

Welcome to

Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

January 21, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Craig Trautweiler

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presentation of Solar Panels

PRELUDE

"Who You Say I Am"

by Fielding / Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.

God calls us here to worship.

We are here to worship.

Drop your nets and leave your boats.

God is with us. Jesus calls us.

We are here to worship.

Let us worship God together.

* HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

463, v. 1,2,5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls to us: change your heart, change your life, and witness the miracles of God's grace. Let us confess our sin together, first in individual, silent prayer, then together with our collective prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

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

**God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh.
We have gotten comfortable with established categories:**

**haves and have-nots,
makers and takers,
bigots and bystanders,
self-starters and subordinates,
law-abiders and illegals,
the perpetrators and the innocent.**

We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries.

Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace: We are forgiven! Hallelujah!

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word and embolden us to respond faithfully. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10 p. 801 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"You Say"* by Lauren Daigle

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20 p. 867 in pew Bible

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

MESSAGE *"What Would You Do?"* Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 1-8, 27-28, 52-53, 80*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE TO GOD’S CALL

by Walter Brueggemann²

You are the God who makes extravagant promises.
We relish your great promises of fidelity and presence and solidarity,
and we exude in them.

Only to find out, always too late,
that your promise always comes in the midst of a hard, deep call to
obedience.

You are the God who calls people like us,
and the long list of [people] before us,
who trusted the promise enough to keep the call.

So we give you thanks that you are a calling God,
who calls always to dangerous new places.

We pray enough of your grace and mercy among us
that we may be among those who believe your promises
enough to respond to your call.

We pray in the one who embodied your promise
and enacted your call, even Jesus. **Amen.**

*During the intermediate silence, you are invited to pass your prayer card to the end of
your pew. Pastor Kristie will collect them and place them on the Communion Table.*

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

"Listen to Our Hearts" by G Moore / S C Chapman

* 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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

CCLI # 2151540

Verse 1 I have decided to follow Jesus
(sing 3 x)
No turning back no turning back

Verse 2 The world behind me the cross
before me (sing 3 x)
No turning back no turning back

Verse 3 Though none go with me still I
will follow (sing 3 x)
No turning back no turning back

Verse 4 Will you decide now to follow
Jesus (sing 3 x)
No turning back no turning back

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

CCLI # 2151540

Verse 1

I have decided to follow Jesus (sing 3 x)
No turning back no turning back



Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

¹ by Stephanie Sorge. https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-1_21.pdf

² written by Walter Brueggemann, in *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*, (Augsburg Fortress, 2003, p. 90). Posted on Consider Your Call.

<http://www.consideryourcall.org/sites/default/files/CYC-Media/Toolbox/Materials/Worship-Toolbox.pdf>



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the
Glory of God by the BPC Bell Choir,
*In Memory of Jimmy McCue.***



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, 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 22 - 28

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM - 2:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School	9:00AM
	<i>For children & adults</i>	
	*Worship	10:00AM
	Congregational Mtg	11:00AM

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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!

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 2024. 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!



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.



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.

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*