join us!
- Cherub Choir (Pre-K-2nd Grade) will meet on **Tuesdays** from 4:15-4:45 p.m. Those in Pre-K and Kindergarten will have Agape Hour from 3:45-4:30 p.m., and then join us afterwards, while 1st and 2nd Graders will rehearse for the full time starting at 4:15 p.m.
- Children and Youth Choir (3rd-8th Grade) will meet on select **Sundays** after Worship. If your child is interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please contact Nathan Schwed at nschwed@brpc.org or (908) 202-9624. We are looking forward to a year full of fun and music!

Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Bibles & Bagels is open to all current 5th-8th graders and meets during worship in the Church House.
- Middle School Fellowship will meet in the Youth Center today from 5-6:30 p.m. and share dinner with our HOME guests. Senior High Fellowship will meet from 6:40-8:10 p.m. in Westminster Hall.
- Festival of Trees Setup: **November 29** at 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center. Contact Kate if you can help us set up our "Bright Hope for Tomorrow" tree!
- Fellowship Christmas Party: **Sunday, December 20**. Stay tuned for details.

Scan this QR code to support the work of the church through your giving or to sign up for any upcoming Events and Activities detailed above.
