

Welcome to

Christ the
King 
S U N D A Y

At Brick Presbyterian Church

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Chuck Cumella

PRELUDE

"Morning has Broken"
BPC Handbell Choir

Arr. Sandra Eithun

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

Come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

And his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION ¹

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

Lord, I was a pile of ash **and you make me a light for the world.**
I was a stone, **and you make me salt for the earth.**
I was as lifeless as clay **and you make me part of the Body of Christ.**
I was sinful **and you make me holy.**
I was nothing **and you make me part of everything.**

Lord, in you I am transformed **and transformed still again.**
When the discouraged cry for hope, **make me hope.**
When the hungry cry for bread, **make me bread.**
When the thirsty cry for water, **make me water.**
When the suffering cry for help, **make me help.**
When the sick cry for healing, **make me healing.**
When the bound cry for freedom, **make me freedom.**
When the outcasts cry for love, **make me love.**

Lord who is hope, **who is bread and water,**
who is help and healing, **who is freedom,**
and who is love, **transform me anew,**
and so, keep me close to you, **as you transform the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF TRANSFORMATION

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23

p. 1017 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Now Thank We All Our God"
BPC Handbell Choir

Arr. Jason Krug

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

p. 744 in pew Bible

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

MESSAGE

"Today's Menu: Green Grass and Justice"

Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed, 1.2

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

* HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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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

"We Gather Together"

Arr. Rebecca Bonam

Susan Gargano, Flautist W R Mahns Keyboardist

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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION ⁶

(unison)

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. Lord, 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

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Come Christians Join to Sing"
W R Mahns, Organist

Arr. Jason Payne



Worship Notes

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¹<https://www.crs.org/resource-center/>

²by 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 a “**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.

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
Elsie Edelman – CrestPoint, Point Pleasant



TODAY - The Worship Committee is asking for your help!
We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas after this morning's worship service. We have several trees to decorate and other decorations including the Manger outside. *Thank you!*



November 27 – December 3

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Worship Com. Meeting	5:30PM
	Prayer Vigil	5:00 – 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School	9:00AM
	For children & adults	
	*Worship	10:00AM

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for children pre-k and under.*



LAST DAY FOR ORDERING 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 is due today.



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

Soups: cream of chicken soup, chicken broth, hearty soup, chicken noodle soup.

Canned Goods: baked beans, yams, corn, peas, carrots, fruit.

Packaged Goods: mashed potatoes, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, saltines,
ramen noodles, crackers.

Beverages: juice, coffee, tea.

Thank You for Your Support!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Starting *Today through December 17, 2023*, there are envelopes placed in the church pews to donate Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of loved ones. Please consider donating to beautify our church for Christmas. **Thank you.**



Christmas Cookie Sale

>>>> *CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!* <<<<<

*Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale is coming up on
December 16, 2023 - from 12:00 – 4:00.*

With the generosity of our church members, we are able to have a very successful event every year. *A sign-up sheet will be available soon for you to volunteer to bake your family favorites and add to the wide variety of cookies in our inventory for the sale.* This sale will be open to the community, so join us in welcoming our neighbors to BPC.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

This is new for us. We will be selling specialty Christmas cards, handcrafted in Tennessee. **These cards are not the typical boxed cards - you have to see them to appreciate them!** We will have a limited number of each of three scenes. Perfect for sending to a special person on your list this year! Come over to the Narthex table and have a look!

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

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