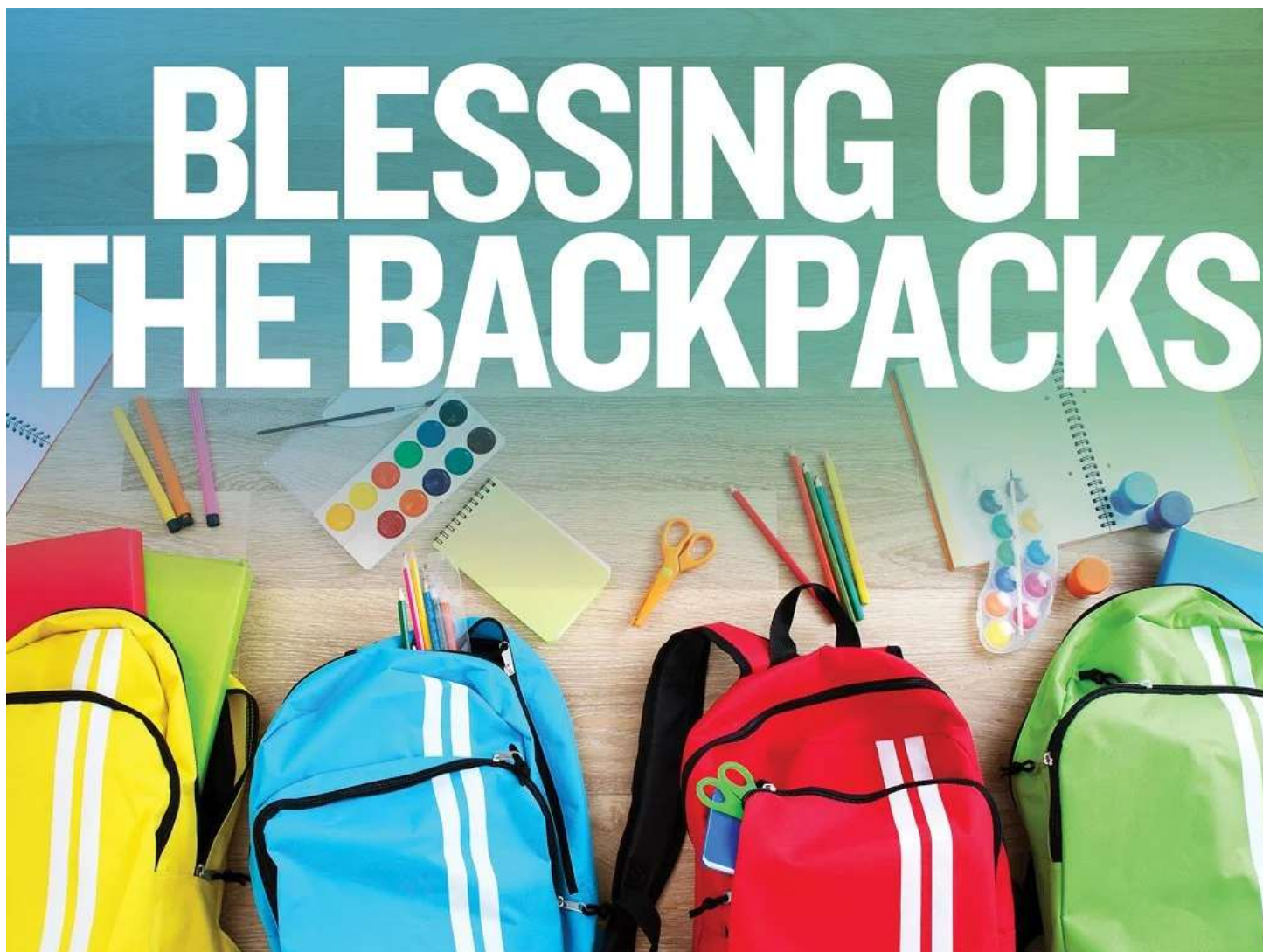


The Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8 am – 3 pm

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington; we are glad you are here. As you prepare for worship, silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. Please note, this service is being streamed and recorded live.

✠ indicates you are invited to stand as able.

Hymns are in back of bulletin

Prelude

Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

Welcome and Life of the Church

✠ Invitation to Worship

All: God of wonder and curiosity, open my mind to the amazing world around me today. When I am confused or curious, guide me to wise people who can help me understand new things. And no matter how long it takes for me to learn, I know you are always my patient teacher. Amen.

✠ Hymn 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

✠ Confession of our Shortcomings

One: This day, we gather and pray for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. And we ask of the Lord to empower us to improve educational quality for all children.

All: We pray for homes and workplaces and everywhere we find ourselves thinking, creating, and experimenting. We often make mistakes, and we ask of the Lord to help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. We ask forgiveness that our schools, homes, and workplaces are not the places of safety, compassion, and inclusion that they should be.

One: And we pray for education equity in this country and around the world, that all people everywhere might have access to knowledge and opportunity.

All: O God our teacher, we ask you to bless your people of all generations gathered here with curiosity, understanding, and respect. May their backpacks and briefcases be a sign to them that they have what they need to learn and to grow this year. May we be guided by your love to make these things possible, we ask in the name of Jesus who taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

**Glory to God, whose goodness shine on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠ Sharing God's Peace

Time with Young Disciples

Children of any age are invited to come forward.

Prayer For the School Year

One: Creator God, you gave us incredible bodies and brains that grow and develop with time. Because of your vibrant imagination, we all grow and develop differently and diversely.

All: You made us so that, whether in or out of the classroom, we are always learning.

One: Today, we celebrate a return to the classroom. We pray each person in every school will be appreciated for the ways they learn.

All: In your eyes, every kind of learning is acceptable and good.

One: Bless everyone as they learn at their own pace; bless visual learners, auditory learners, kinesthetic learners, and social learners;

All: bless people who learn with accommodations for disability, and bless people who learn best with medication.

One: Every learner is precious to you and precious to this community.

All: Protect, encourage, and inspire our scholars as they embark on this year's learning adventure. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:12-15; Matthew 9:9-13

New Testament, pg. 64

¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and

Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus (Al-fay-us), and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.”

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“⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

“¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

ONE: This the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Anthem	Come Sunday	Duke Ellington
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Message	Simon & Matthew: Profiles in Contrast	Pastor David Ezekiel
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Musical Reflection	The Lord’s Prayer	Mary Lou Williams
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Morning Prayer and 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.

Invitation to Share our Offerings

Offertory	Gloria	Mary Lou Williams
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✠ Sung Response 709

God We Honor You

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.**

✠ Offertory Prayer

✠ Hymn 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

✠ Benediction

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan

Leading in Worship this Morning

Preaching Pastor: David Ezekiel

Director of Music: Kirsten Hedegaard | Organist: Andrew Luzwick

Time with Young Disciples: Raechel Sowa

AV Team: Tija Franklin, Audrey Osunde & Heather Layne

Guest Musician: Erin Gray, voice

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

All are welcome at Christ's table

Fellowship Coffee Hour each week immediately following Worship.

Office Staff

Senior Pastor: David Ezekiel | Office & Financial Administrator: Patti Fugle

Website Administrator: Andrew Luzwick | Director of Music: Kirsten Hedegaard

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Raechel Sowa

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

We are delighted you are here today. If you are our guest, more information about the church may be found at the table near Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



If you are visiting with us today and have children, use the QR code to learn about our worship and how your children are welcomed and included.

FAITH FORMATION

For those who would like to learn more about Simon and Matthew, Robert Reilly is leading a discussion in the Parlor following worship.

FLOWERS

This Sunday's flowers are given in appreciation for the entire worship team for all they do. - Steve & Becky Banach

CHURCH PICNIC

The annual church picnic is next Sunday, after the outdoor church service. There will be lawn games, plus musical entertainment by "The Dynamix." Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs & brats, side dishes, ice cream, beverages will be served. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

GRACE SPACE REVEAL

We will bless the new family space in our sanctuary during worship on August 30th. Come, see and hear what this welcoming space is all about.

GIVING

There are several ways you can financially support the ministries of this church:

E-giving via the provided QR code

Zelle: use accounting@pcbarrington.org

Place your gift in the offering plate!

Mail your gift to the church office

Stock transfers and QCDs, please call the church office.

However you choose to give, it is very much appreciated and will be used wisely.

