

Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church

*“Where You’ll Find Stars
Who Shine with God’s Love!”*



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 15, 2023

On the 1st Sunday after Pentecost we asked:

Where Do We Go from Here?

What is God calling BPC to be and to do?

Today we ask:

What is God calling YOU to be and to do as we kick off our Stewardship Season?

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

WELCOME and GUIDE FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Marty Haluza

THE GIFTS OF GOD

OPENING SONG

"Forever" ⁴

by Chris Tomlin

BPC Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 2:17

Remember the promise of the Lord:

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Fill us with your Spirit as we seek to worship and follow you. Amen!

* SONG

"By Faith"

Verse 1 ²

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

REFLECTION and RESPONSE

*With what gifts, skills, resources, has God blessed you?
How do they work together with other people's gifts?*

THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezra 3:1-2, 8

When the seventh month came and the Israelites were in their towns, the people gathered together as one in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua son of Jozadak with his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God.

In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites from twenty years old and up to have the oversight of the work on the house of the Lord.

* SONG

“By Faith”

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

REFLECTION and RESPONSE

*How do you work with other people to build the church as a place where God is glorified
and embodied?*

How does the light of Christ shine in and through you?

LIMITATIONS and LIABILITIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 17:41-47

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the

Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head, and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

* SONG

"By Faith"

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

CALL TO CONFESSION

Identify sin so that it doesn't become a liability.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ¹

Creator God, You have blessed humanity with amazing gifts and abilities. But we don't always use those gifts for Your good purposes. Sometimes we believe that we are gifted by our own power, and that we don't need You in our daily lives. At other times we hide our weaknesses and allow shame and competition to wound our souls.

Gently correct us and remind us that our greatest strength is dependence on You. Forgive the ways in which our sins limit how we follow and serve You. Then help us understand how you call us to fearlessly use your gifts for the Glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REFLECTION and RESPONSE

*How aren't we skilled, gifted? What are our limitations?
How does sin limit our discipleship? Don't be something we're not.*

BUT... don't let others define your limits!

VALUES, STANDARDS, and PRINCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-34

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, section 9.53, adapted

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humans’ natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the Divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God’s creation.

* SONG

"By Faith"

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

OFFERING

2 Cor. 9:7

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

OFFERTORY

"Gratitude"

by Brandon Lake

Mike Slater

REFLECTION and RESPONSE

In what do we believe in? What are our values? In what do we invest?

JOY and PASSION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

song of Solomon 7:10-13

I am my beloved's,
And my beloved is mine.
Come, my beloved,
Let us go forth to the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see if the vine has budded,
Whether the grape blossoms are open,
And the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.
The mandrakes give off a fragrance,

And at our gates are pleasant fruits,
All manner, new and old,
Which I have laid up for you, my beloved.

* SONG

"By Faith"

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

REFLECTION and RESPONSE

What do you enjoy doing in this church? What are some of the acts done - not because "you ought to" - but because you experience joy and pleasure in the action?

IRRESISTIBLE: "I CAN'T NOT DO IT"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

* SONG

"By Faith"

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

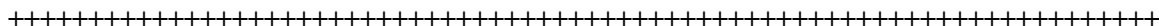
REFLECTION and RESPONSE

What do we do, beyond enjoyment, but from a deep satisfaction and a sense that you are fulfilling a Divine calling? What makes you feel more full after giving than you before you gave (of yourself).

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *“Love Comes Down”*³ L. Daigle, M. Farren, S. Moseley



Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

¹ Kristie Miles

² By Faith” by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend. CCLI Song #5469291.

³ Love Comes Down. Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, Seth Moseley. CCLI 7009580.

⁴ Forever. Lily Tomlin. CCLI 3148428.

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.

*The Nursery, in classroom #1,
is available from 9:00AM-11:00AM for children pre-k and under.*



Pumpkin Patch Event for the Youth
TODAY
following the Worship Service.



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
by the Kraynick family,
in memory of our beloved sister and aunt, Donna Cavett.**

PRAYER LIST

Christine Licknack, *Complete Care at Bey Lea, Toms River*

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



And Our Homebound:

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



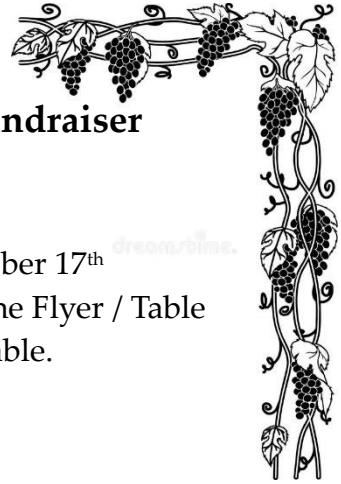
The BPC Deacons and Red Cross team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and donated to our twelfth Red Cross blood drive. Through our combined efforts, 44 units were collected.

Additionally, the coordinator would like to thank our hard-working volunteers who assisted in every process of the drive and made it a smooth sailing experience for everyone involved. Congratulations everyone on continuing to save lives - one drive at a time!



MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Boscov Event	All Day
	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School	9:00AM
	*Adult Bible Study	9:00AM
	*Worship	10:00AM

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**BPC Invites You to a Delicious Fundraiser
at Tuscany Restaurant**

Join Us for Lunch or Dinner

Monday October 16th or Tuesday October 17th

10% of your bill will be donated to BPC – One Flyer / Table

Flyers are found on the Narthex table.

THANKSGIVING PIES

Cameo Cakes – Brielle, NJ

Orders Due By: Sunday, November 12, 2023

Pie Pickup: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, ONLY

Pickup Location: Brick Presbyterian Church

(Hours to be Announced)

All Pies are 10" Deep Dish (6-8 servings), FRESH and DELICIOUS!!

Pies will be brought FRESH from Cameo Cakes in Brielle in the morning or our pickup.

Buy now for Thanksgiving or freeze for Christmas!

Order forms are located on the Narthex table.

