

**PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND AT HOME
March 12, 2023
10:00 AM**



Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!

*“In the midst of pervasive opposition and pain, Jesus entrusted life and future to God.
For Jesus, like the psalmist of Psalm 22, the agony and the ecstasy belonged together.
It is true for Jesus’ followers as well.”
-Professor J. Clinton McCann, Jr.*

☒ *Congregation standing, as able*

GATHERING IN LENT

PRELUDE "What Wondrous Love This Is" -William Walker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP -adapted from Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.
Today, we sing to God with our hearts and our spirits.

☒ OPENING HYMN 5 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

☒ SALUTATION

CHILDREN'S LENTEN LESSON *(The children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time.)*

SONG OF CONFESSION "Come and See (Kyrie)" -Marilyn Houser Hamm

Musical notation for the Song of Confession "Come and See (Kyrie)". The music is written on two staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e — e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste — e - le - i - son.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world...

(silent prayers of confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22:1-11, 22-29 - Hymn #165

GOSPEL READING Matthew 27:45-56 (page 33)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

PRAYER OF BLESSING

ANTHEM "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Arr. Joel Raney

OUR RESPONSE AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE...concluding with 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.**

✠ A LENTEN CREED — from the people at Patmos Abbey: The Order of Saint Columba

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

✠ CLOSING SONG 927 “God, the Father of Your People”

HOLY MANNA

✠ BLESSING

✠ DOXOLOGY 965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GENEVAN 134/
OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

(Please share a sign of peace with one another as you leave the sanctuary.)

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader;
Pastor Kim Pavlovich, liturgist; Amanda Deplet, worship host; Tech Team;
Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministries.*



SERMON SERIES: 7 LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

- Mar 12 "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?"
- Mar 19 "Behold your Son, Behold your Mother" (in Berdan Hall)
- Mar 26 "Into your hands I commit my Spirit"
- Apr 2 Palm Sunday "It is Finished"
- Apr 6 Maundy Thursday in Berdan Hall
- Apr 7 Good Friday at the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains
- Apr 9 Easter Sunday "You will be with me in Paradise"
(9:30am at the Columbarium and 11am in the Sanctuary)