

**PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND AT HOME
August 14, 2022
10:00 AM**

Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!

*“God provides us a way to endure, most often through wisdom, encouragement, and love from individuals and communities with their own well-developed capacities for endurance.”
- Professor Frank L. Crouch*

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 OPENING SENTENCES

Our worship today is hollow if it focuses only on our own desires and pleasures.

Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us. The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy. The Lord challenges us to serve God by helping others.

May this worship service make us ready to serve God in all that we do.

We will open our hearts, minds and souls to God’s mercy and love.

Get ready, the Lord needs you!

Let our lives reflect God's love, mercy, justice and peace. AMEN.

 OPENING SONG OF PRAISE 251 “The Church’s One Foundation”
(verses 1-4)

AURELIA

 SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name...

(silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (784)

-Brodie Kevin Tanis

Preparation and Profession of Faith

 Congregational Vow

Do you promise to love, encourage and support Brodie and his family by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship and service?

WE DO.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptismal Covenant and Declaration

Welcome and Blessing

 PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please share a sign of peace safely with one another.)

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

SOLO "Trust in You" - Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, & Paul Mabury
Soloist: Dan King

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS II Corinthians 1:3-11
I Corinthians 10:1-13

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

MESSAGE Clarifying Clichés of Scripture: "God doesn't give you more than you can handle"

SONG OF RESPONSE **405** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE
(verses 1-4, 6)

RESPONDING TO GOD

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND CONCERN...concluding with the Serenity Prayer

**God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time.
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.**

DIG INTO THE word

Our message series this summer is based on the book **Commonly Misunderstood Verses of the Bible: What They Really Mean** by the Rev. Dr. Bob Van Voorst. Here are a few discussion questions from our verse “God doesn’t give you more than you can handle.” (I Corinthians 10:6-13)

- *Is it correct to say that “all temptation is testing, but not all testing is temptation?”*
- *Can you identify in your own life, times of testing that differ from times of temptation?*
- *Some Protestants believe that God’s people will persevere as Christians to the end—in other words, “Once a Christian, always a Christian.” Others believe that faith can be lost. What does this passage suggest?*
- *How is saying, “God will enable us to handle temptations” different from saying that nothing will happen to us that we cannot handle?*

Upcoming Reflections

8/21 Musical Service

8/28 “Do not judge” (Matthew 7:1-5)

9/4 “Who is a Samaritan?” (Luke 10)

9/11 “Thou shall not Kill” (Deuteronomy 5)