

Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian  
Church



"Praise God, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!"

Psalm 148:3

111 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ 08723

732-477-0676 BrickPresby.com

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

October 29, 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

---

\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Vic Erickson

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*  
BPC Bell Choir

arr. Jason Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(based on Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

**Our delight is in the law of the Lord.**

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

**May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.**

\* HYMN

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

# 804

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together, first in individual, silent prayer, and then collectively.

Let us pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(unison)*

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

**Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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"*

# 606

**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.  
Amen.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action. Open our minds and our hearts to the reading of your Word, and the honest proclamation of your truth. Ready us to respond to the Spirit's call. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING    Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17            p. 516 in pew Bible

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
**in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
**or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say,  
**"Turn back, you mortals."**

For a thousand years in your sight  
**are like yesterday when it is past,**  
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
**like grass that is renewed in the morning;**  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
**in the evening it fades and withers.**

Turn, O LORD! How long?  
**Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
**so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
**and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
**and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands —  
**O prosper the work of our hands!**

ANTHEM

*“ I Need Thee Every Hour ”*  
BPC Bell Choir

M. & S. Eithun

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

p. 857 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Kristie Miles

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(from the Belhar Confession)*

#### **We believe**

- that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

#### **We believe**

- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding

force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

### **We believe**

- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

### **We believe**

- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

## 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

*"The Gift of Love"*

arr. Joel Raney

Susan Gargano, Flautist – W. R. Mahns, Keyboard

\* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* # 654

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord, I will rejoice!**

**Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, you have given to us all that we have. We gratefully return this portion to be dedicated to the upbuilding of your kingdom. Bless these gifts, direct them according to your will, so that they are a reflection of your glory. Amen.**

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

### HYMN

*"Take My Life"*

# 697, v. 1,5,6

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*                    arr. David Winkler  
Susan Gargano, Flautist – W. R. Mahns, Keyboard

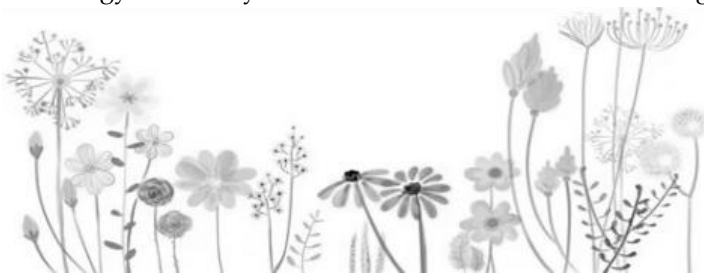
+++++

**Worship Notes**

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

Photos: Pixabay License – Free for commercial use – No attribution required

<sup>1</sup>Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott. Pres-Outlook.org



**This morning’s flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by the Horan & Palumbo Families,  
in memory of Gary Horan, Jr.  
*You are ALWAYS in our hearts!***

**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.



## **It's Time to Order THANKSGIVING PIES**

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 on Tuesday, November 21. Buy now for Thanksgiving or freeze for Christmas!

*Order forms are located on the Narthex table.*

*Orders due by - Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## **PRAYER LIST**

Christine Licknack (under care of hospice at home)

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

**DINE TO DONATE** - It's easy, just enjoy a lunch or dinner at the **YOKOHAMA Japanese Restaurant**, 506 Brick Blvd in Brick.

**Dates:** Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

**Pick up a flyer** and bring it to the restaurant and 10% of your check will be donated to Brick Presbyterian Church.

Lunch 11:30AM – 4:00PM..... Dinner 3:00PM – 10:00PM..... Take-out available.

*Flyers are located on the Narthex table.*



<b>MONDAY</b>	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Worship Committee Mtg	5:30PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	*Church School	9:00AM
	*Adult Bible Study	9:00AM
	*Worship	10:00AM

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



## **Poinsettias, Grave Blankets and Christmas Wreaths**

### **Now on Sale**

Decorated wreaths, approx. 25" (\$30.00)

6" Poinsettias (\$15.00 each *or* 3 for \$30.00)

8" Poinsettias (\$25.00)

4 ft. decorated grave blankets (\$45.00)

**Wreath orders and payment must be in by November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Poinsettia and grave blanket orders including payment will be due  
Thanksgiving week (*exact date to be announced*).

## **Brick Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*  
Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*  
Sandy Alho, *Moderator of 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 Tomkins, *Praise Team Leader*  
W R Mahns, *Pianist / Organist*

*Rev. Doug Chase, Pastor Emeritus*