

Welcome to

**BRICK
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CHURCH**

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 19, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Thomas

PRELUDE

"Contemplation"

arr. Joel Raney

Violinist: Pauline Bradshaw | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us lift up our eyes and see God's radiant love.

P: We lift up our hearts in praise.

L: Lift up your lives and walk in the light.

P: We lift up our voices in song.

L: Open your ears to hear Christ's call.

P: We open our minds to know God's word.

* HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

611

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lorrie Haluza

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We come before God this day with joy and hope, and with fear and sorrow.

P: We ask God to open our hearts to the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that we may see the truth and live in peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

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

Merciful God, you know the fears and failures that prevent us from taking risks to obey Christ. You know the hurts that prevent us from loving with our whole heart, mind and strength. Heal us, O God; so that, free from fear, we may live with courage and hope, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
Jesus

Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance, and be alert to hear God's commands.

Amen. We will live as children of light.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another, and God will be glorified. Let us turn to our neighbors and extend the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 p. 476 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Pacem"* by Lee Dengler
BPC Quartet | Violinist: Pauline Bradshaw
Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 p. 860 in pew Bible

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

MESSAGE *"The Tie that Binds"* Rev. Christina Hindley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN *"O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go"* # 833

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 *"Shalom"* by Dan Forrest
BPC Quartet | Violinist: Pauline Bradshaw
Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"God Is So Good"* # 658 v. 1

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

We repeat our vows of commitment to you, gracious God, as we dedicate this offering. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good News. May all that we dedicate here – our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management – announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy and serve with delight, thanking you for this opportunity to share what you have given. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"* # 248

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Peace"* arr. Joel Raney
Violinist: Pauline Bradshaw | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns



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 by Susan Britton in memory of her parents,
*Dorothy & Alexander Michal***



Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#2011014



**Please keep Paulette Auriemma and her family in
your prayers, following the passing of her mother,
Anita Marinell.**

There will be a Community Prayer Vigil held at BPC in response to the Israel - Hamas war on Tuesday, November 21 at 5pm. You may bring a candle with you if you wish. Please leave all weapons, banners, and flags at home.



Statement:

On October 7th 2023, the horrible terrorists of Hamas made a massive assault on southern Israel, killing over 1400 and kidnapping another 220. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have been directly affected and devastated by this horrific attack. Likewise, our prayers go out to the innocent Palestinian civilians being used as human shields by the Hamas extremists, as well as, to all those caught in the crossfire. We pray that all terrorists see the error of their ways and lay down their weapons in favor of peace, safety, and hope. We pray that God protects the soldiers of the IDF as they defend their homeland and rescue those taken hostage. We pray that the countries of the world will provide food, water and shelter for the innocent refugees.

Although some of us here today are not Jewish by creed or blood, we stand to honor the vow made by our bravest generation, who fought to stop the genocide of the Holocaust, Never Again.

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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 19 - 25

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Prayer Vigil	5:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry	<i>Closed</i>
THURSDAY / FRIDAY	Church Office	<i>Closed</i>
SUNDAY	*Church School	9:00AM
	*Adult Bible Study	9:00AM
	*Worship	10:00AM

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is available from 9:00AM-11:00AM for children pre-k and under.*



*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!

THANKSGIVING PIES

Pie Pickup

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023

10:30AM – Noon

5:00PM – 7:00PM



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*).

Brick Presbyterian Church

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

Session

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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

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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