

The Presbyterian Church
of Barrington

August 9, 2026 10AM



Caravaggio: "The Incredulity of Saint Thomas," oil on canvas by Caravaggio, 1601;
in the Picture Gallery of Sanssouci, Potsdam, Germany.

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.

Prelude

A Simple Song
from "Mass"

Leonard Bernstein

Welcome and Life of the Church

✠ Invitation to Worship

One: O God, our Shepherd,

All: gather us together and lead us like a flock.

One: O God, our Gardener,

All: plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

One: O God, our Merciful Judge,

All: we call upon your name in prayer and praise.

One: We bow before you, O God,

All: and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

One: Let us pray.

All: God of majesty and mystery, we gather today in the presence of that great cloud of witnesses who have worshiped you in song and service for centuries. Our praise joins theirs as we await your Spirit to guide us as we seek to renew our faith and commitment to serve you in the world that belongs to you. Amen.

✠ Hymn 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

✠ Time of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

All: Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus' name, and for his sake...

One: The Apostle Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.

All: All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

One: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Sung Response 582

Glory to God,

GLORY TO GOD

Whose Goodness Shines on Me

See words on screen.

✠ Sharing God's Peace

Time with Young Disciples

Children of any age are invited to come forward.

Scripture Reading

John 11:7-16; 14:1-5; 20: 19-29 New Testament, pg.104

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

Anthem

The Spark of Creation
from "Children of Eden"

Stephen Schwartz

Message

THOMAS: A SEEKER OF TRUTH

David Ezekiel

Musical Reflection

Somewhere
from "West Side Story"

Leonard Bernstein

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	Lost in the Wilderness from "Children of Eden"	Stephen Schwartz
✦ Sung Response 709	God We Honor You <i>See words on screen.</i>	ABUNDANT BLESSINGS
✦ Offertory Prayer		
✦ Hymn 540	Farewell, Good Friends!	SHALOM, CHAVERIM
✦ Benediction		
Postlude	Climb Every Mountain from "The Sound of Music"	Richard Rodgers

Leading in Worship this Morning

Preaching Pastor: David Ezekiel | Liturgist: Ralph Menick
 Director of Music: Kirsten Hedegard | Organist: Andrew Luzwick
 Time with Young Disciples: Jodie Harmsen
 AV: Cooper Dale, Audrey Osunde & Heather Layne
 Guest vocalists: Abby Nahm, Dom Luzwick

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

We are delighted you are here today. If you are our guest today, 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Pastor David continues our series on the Disciples, people who are just like us. For those who would like to learn more about them, Robert Reilly is leading a discussion each Sunday. Today we are meeting in Parlor.

SUMMER MUSIC

August 9 Musical Theater Sunday

August 16 Jazz Sunday

August 23 Dynamix

August 30 Martha Boling-Risser and Megan Risser, voice

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL BAGS!

If you attend school or work in a school join us next Sunday for a special new school year blessing. We will celebrate with ice cream treats following worship. Don't forget your school bag and a chair for our outdoor service.

FLOWERS

Sponsoring our Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one. Look for the Flower Sign-up Calendar in Fellowship Hall.

SANFILIPPO ESTATE IN BARRINGTON HILLS - F.A.R. OUT!

Tour the estate collections on Saturday August 15 from 6-7:30 pm, concert at 7:30-9pm, visit the Carousel Pavilion from 9-10 pm.

Tickets are \$45 online. www.sanfilippofoundation.org

We have large print hymns available for your use.

Please ask an usher for assistance.

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.

Staff

Senior Pastor: David Ezekiel

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Scripture Reading John 11:7-16; 14:1-5; 20: 19-29 New Testament

Our picture of Thomas the Disciple comes to us from 3 different texts in John's Gospel. The first time we meet Thomas is just prior to the death of Lazarus. In John chapter 11...

⁷ ...[Jesus] said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ...¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

We encounter Thomas again only a few days later when Jesus and his disciples gathered to celebrate Passover. In that scene we all know from the Last Supper, Jesus speaks to them and states...

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Our third encounter with Thomas occurs several days after that Resurrection morn. John sets the backdrop of the story by giving us more details about the resurrection. John writes...

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be

with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord....

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)



1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

Farewell, Good Friends!

Shalom, chaverim!

Fare - well, good friends! Fare - well, good friends! Sha -
 Sha - lom, cha - ve - rim! Sha - lom, cha - ve - rot! Sha -

lom, sha - lom! Till we meet a - gain, till we
 lom, sha - lom! Le - hit - ra - ot, le -

meet a - gain, sha - lom, sha - lom.
 hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.

May be sung as a canon.*HEBREW**

שלום חברים
 שלום חברות
 שלום שלום
 להתראות
 להתראות
 שלום שלום

While it is true that the Hebrew word *shalom* means "peace" and that it is used to greet people and bid them farewell, its larger sense is a feeling of contentment, wholeness, and harmony. Singing this round in the original language is one way to share in that fuller meaning.