

# Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brian Miles

PRELUDE

*"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*  
W R Mahns, Organist

Baker / Whitworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

I praise you, O God –

**In the sanctuary**

And under the stars;

**For your greatness**

And for your goodness;

**With loud hymns**

And quiet prayers;

**With helping hands**

And dancing feet;

**With all my breath**

And with all creation;

**I praise you, O God. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"*

# 305

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then risk our confession, first in silent, individual prayer and then together in our collective prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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.**



\* HYMN

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

# 834

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Loving God, hear our prayers,  
**Holy Friend, save your people...**

## 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

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

arr. John F. Wilson

BPC Choir

\* DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

# 609

## \* 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### TELLING THE EUCHARISTIC STORY <sup>1</sup>

In the beginning, Breath poured forth and goodness was born, bringing Light from darkness, life from chaos, birth from the Womb of Creation.

Circling around the fire, from the beginning of humanity, people gathered to tell their story and to give thanks for the gifts of the Creator: promise of seed,

hope of new life, wholeness of heart, sacredness of all that lives and breathes. And the creatures, in their language, spoke their gratitude:

**The world is full of your goodness and mercy. We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

In the fullness of time goodness was once again born, and the world came to know our brother Jesus, born of woman, whole in heart and Spirit, dedicated to the Way of God, who invited all to the table of grace and continues to invite us now to this circle of healing and hope.

As he gathered his disciples in his time, we come now to remember and seek to become the Body of Christ in our own time.

This bread, gift of earth, promise of seed, is prepared for all to share. Eat with thankful hearts and hope of life renewed.

This cup, gift of the Vine that connects us all, is offered with joy and celebration. Seed and fruit given to feed our hunger and quench our thirst. These offerings bind us together in this eternal life-giving act.

Creator, Christ, Sacred Spirit, fill this meal and this circle with the gifts of life so we may be seed and fruit for one another and all creation, for the nourishment of all. With all creation we continue to say:

**The world is full of your goodness and mercy. We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

As Jesus remained true to the goodness and mercy planted within him, even till death, may we live lives that help to feed the hunger and quench the thirst of the world.

May we also offer ourselves, as Jesus did, as gifts of healing through our words of love and our acts of justice.

O God, may we continue to welcome to the circle all who are in need and share in our awe and thanksgiving saying:

**The world is full of your goodness and mercy. We give thanks today, tomorrow, and always.**

Let us pray together:

**Our Creator, who dwells in heaven and earth, sacred are all your names.**

**May your circle of mercy and care be present this day and your will for all creation bring us into your light, even as we are held by your great love throughout time.**

**Feed us today with the gifts of your goodness and bathe us in your mercy, as we offer acts of justice and love to all we meet.**

**Help us to turn from all that leads us from your way and save us from all that destroys life.**

**For this creation is yours, full of awe and beauty and mystery, today, tomorrow, and always, may it be so, Amen.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive the Communion elements from one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary.*

*The servers will hand the elements to you. Gluten-Free and Regular premade, sealed Communion elements are available from the stations and from the server in the aisle.*

## **PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**The Bread of Heaven; Thanks be to God.**

**The Cup of Salvation; Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. **Amen.**

### RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"* # 315, v. 1, 4

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* arr. D. E. Wagner  
W R Mahns, Organist

### Worship Notes

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\* Cover Art: Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, *Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law*. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57481>

<sup>1</sup> Winter: Liturgical Resources. Ed.: Burgess, Ruth. Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, Scotland: 2016. Written by Sally Howell Johnson. pp.. 320-322.



**Orientation class will held for the new church officers  
following this morning's worship service.**





## **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,  
Michael Toth, Bob Towlen

### **And Our Homebound:**

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



***Next Sunday is the Installation/Ordination of new officers.***

## The Season of Lent - February 14 - March 30

*Looking Forward to Our Lenten Season:*

**Ash Wednesday Service - February 14 - 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

**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 - 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Easter Sunday - March 31**

***Dine to Donate at Manera's Restaurant*** to support BPC this Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. (*reservations are encouraged*) Enjoy Lunch, Early Bird Specials, Dinner or Take Out. Stop by the **Fundraising Committee table** and pick up the flyer!



### ***Red Cross Blood Drive***

Looking forward to March, 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 with **Sandy Alho.**

***Each donation helps to save lives!***



**February 5 – 11**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Manera's Fundraiser</b>	<b>Noon-8PM</b>
	<b>Fundraising Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	<b>10:00AM – 2:00PM</b>
	<b>PB&amp;G Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Stew / Ben Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Scout Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>*Church School</b>	
	<b>For children &amp; adults</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>*Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>

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***SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER this SATURDAY***

**BPC's Boy Scout Troop #38, is having a Spaghetti Dinner in the FLC  
this Saturday, February 10, 2024...at 5PM.**

***... No ticket needed ... Just come!***

**Price - \$10.**

## **Brick Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Kristie Miles, *Pastor*  
Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*  
Tim Towlen, *Moderator of Deacons*

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