



“*I am*  
... the LORD your God.”

Exodus 16:12

# WELCOME TO BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost -September 24, 2023

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Craig Trautweiler

PRELUDE

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Arr. Joel Raney

BPC Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 105:1-6

Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to the Lord by name!

**Tell everyone you meet what God has done!**

Sing songs to God, belt out hymns,

**translate God's wonders into music!**

Honor God's holy name with Hallelujahs,

**you who seek God. Live a happy life!**

Keep your eyes open for God, watch for Divine works;

**be alert for signs of Holy Presence.**

Remember the world of wonders God has made,

**miracles, and the verdicts God has rendered—**

O seed of Abraham, God's servant,

**O child of Jacob, you Beloved: Let us worship the Lord!**

\* HYMN

*"Morning Has Broken"*

# 664

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another, first in individual, silent prayer, then collectively:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Psalm 145:9 and Ephesians 2:8-9)

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

**It is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

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

*“Doxology”*

Charles Coffin<sup>2</sup>

**To God, all glorious heavenly light;  
To Christ, revealed in earthly night;  
To God, the Spirit now we raise;  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Holy God, your Word teaches us that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, speak to us, and inspire us that we may be proficient and equipped for every good work; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

p. 59 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

*“Be Still My Soul”*  
BPC Bell Choir"

Arr. Joel Raney

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:2-18

p. 926 in pew Bible

MESSAGE

*“A Surprising Tendency”*

Rev. Kristie Miles

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN

*"O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

# 833

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.28

**The New Testament is the recorded testimony of apostles to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Old Testament bears witness to God's faithfulness in his covenant with Israel and points the way to the fulfillment of his purpose in Christ. The Old Testament is indispensable to understanding the New, and is not itself fully understood without the New.**

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

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Arr. John Purifoy

Susan Gargano, Flautist / W. R. Mahns, Keyboardist

\* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"Lord, We Thank You for this Food"*

# 660

**Lord, we thank you for these gifts;  
help us share with all in need;  
body, soul refresh anew**

to live the Gospel, give your people love.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

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

\* HYMN

*"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"*

# 71

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*"Peace"*

Arr. Joel Raney

Susan Gargano, Flautist    W. R. Mahns, Keyboardist

**Worship Notes**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-9\\_24.pdf](https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-9_24.pdf)

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**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Bette Gibson**

**by her daughter, Kathleen Nasta and her grandchildren.**

*"We Miss You"*

**and**

**by Patrice Law**

**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 in the narthex.

**PRAYER LIST**

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa,  
Christine Licknack, Jim McCue, Michael Toth



**And Our Homebound:**

Don Bertrand, Jack Macaluso,  
Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River  
Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold





<i>MONDAY</i>	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM– 2:00PM
<i>THURSDAY</i>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
<i>SUNDAY</i>	Church School	9:00AM
	Adult Bible Study	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Youth Group in FLC	11:30AM–2:00PM

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends 25% discount coupons are now available for \$5.00 for the October 18 event.** Our committee will be in Boscov's on several occasions pre-selling discount coupons **prior to the event on October 18.** If you would like to join us, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or any committee member.



## **Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive!**

**If you are feeling healthy and well, please consider donating.**

**Friday, October 6th, 2023**

**1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

### **Brick Presbyterian Church Family Life Center**

**Blood donation is a safe process, and people should not hesitate to give and receive blood. At each blood drive, Red Cross employees follow extensive safety protocols. In addition to standard procedures, you will notice the following for your local blood drive:**

### **To Schedule an Appointment**

**go to [rcblood.org/appt](http://rcblood.org/appt) and use sponsor code Brick Presbyterian Church or call/text Sandra at 732-948-6447**

***Please Tell a Friend!***

## NOTES

# **Brick Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*  
Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*  
Sandy Alho, *Moderator for the Deacons*

## **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, *Director of Vocal Music*  
Christy Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*  
W R Mahns, *Pianist / Organist*  
Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*