

Welcome to

Brick Presbyterian Church



“For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:13-14a

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

January 14, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas

PRELUDE

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Matthews - Southbridge

W R Mahns, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

We've come to worship God,

who loved us before we were yet born,

who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

whose presence never leaves us,

and whose love for us never ceases.

This is God.

Let's worship together!

* HYMN

"Awake, My Soul and with the Sun"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God's grace as we humbly confess our sins. We begin with individual, silent prayer, then join together for our collective prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

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

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Psalm 103:17)

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." 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 *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"* # 582, v.1

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(based on Psalm 19:14)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today.

Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

p. 541 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"How Great Is Our God"

by Chris Tomlin

Soloist: Sofia Thalheimer

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

p. 922 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God, Amen.

MESSAGE

"To Know, Know, Know Me"

Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

721

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

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OFFERTORY

"Ceaseless Praise"

Tom Fettke

W R Mahns, Keyboardist

* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 607

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION ³

(unison)

Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit. Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory, but testaments to your intimate love. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

726

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Ride the Morning Winds" (Psalm 139)

Tom Fettke

W R Mahns, Keyboardist

Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

¹ Unless otherwise noted, this liturgy was written by Teri McDowell Ott. https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-1_14.pdf

² <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-psalm-139.html>

³ by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgies Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

⁴ <https://subtleyoga.com/confessions-of-a-navel-gazer/>

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.*



Christian Education Opportunities

Looking for an opportunity this new year? No experience needed.

Join us in Church School as a volunteer, one Sunday a month or more.

Help as a Church School classroom assistant or Nursery assistant.

See Lorrie Haluza or call the church office 732-477-0676.



The following items are on the Deacons Food Pantry wish list:

Soups: cream of chicken soup, chicken broth

Canned Goods: canned chili, spam
baked beans, yams, potatoes, chickpeas, fruit

Packaged Goods: brownie mix, cake/cornbread mixes
mashed potatoes, ramen noodles, crackers, granola bars

Dog/Cat Food (small portions) **Beverages:** coffee

Thank You for Your Support!



PRAYER LIST

**Please keep Cheryl McCue and family in your prayers
following the passing of her beloved husband Jim.**

Arrangements to be announced.

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher,
Marlene Hirt, Rich Irwin, Andy Meehan,
the Nix family, Michael Toth, Bob Towlen

And Our Homebound:

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



January 15 - 21

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| MONDAY | Finance | 6:00PM |
| | Bell Choir Rehearsal | 7:00PM |
| TUESDAY | Session | 7:00PM |
| WEDNESDAY | Food Pantry Open | 10:00AM – 2:00PM |
| | C&T Meeting | 7:00PM |
| THURSDAY | Choir Rehearsal | 6:30PM |
| SUNDAY | *Church School | 9:00AM |
| | <i>For children & adults</i> | |
| | *Worship | 10:00AM |

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Spread the Budding Excitement! - Brick Presbyterian Church Food Pantry has been selected as a beneficiary of the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of January 2023. The *Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program*, which launched in February 2021, supports local hunger organizations.

For each \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet bought this January at our Brick Stop & Shop, 55 Brick Blvd, \$1 will be donated to our food pantry. Treat yourself, or someone special to you, with these lovely flowers and you will be helping feed those in need!

Your donation envelopes for 2024 are in the Narthex. If you would like to use envelopes but did not receive a box, you may call the church office or call **Karen Ellis** at 732-232-1495.

Friends, February is National Heart Month. We are asking for **RED PRAYER SQUARES** and **RED BOOTIES** for babies. Instructions are available; please see **Lori Evans** if you need more information. Thank you for all your help.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABILITY - *Attention high school* church members who will graduate June of 2024: The Scholarship Letter of Application will be available starting **February 4th**. The deadline for receipt of scholarship award applications is April 7. See **Jill Moberg, Lorrie Haluza**, or call the **church office 732-477-0676**.



Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Brick Presbyterian Church will be held at 11:15am on Sunday, January 28, 2024, in the church Family Life Center following the 10:00am worship service. The meeting will begin with prayer and a light lunch offered by our amazing Fellowship Committee.

The business to be conducted will include: validating the Pastor's Terms of Call, receiving committee and organizational reports, the nomination and election of officers to serve on the Board of Deacons and the Session, and a review of the church's financial reports and audit.

Please prayerfully consider if you are called to serve as a **Member-at-Large** on the **Standing Nominating Committee**. We will be seeking to fill these positions at the Annual meeting.

Notes

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, 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 Tompkins, *Praise Team Leader*
W R Mahns, *Pianist / Organist*
Rev. Doug Chase, *Pastor Emeritus*