

BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Miles

PRELUDE

"Be Still My Soul"

Sibelius – Larson

Susan Gargano, Flautist / W R Mahns, Keyboardist

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather hoping to see God;

Here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.

We can see God

when we show one another honor,

when we pursue hospitality to strangers,

when we live in harmony with one another,

when we rejoice in hope.

Let us worship the God amongst us.

* HYMN

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we really are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together, first in silent, individual prayer and then collectively:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving, we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even.

Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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

"Doxology"

Charles Coffin²

**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

O Holy Creator, you spoke all of creation into being, we ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21 p. 987 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Speak, O Lord"* arr. Lloyd Larson
BPC Choir / Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-28 p. 851 in pew Bible

MESSAGE *"Divine Things"* Rev. Kristie Miles

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"* # 494

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Breathe on Me Breath of God"* arr. Jay Rouse
BPC Choir / Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"Lord, We Thank You for this Food"*³ # 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

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer: our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward to receive the Communion elements from one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary.

The servers will hand the elements to you. Gluten-Free and Regular premade, sealed Communion elements are available from the server in the aisle and for those who remain in their seats.

The Bread of Heaven; **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

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BPC Choir / Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

You are the first, the last, the everything in between,

we lift our praise and our prayers up to you,

because we know that you have been listening since the first voice in the garden, and we trust that you listen still.

hallowed be thy name,

Yours is the name that is above every name,

yours is the name spoken in all languages,

yours is the name that echoes across all time and space.

thy kingdom come,

May all of creation look more and more like your heavenly kingdom,
a place of peace,
a place of love,
a place everyone feels at home.

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Here in this place may love be genuine,
may hospitality be given to strangers,
may we overcome evil with good,
and may we live peaceably with each other.

Give us this day our daily bread

Allow us to taste and see, drink and remember, the goodness you have
given us.

Allow us to trust rather than hoard
so that no one goes hungry, and no one thirsts.

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Give us as many chances as it takes to get it right,
and may we give others just as many chances
as you have given us.

And lead us not into temptation,

Guide us to stay on your good path,
even when it seems easier to curse than to bless,
more satisfying to seek vengeance than to build peace.

but deliver us from evil.

Because we know evil has many forms.
It shows up in test results as cancer;
it startles us in harsh words and policies;
it arrives at our door as violence;
and it bubbles up inside us as self-destruction.
However and whenever evil shows up,
rescue us from it time and time again.

For thine is the kingdom,
Where we hope to live with you,
and the power,
That you showed us by taking on weakness,
and the glory,
That we hope to reflect with our lives out into the world,
Forever And ever. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"* # 316

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"Holy Ground"* Davis - Larson

Susan Gargano, Flautist / W R Mahns, Keyboardist

WORSHIP NOTES:

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

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¹ https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-9_3.pdf

² https://www.hillsidemedford.org/transforming-love/doxology/?gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwrranBhAEEiwAzbhNtec96LsNzqMebsWQwt6JBXaieCfMrRmN_Wy_N2GHzhAEDh_w6if-dRoCcYsQAvD_BwE

³ Lord, We Thank You for this Food" words changed to "these gifts"



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
by JoAnne Habenicht,
in loving memory of Nana Gaynor.**

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.



Monday	Holiday - Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	Fundraising Meeting	7:00pm
	PB&G Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Food Pantry Open	10am - 2pm
	Stewardship/Benevolence	7:00pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	6:30pm
Saturday	Church Work-Day	8:00am – 12 noon
Monday 9/11	Deacons Meeting	7:00pm

PRAYER LIST

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Rich Irwin,
Jim McCue, 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

Mark Your Calendar for BPC September Happenings

Sept. 10

Youth Group Pool Party at Brian Aldrich's home from **1-3pm**

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 off 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 will be available. There is so much entertainment and games you don't want to miss this event on **Saturday, September 23rd 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.

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

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