

Let

Brick Presbyterian

Church *Say*

Amen!

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Jean Reilly

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Melody Bober

Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Here is something that we all can agree upon:

God our Creator is love and calls us to be led by this love in every area of our lives. Amen!

Here is something that we all can celebrate:

Christ redeems us from sin and sets us free for abundant life. Amen!

Here is something that we all can trust:

The Holy Spirit equips us with everything we need to be faithful disciples. Amen!

This is what brings us to this place and time today:

We've come to

speak and sing and practice

our gratitude and praise to God

together.

Amen and Amen!

* HYMN

"Lord, Prepare Me"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us embrace this grace by the confession of our individual and collective sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(we begin with a moment of silence for personal confession)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Amen, We Praise Your Name"*

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Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

1ST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 p. 861 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Rescue"* by Lauren Daigle
Soloist: Sharon Thomas

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 1: 4-8 p. 1072 in pew Bible

MESSAGE *"An Amen Church"* Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* # 267

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 129: What does that little word *"Amen"* express?

Answer: *"Amen"* means: **This shall truly and surely be!** It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... And all God's people said **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE

You are invited to silently thank God for one of your recent blessings.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The Solid Rock"
Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

arr. Melody Bober

* DOXOLOGY

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world. Grant us the humility we need to plant and tend your precious garden.
Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN

"Come! Live in the Light!"

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* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Victory in Jesus"
Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

arr. Melody Bober

Children and Families have options in worship! At the front of the sanctuary on the right-hand side, we have our new **PrayGround area**. This space is for children to sit together and do quiet activities while being present for the worship service. Children's bulletins, lap desks, crayons / colored pencils, puzzles, soft toys, and children's Bibles are available for use.

Why a PrayGround? People - especially children - learn by watching, listening, and most especially by doing. Faith development happens not only in the Church School classroom, but in the worship setting in which the entire Body of Christ gathers together. When they *hear* the music, *sense* the reverence and importance, *taste* the Communion elements (*for those who are baptized*), *see* the elements of the sanctuary and worship space, and *feel* included, they are spiritually nurtured. The PrayGround enables children to experience the service first-hand and up-close while having child-friendly faith-based activities to keep them engaged. It enables the parents to enjoy worship without distraction while knowing that their children are safe.

What if my child can't sit still? Kids wiggle! That's ok - we should worry if they don't! The PrayGround floor is a comfortable foam puzzle mat. A PrayGround adult attendant will be present at all times to make sure that little worshippers are supported and not disruptive. If a child needs to be in the nursery instead, that's ok! The smallest children and those with special needs are welcome to utilize the nursery room where there is a TV that streams the worship service. Ask an usher for help.

What if my child doesn't want to be in the PrayGround? That's ok too! Our children are welcome to be anywhere they are comfortable and not disruptive within the sanctuary. They are welcome to come to the PrayGround before the service starts where they can get a children's bulletin and any other materials they would like to use for the hour and take it back to their seat.

Good Morning

Let us welcome our guest keyboardist, **Anna Schwartz**.
Thank you for joining us in worship and sharing your talents!

PRAYER LIST

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Rich Irwin,
Jim McCue, Bob Mahns, Michael Toth



And Our Homebound:

Don Bertrand, Jack Macaluso,
Marion Irwin - Harrogate Health Care, Lakewood
Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River
Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold

Worship Notes

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¹ Kristie Miles

TONIGHT !

Sunday Night Worship Around the Campfire

Come and Worship tonight around the campfire at 6:30, in the backyard of the manse. We will be using a smokeless fire pit every week: no smoke in our eyes! In the event that outdoor conditions are poor, we will meet in the FLC.



Bring a lawn chair or blanket. *You may also bring:* refreshments such as smores fixin's, hot dogs to roast, watermelon for seed-spittin', and a cool summer beverage.

We will sing, read a little scripture, and talk about faith in a relaxed, informal setting. If you have a guitar or other instrument, please bring it along!

Don't forget to bring a friend!

I look forward to seeing you there!!



WORSHIP on the SHORELINE

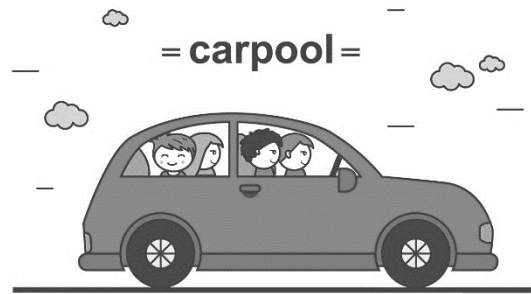
**Next Sunday, August 20th 10am
at Cherry Quay Beach**

Fellowship will follow

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Carpooling is encouraged;

*Meet in the Church parking lot at 9:30
if you are willing to carpool.*



Drivers Needed

If you are willing to be a driver, that would be great! Please let Pastor Kristie and the Worship committee know by signing your name on the sign-up sheet found on the Narthex table. *Thanks for helping!*

The BPC Handbell Choir invites you to join our fun, friendly group!

No musical experience is required –

WE TRAIN!



Practices are Monday evenings in the Sanctuary, and we play during Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Ages 14 and up are welcome.

Contact Bonnie Luton or call the church office for info.

Memorial bricks and Hymnal dedications are available throughout the year to honor or memorialize a loved one or to commemorate a special date or event.

Order forms are available from the Fundraising Committee.

What are you doing this Thursday?



Come Out for an Ice Cream Social

Please join us at **Carvel**, in the Drum Point Plaza
371 Brick Blvd in Brick on Thursday, **August 17TH**

between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Any donations received will benefit the **BPC Youth Group**.

NOTES

Brick Presbyterian Church

Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*
Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*

Session

Class of 2024

Brian Aldrich, Bob Auriemma Jr., Linda Kathenes, Jill Moberg, Elaine Salto

Class of 2025

Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, Patrice Law, Christy Tompkins, Craig Trautweiler

Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, Marty Haluza, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly

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Class of 2024

Sandy Alho, Tom Erickson, Jennifer Kathenes, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis

Class of 2025

Dorothy Aldrich, JoAnne Habenicht, Carol Orbann, Elorm Banini, Sharon Thomas

Class of 2026

Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler

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Mike Kraynick, *Treasurer*
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