

Prayer Guide

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*Welcome to our church family
We are so glad you are here to worship with us!*

In sin, we fade--our roots dry up. We lose lovely blooms and nourishing fruits. Sin shrivels, and leaves us thirsty for living water. But God promises that he will be the dew that refreshes us. When we turn back to God, our roots grow deep and we become beautiful and lush.

What are those things we must turn from this Lenten season (and always) to receive that new life and growth? What are the things we allow to become idols and distractions from God?

<https://www.crcna.org/DoJustice/article/ash-and-oil-march-9>

Today at BCRC

9:00 AM

Prayer Group, FLC Rm 4
Library Hours

9:30 AM

Morning Worship
Nursery/Children's Worship

11:00 AM

Children/Youth Sunday School
Women's Study of Ruth-FLC
Youth Room

NO Sermon Discussion Class;
class will resume 3/8/2026

5:00 PM

Evening Worship

*Nursery is available for newborns - 3 years of age in the FLC for the morning service *Children's Worship is offered during the 9:30 am service for ages 3-3rd grade. Children sit with their parents until they are dismissed and may be picked up in the FLC.

Announcements

PRAYER MEETING: Tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm, a corporate prayer meeting will be held at BCRC to seek the Lord's direction in strategic planning and potential building. This is a very important meeting, as council has been working through many changes and challenges. Please plan to attend.

TY FROM COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Thank you so much for your consideration. I really enjoyed the cards and gift cards. I had a rough start to my week, so the cards and gift cards were very much appreciated! I am doing well in school and am enjoying FSU. Thank you again for thinking of me! - **Abby Vreman**

Thank you for sending your love through the sweet cards and gift cards y'all sent me! I felt His love through this package of mail, and I am grateful for the reminder of His love for me. The weather is warming up a bit up here, and the tulips are starting to bloom. They remind me that the Lord's mercies are new every morning as I walk to class. I hope all is well at the church and I hope to join y'all again in the summer! - **Annabelle Pullen**

FAREWELL AND APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR THE KOSTELYK FAMILY: Please join us March 8, 2026 following the morning service for a special farewell lunch for the Kostelyk family. We are incredibly grateful for the faithful service and dedication James has given in leading and mentoring our youth, making a lasting impact on our church family. Let's come together to wish the Kostelyk family God's blessings as they embark on their new ministry in Montana.

SENIORS 60+: March S.A.L.T. will be Saturday, March 14, 2026. Please join us in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. as we welcome back Brian and Sara Milgate, to present their "Past My Prime" Folk Music Show. Lunch will follow in the Family Life Center. Please sign-up in the narthex by Sunday, March 8 for a name tag that will be your reservation ticket for lunch.

OUTREACH SPONSORED MINISTRY - J316: J316 Ministries is a Christian nonprofit in Bradenton, Florida, that shares the message of John 3:16 with children and families through sports outreach, camps, and church partnerships. By using fun, relationship-focused programs—especially soccer clinics—the ministry connects with kids in meaningful ways while teaching the gospel, building confidence, and encouraging spiritual growth.

PM Worship Notes

Lord's Day 8

Defense of Trinity

- I. Clarity of the Doctrine as revealed in scripture
 - A. Shema (the Lord your God, the Lord is One)
 - B. Baptism of our Lord
 - C. Matthew 28
- II. The sense of believing an incomprehensible truth
God is incomprehensible, so it should not disturb us when we cannot comprehend him

Trinity as the Foundation of the Creed

- I. No accident that the doctrines of the Christian Faith are described around the Trinity
 - The object of our faith forms all aspects of our faith
- II. Father and Creation
 - Father is the source of all things
-Source of the Son and Spirit
- III. Son and Redemption
 - A. Son is the agent of redemption
 - B. Jesus means "savior/deliverer"
- IV. Spirit and Sanctification
 - A. Spirit dwells within Christians as they are saved
 - B. Spirit joins the Means of Grace to Christ's saving works

Delight in Trinity

- I. The Trinity is the reason that we know God is Love
 - A. Foundational characteristic of the Godhead - the Father loves his Son
 - B. This foundational characteristic flows from the Godhead to Christians

PM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship Deuteronomy 4:35; 6:4 **James Kostelyk**

***Gathering Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* PsH 249

*God's Greeting

***Hymn of Adoration** *Creator, Spirit, By Whose Aid* PsH 425

Confession of Our Faith Lord's Day 8

Prayer Hymn *Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer* PsH 421

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Our Offerings *Lord of All Good* PsH 295

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Lord's Day 8** **Pastor Dylan Kern**

***Hymn of Response** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* PsH 504

*Parting Words

***Closing Response** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* PsH 364

Postlude

***Please stand as you are able**

MORNING OFFERINGS: Contributions collected in the morning are used for the general budget of the church. If you would like to designate your offering to a specific fund, please use a contribution envelope found in the pew. 1 Q SUPPORTIVE OFFERINGS: Bradenton Christian School, Food Bank/Meals on Wheels, Foster the Family, Our Daily Bread of Bradenton, Rehoboth Christian School



Online Giving is available on the BCRC website. Click on the give icon on the top right side of the page.

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS: February's Missionaries of the month are Mark and Altia Legters serving in Mexico with Bridge the Gap. They have written, " we are so grateful for your continued prayers and support over the years. It is meant the world to us. We will continue the Lord's work here until He directs us otherwise "

The Mission and Vision of Bradenton Christian Reformed Church

Our Vision: "Every generation discipling the next to endure in the historic Reformed faith until Christ returns."

Our Mission: "Training disciples in Bradenton, Florida to abide in the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sunday Schedules

TODAY

Greeters: 9:30 am Don Wunderink
5:00 pm Mike Vreman
Ushers: 9:30 am Anthony/Dave
Nursery: 9:30 am P. McCall/E. Waite
CW: Tripp/Prudence

NEXT WEEK

Greeters: 9:30 am Don Wunderink
5:00 pm Mike Vreman
Ushers: 9:30 am Greg/Gary
Nursery: 9:30 am S. Vreman/J. Vreman
CW: Amanda/Taylor

THIS WEEK AT BCRC

Monday
Office Closed
7:00 PM Corporate Prayer Meeting

Tuesday
8:30 AM Prayer Meeting (FLC 4)
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday
10:00 AM Grief Share
5:30 PM Handbell Choir
6:45 PM Youth Activities
7:00 PM Worship Choir

Thursday
7:45 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM Coffee Break Bible Study

Friday
9:30 AM Playgroup
Office Closed

AM Worship Service

WE GATHER to worship our great God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Dylan Kern

Chimes

Call to Worship Psalms 107:1-3

*Gathering Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*God's Greeting

*Song of Adoration *To God Be the Glory*

WE RESPOND to God's Holy Presence

Call to Confession Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace Ephesians 2:1-10

*Song of Assurance *Amazing Grace*

*Confession of Our Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Our Offerings *God of Grace*

Children's Blessing

WE HEAR God's Mighty Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Scripture Reading Judges 16:4-17

Sermon **God Opens the Eyes of the Blind** Rev. Doug Aldrink

*Song of Response *Be Thou My Vision*

WE GO in grateful obedience to serve God

*Parting Words

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

AM Worship Notes

GOD OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND

Judges 16:4-30

The Book of Judges Tells of Spiritual Blindness

1. How Blind Can a Person Be? vs. 4-17

2. How Scary the Consequences of Blindness! vs. 18-21

3. How the Blind are Made to See! vs. 22-30

How Is Your Spiritual Vision?