

Worship at BRPC

Pre-service Notes. Our service begins at 10:45. We appreciate it if guest preachers (GP) can arrive by 10:15 at the latest. There is an adult Sunday School class that begins at 9:30 to which you are welcome. When you arrive, a deacon will greet you and take you to my office where I invite you to make yourself comfortable. You can remain there until the service, sit in on the adult SS class, or just mingle in the parlor. The liturgist will meet you in my office at 10:30 to get acquainted and touch base concerning anything in the service. I usually share a prayer with the liturgist.

Equipment Q: Please let us know if you would prefer to use a headset mic or speak from the pulpit mic? I wear the headset as I lead different parts of the service from different places, but it's fine to everything from the pulpit if that's the GP's preference.

We Gather

10:40 Guest pastor and liturgist meet in narthex. At 10:45, after chimes OR a choral introit, GP and L process to front of sanctuary. GP takes seat in first pew as L offers words of welcome and introduces the passing of the peace. At BRPC, everyone gets up, moves around to share the peace. L and GP make way to chancel, L to lectern to begin announcements, GP takes seat behind pulpit.

Gather

*Welcome

Liturgist Leads

Leader: God is good . . .

People: All the time!

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Leader: The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***Passing of the Peace** Everyone fans out across the congregation to greet one another. The guest preacher is encouraged to do the same. After a few minutes, GP takes seat behind pulpit, Liturgist goes to lectern and begins announcements. Sometimes we need to gavel the sanctuary to order!

Announcements about the Life and Ministry of the Church
(Please fill out the friendship register)

Liturgist

Time of Preparation (Musical interlude as we prepare for worship)

We Worship

Call to Worship

(GP prepare or should BRPC?)

Led by Guest

Preacher

***Hymn**

(GP select or should BRPC?)

Call to Confession
pulpit b/c

(GP prepare or should BRPC?)

Liturgist leads from
they would block the screen
if they led it from lectern.

Prayer of Confession
Liturgist leads from

(GP prepare or should BRPC?)

pulpit

Declaration of Forgiveness

Guest Preacher

I typically walk down to the center aisle and deliver this there - but the GP could offer this from the pulpit or standing elsewhere up on the chancel if they prefer. I always end my declaration of forgiveness with a segue into an "Alleluia" (i.e., we can go forward as God's people because of God's grace, and for that, I say 'Alleluia!') and the congregation responds as per below.

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

All: Amen

Congregational Response

(GP select or BRPC?)

Our practice at BRPC is to sing either the Gloria Patri OR 1 verse (2 if short) from a hymn.

Youth Message

Liturgist or another BRPC person usually does this. **A guest preacher can do this if they wish, let us**

know. When another person is doing the YM, I sit on the top step of steps up to chancel, in the

center, and the kids sit around me. The GP can sit there, or take a seat behind the pulpit.

The Word is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist prepares and delivers

Scripture Readings

Guest Preacher provides these. Liturgist typically reads first passage and GP the second. But please let us know if you have another preference.

Leader: This has been the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Chancel

Choir

Sermon
Preacher

Guest

Note: BRPC uses a screen in worship (and there is a 'confidence monitor' mounted on balcony for worship leaders to view). The GP has the option of using images/power point slides and/or video to accompany their message. At a minimum, we will have a single slide up on the slide for the sermon with title and preacher's name. It can also include an image that goes with the theme. Pls let us know if you'll want to use images/video or not. If so, please forward them to us as soon as possible.

We Respond to the Word

***Hymn** (GP select or should BRPC?)

Prayers of the People

Our liturgist will walk down to the center aisle and ask if there are any Joys and Concerns to share. (I usually do this, but we'll have the liturgist handle it **unless the GP would like to.**) People raise their hand in the pews and the liturgist or a deacon in the back will go to them with a hand mic so they can share the prayer concern. When all the joys & concerns have been offered, the liturgist will turn to the GP to lead a prayer. That prayer can touch on some of the concerns lifted up, or just reference "all the joys and concerns lifted up today" - and then go on to lift up concerns of our world today. The GP then leads the congregation right into the Lord's Prayer. We use 'debts.'

Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering Liturgist does this.

Collection and Offertory

Doxology As doxology music begins, GP stands and indicates congregation to rise.

Prayer of Dedication Liturgist does this

***Hymn** (GP select or BRPC?)

We Depart to Serve

***Benediction** GP does this. I typically offer the Benediction from the center aisle, but the GP could do so from the pulpit mic if they wish.

***Benediction Song**

This is the LAST 2 verses of the 3rd hymn that we begin singing before the Benediction. During the last 2 verses, the liturgist will extinguish the candles and then stand next to the GP in the aisle, or by the pulpit. They then both walk out as congregation finishes singing the song. The GP stands in the narthex to greet folks as they exit and go into the parlor for Coffee Fellowship. The liturgist will join the GP in the narthex to shake hands after they have lit the Christ candle in the narthex.

Postlude

*please stand in body or spirit