

ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sandy Alho, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Joy In My Heart"
BPC Bell Choir

Arr. James Kimball

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent
towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.
Let us worship God!

* HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

Given a test on our faith, would we have a passing grade? Looking at our lives of discipleship, would we be considered good models for others? When we fail to trust God, we discover that we do indeed lead barren lives. Let us be honest as we stand before our God and bring our confessions for forgiveness and hope. We 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 Sarah and Abraham: in this holy place, we know how weak our discipleship is. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives.

God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us:

for our lack of trust;

for our faithless living;

for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus.

Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives.

Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another - we are a new people. Thanks be to God. 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

"O Lamb of God"

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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.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

p.12 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Arr. Joel Raney

BPC Bell Choir | W R Mahns, Keyboardist

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:13-25

The Message Translation

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God, Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Deuteronomy 7:9

I believe that:

The Lord our God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

* HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

49, v.1, 4

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

"Give Thanks"

H. Smith - Douglas Wagner

W R Mahns, Organist

* DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

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

"Go to the World!"

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

BENEDICTION

Go now with God, on your journey through Lent.

We will discover the new name given to each one we meet.

Go now with Jesus, walking wherever he leads.

We will put all our fears, as well as our longings, behind us.

Go now with the Spirit, who is always full of surprises.

We will share the good news called Jesus with everyone.

POSTLUDE

"My Tribute"

Andrae Crouch

W R Mahns, Organist



Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

¹ Today's liturgy written by Thom M. Shuman. <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>



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, 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 26 – March 3

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Worship Committee Meeting	5:45PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School <i>for children & adults</i>	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM

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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!



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.

*Brick Presbyterian's
Annual*



It's Coming--Save the Date!

MARCH 10th

For more info, speak to Craig Trautweiler.

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*