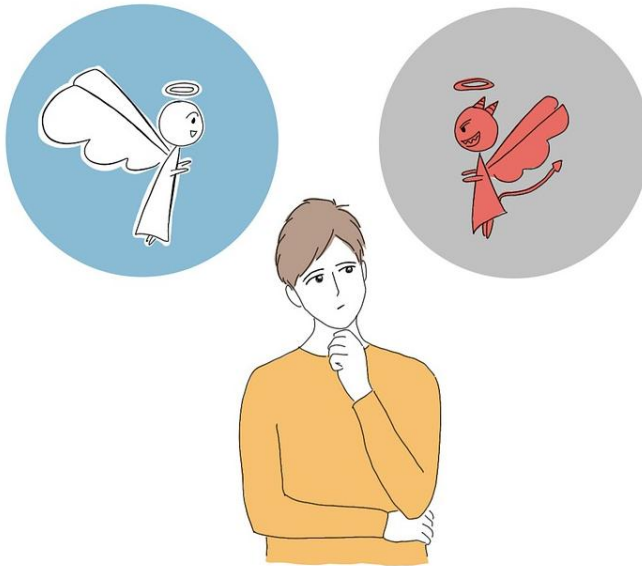


# BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcomes You!



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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD <sup>1</sup>

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Frank Mizer

PRELUDE

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

arr. Brent Olstad

Flutist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth,

**We gather together in Your name.**

We come as living sacrifices,

To offer You our worship and thanksgiving,

our praise and our prayers.

**Come among us, Living Lord.**

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,

transform our hearts and minds

so that we may recognize Your presence,

**hear Your voice,**

**know Your will,**

**and walk in Your way.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"We Are One in the Spirit"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 12:3

The Apostle Paul writes, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." In sober judgment and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear.**

**Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: Our God makes a way where there is no way, infusing our world with grace and hope when such goodness feels long gone. We are a people redeemed and restored. In 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.**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God!** (X 2)

**Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mysterious God, we trust that you are at work among us, even when you are hidden from our sight. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, and our arms to embrace your truth, as it comes to us in your Word. **Amen.**

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 124

p. 537 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

*“How Great Is Our God”*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Flutist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

p. 986 in pew Bible

MESSAGE

*“What Should I Do?”*

Rev. Kristie Miles

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN

*“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”*

# 287 v. 1-2

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from “A Brief Statement of Faith” 9.43*

**In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*"Amazing Grace"*

arr. John Purifoy

Flutist: Susan Gargano | Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz

\* DOXOLOGY

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

# 708

**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

Generous God, you are the source of all good gifts, and you are the one who taught us how to give. Receive our offering — an act of faith that even our small gifts have power and purpose in your world. **Amen.**

**RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME**

\* HYMN

*"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"*

# 287 v. 3-5

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*"Faith Is the Victory"*

arr. Melody Bober

Keyboardist: Anna Schwartz



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
in celebration of Henrik's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by his Nana and Grampy,  
Karen & Mark Ellis.**

**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.

**Sunday Night Worship Around the Campfire will not meet tonight  
but will resume next Sunday at 6:30pm.**

### **Worship Notes**

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

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<sup>1</sup> <https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-August-27-2023.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/opening-prayer-proper-16a.html>

## Mark Your Calendar for BPC September Happenings

Sept. 10

**Youth Group Pool Party** at Brian Aldrich's home from 5-7pm

Sept 17

**Sunday School** begins at 9am

**Adult Bible Study with Rev. Brian Miles** at 9am

**Rev. Chase will become Pastor Emeritus** during the 10am Worship Service

**A pancake breakfast** will follow the morning service

**The Youth Group kicks of their 2023-2024 season** from 6-7pm

**Mum sale on Saturday, September 23, 10:00 - 2:00 and Sunday, September 24, until sold out.** Mums sell for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. You will be able to pre-order, but we cannot guarantee colors at the time of delivery. Free local delivery is also available. Stop by the fundraising table in the Narthex. Cash or check will be accepted. All check will be made out to Brick Presbyterian Church or BPC.

**Country Line Dance Tickets are Available.** There will be a caller to teach you a few line dances and of course you can dance your own way. Light refreshments and drinks will be available. There is so much entertainment and games you don't want to miss this event on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-10pm.** This is going to be a great fellowship evening. Tickets will be limited as we need plenty of dancing room. **Cost is \$20.00** per person, so don't wait to get your tickets as you don't want to miss this fun evening.

**Bosco's Friends Helping Friends 25% discount coupons** are now available for \$5.00 for the **October 18** event.

## **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*

### **Board of Deacons**

#### ***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*

### **Staff**

*Karen Ellis, Financial Secretary*

*Mike Kraynick, Treasurer*

*Patricia Loboda, Administrative Assistant*

*Lorrie Haluza, Interim Christian Education Coordinator*

*Bonnie Luton, Handbell Choir Director*

*Edmond Murphy, Minister of Vocal Music*

*Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader*

*W R Mahns, Pianist / Organist*