

Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

February 18, 2024

The First Sunday in Lent

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Come Light Our Hearts"

BPC Praise Team

by Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken, Todd Fields

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 25:1-10, by Joan Stott)

God, who offers spiritual liberation to all who search for it: we worship you.
We come to the Holy One with our sin and regrets, asking for forgiveness.

God, who offers peace of heart and mind to all who seek it: we thank you.
We come to the Welcoming One, as we yearn for acceptance and renewal.

God, whose promises are always trustworthy, just and fair: we come to share
in the blessings of your unshakable love; your constant faithfulness and
mercy.

**We come to the Transforming One, who, as we make our confessions –
lovingly and graciously forgives and restores us emotionally, mentally and
spiritually.**

My heart is fixed upon you, God; my heart is steadfast in your love...at peace,
Amen.

* HYMN

"As the Deer"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

2 Corinthians 5:20

In the name of Christ, I urge you: be reconciled to God.

Let us join together, first in individual, silent prayer, then together in our collective prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Did you hear the urgency of that call to confession? There is not one moment more that we need to be alienated from God. Through Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you, 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.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"* # 582

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness: guide us as we read Holy Scripture through these 40 days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 9:8-17	p. 7 in pew Bible
ANTHEM	<i>"Abide"</i> BPC Praise Team	by Christy Knockels
2 nd SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 1:9-15	p. 867 in pew Bible

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

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

* HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

... Your kingdom come, **your will be done** ...

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

“His Strength Is Perfect”

by J Salley, SC Chapman

BPC Praise Team

* DOXOLOGY

“Doxology (God Be Praised)”

CCLI Song # 7134391

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creature here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit now with us.

Every moment, All our days, God be praised, O God Be praised.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"Doxology (God Be Praised)"

CCLI Song # 7134391

Verse 2

**Praise God with morning's breaking
light
Praise Him through darkness of the
night
Praise Him with every breath of life
Praise Him my soul with all your
might.**

Verse 3

**Praise God when face to face we see
The One Who died to set us free
The One Who rose in victory
Praise now forever Christ our King.**

Chorus 2

**Praise You Father
We praise You Son
Praise You Spirit now with us
Every moment
All our days
God be praised
Oh God be praised.**

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**God be praised
Oh God be praised
God be praised
Our God be praised.**

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

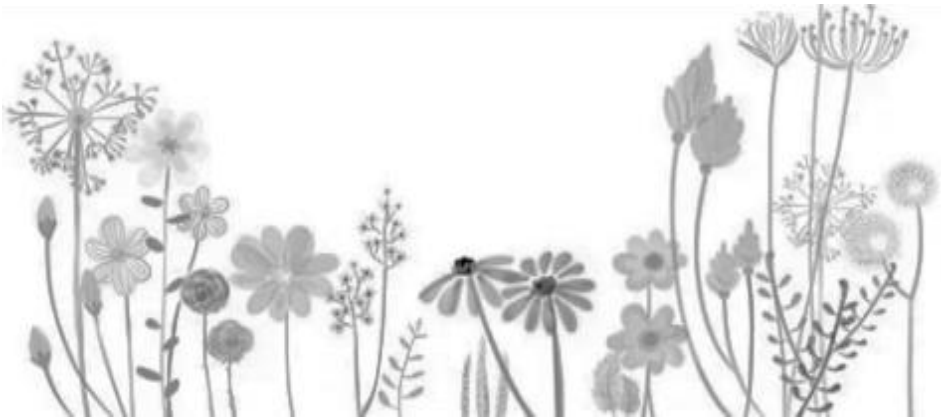
POSTLUDE

"My Life Is in You"
BPC Praise Team

by Daniel Gardner

Worship Notes:

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the
Glory of God by Craig and Patrice Law,
in memory of their beloved father,
Jewell Law.**



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.*

The
Season
of
Lent



February 14 - March 30

Looking Forward to Our Lenten Season:

Palm Cross Making - March 17 - 6:00 PM

- All hands are needed!

Palm Sunday - March 24

- Children's program in FLC immediately following the worship service.

Maundy Thursday - March 28 - 6:00 PM - Agape Meal and Service.

- RSVP to Pat.

Good Friday Service - March 29 - 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Silent Campfire Vigil - March 30 - 7:30PM - 9:30 PM

Easter Sunday - March 31



Orders are now being taken for **Easter candy**
at the Narthex desk.

Please see **Linda Kathenes** for more information.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Please check your calendar and consider signing up to donate blood
on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 1:00-6:00 pm.**
For more information speak to **Tracey Podolsky.**
Each donation helps to save lives!



PRAYER LIST

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher,
Marlene Hirt, Rich Irwin, Andy Meehan, Steve Prioli,
Michael Toth, Bob Towlen, Rich West

And Our Homebound:

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



February 19– 25

MONDAY	Presidents' Day - Church Office Bell Choir Rehearsal	Closed 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open C & T Meeting	10:00AM – 2:00PM 7:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School <i>for children & adults</i> Worship	9:00AM 10:00AM

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for children pre-k and under.*

All Hands on Deck!

Brick Presbyterian Church will be hosting the next Presbyterian Women's Gathering on Saturday, April 20! We need as many volunteers (*women and men*) as possible to provide stellar hospitality to our sisters from across the Presbytery of the Coastlands.

Some of the volunteer tasks: welcome and direct attendees, staff check-in table, provide dessert, serve food, set up / clean up, run the dishwasher, facilitate the A/V equipment.

Please see Elaine Salto to volunteer on April 20 or if you are interested in resurrecting a Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle here at BPC. Email sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com or phone: 732-477-6332.

Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church

Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*

Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*

Tim Towlen, *Moderator of Deacons; Michael Candeloro, Vice-Moderator*

Session

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

Class of 2027

Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Barbara Drum, Mark Ellis

Board of Deacons

Class of 2025

Dorothy Aldrich, Carol Orbann, Elorm Banini, Sharon Thomas, Lauren Towlen

Class of 2026

Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler

Class of 2027

Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Sally Schoeneick, Wendy Schweis

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*