



*Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating Veterans Day  
and Dedication Sunday*

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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 12, 2023  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME and MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Frank Mizer

PRELUDE

*"Hosanna"*

by Brooke Ligertwood

CCLI Song #4785835/License #1853779

## CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup>

Merciful and Mighty Christ:

You proclaim and answer with authority,

You reveal the way of righteousness;

**All authority in heaven and earth is yours.**

**Receive the sacrifice of our trust and our lives.**

You deliver and heal with authority,

You call for our turning and transforming;

**All authority in heaven and earth is yours.**

**Receive the sacrifice of our trust and our lives.**

You breathe and share your authority,

You send us to work and witness in your world;

**All authority in heaven and earth is yours.**

**Receive the sacrifice of our trust and our lives.**

**For the honor and glory of your name;**

**For the building of your kingdom;**

**For the saving of all creation, we worship You. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION <sup>k</sup>

Our call to confession is a call to freedom: freedom from sin and its fatal consequences. Let us grasp this gift with everything that we are by confessing first in individual, silent prayer, then collectively. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION <sup>2</sup>

*(unison)*

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

God of All Grace: **All that we are, all that we have, and all that we will become is a gift from You. Forgive us when we forget this and assume that our time and talents are created by us. Forgive us when we pridefully count our earnings, rather than delighting in Your gifts.**

**Remind us of the high calling: to be the stewards of Your abundance, caretakers of all that You have entrusted to us. Make us faithful with little, and also with much, that we may give ourselves as You did, wholly and completely, even to the cross, In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE

*"Glory be to the Father"*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION <sup>3</sup>

Lord, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his host!**

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

Praise him, you highest heavens  
**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for he commanded and they were created.**

He established them forever and ever;  
**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you sea monsters and all deeps,**  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and all cattle,  
**creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and women alike,  
**old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for his name alone is exalted;**  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people,  
**praise for all his faithful,**  
**for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

ANTHEM

*“Raise A Hallelujah”*

by Jake Stevens, Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs

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2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-2, 6:19-21 p. 837 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

MESSAGE

*“Incomparable Investment”*

Rev. Kristie Miles

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Titus 2:13c-14, Amplified Version

We believe that

**Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,**  
**willingly gave Himself**

**to be crucified on our behalf to redeem us**  
**and purchase our freedom from all wickedness,**  
**and to purify for Himself**

**a chosen and very special people to be His own possession,**  
**who are enthusiastic for doing what is good.**

## 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

*You are invited to come forward and place your offering in the collection plate and your pledge in the star box.*

## OFFERTORY

*"Freedoms Never Free"*

by Philips, Craig and Dean | Soloist: Bob Orlofsky

\* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"God Is So Good"*

**God is so Good; God is so Good;  
God is so Good; God's so good to me!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION <sup>4</sup>

**O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—all that we have and all that we are.**

**We come seeking your treasure—treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.**

## RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN	<i>"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"</i>	# 700
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Kristie
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Be unto Your Name"</i>	Sadler and Deshazo



### Worship Notes

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<sup>2</sup> Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

<sup>3</sup> <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

<sup>4</sup> by Rev. Dr. Barb Hedges-Goettl.

<https://bjhlog.wordpress.com/2020/02/19/nl-mark-1017-31-the-rich-young-man-march-1-2020/>



### **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.*



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in  
*Honor of Our Veterans.***

**Thank you to all our veterans for your courage,  
strength and dedication to keeping us safe.**

**Please join us after service, in the FLC  
for our  
Annual Veterans Day Luncheon.**



**Please keep Dan Licknack and family in your  
prayers, following the passing of his beloved  
wife Christine.**

You are respectfully invited to attend her **memorial gathering today from 6-9pm** at the **Anderson & Campbell Funeral Home** 703 Main Street, Toms River, NJ 08753.

**Chris' funeral service will be held at BPC tomorrow morning at 10:00am.** The burial will be at Brig. General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ.



## PRAYER LIST

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



**November 12 -18**

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

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*With the holidays approaching,  
the following items are on the Deacons Food Pantry wish list:*

cream of chicken soup  
chicken broth  
hearty soup  
chicken noodle soup  
juice  
baked beans  
mashed potatoes  
canned yams  
canned corn  
canned peas  
canned carrots  
canned fruit  
pancake mix  
syrup  
oatmeal  
coffee  
tea  
saltines  
ramen noodles  
crackers

**Thank You for Your Support!**



## **Poinsettias & Grave Blankets**

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

8" Poinsettias (\$25.00)

4 ft. decorated grave blankets (\$45.00)

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

## **THANKSGIVING PIES**

### **Payments & Orders Due TODAY**

**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 on the morning of our pickup.

Buy now for Thanksgiving or freeze for Christmas!

*Order forms are located on the Narthex table.*



## **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*

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#### ***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**

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Edmond Murphy, *Director of Vocal Music*  
Christy Tomkins, *Praise Team Leader*  
W R Mahns, *Pianist / Organist*

*Rev. Doug Chase, Pastor Emeritus*