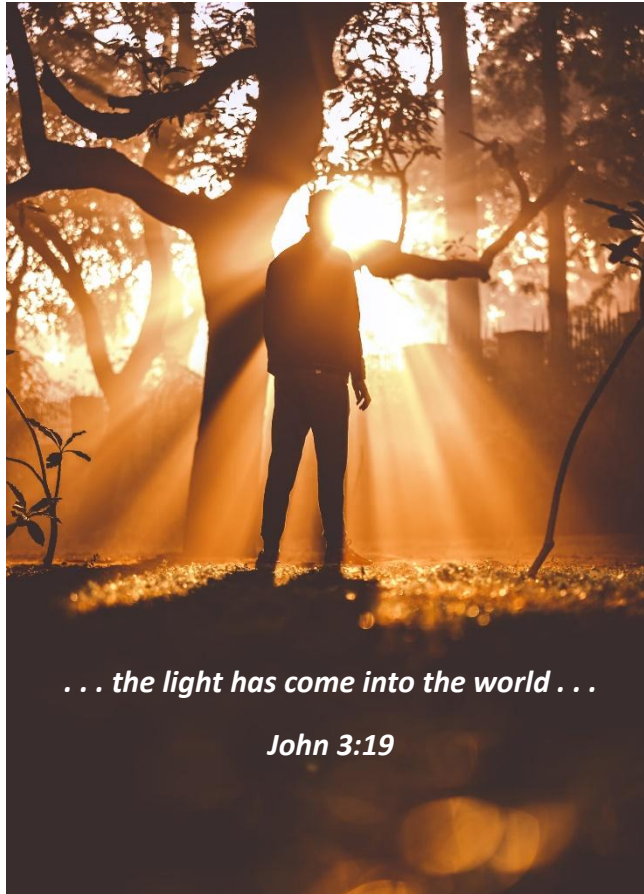


Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



... the light has come into the world ...

John 3:19

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Blood Drive

PRELUDE

"I Come to the Cross"
W. R. Mahns

Arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

(by Joan Stott based on Psalm 107)

Let us always come into God's Holy presence, worshipping with reverent awe.

In all our worship and prayers, may our responses to God always be authentic.

Let us always come into God's Holy Presence with confessions and remorse.

May our responses be with songs of joy and peace to God's mercy and grace.

Let us always come into God's Holy Presence with songs of praise; prayers of hope; and with thankful hearts, minds and lives that demonstrate God-is-with-us.

May our responses to God's Holy Presence with us be a declaration and living example of God's enduring and faithful love, that always blesses and empowers us. Amen.

* HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

610, v. 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:8

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first in individual, silent prayer, then 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:5

God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

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 Numbers 21:4-9 p. 134 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"God So Loved"* by M. Sampson, M. Crocker
Soloist: Edmond Murphy | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

2nd SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-21 p. 924 in pew Bible

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 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

"Give Thanks to God"

653, v. 1,2,6

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE ¹

Holy and Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of life, for the gift of your Son, for the gift of the Holy Spirit,
That we may believe, believe, be well.

Lead us through the trials, the suffering and sorrow, the challenges and struggles, the tired times and places when all we want to do is complain.
May we believe, believe, be well.

Be with those who weep, or cannot sleep, who have no peace, who seek release: May they find solace in You,
In believing, in believing, in being well.

Lead us: **With grace, with love, with peace.**

Fill us: **With hope, with patience, with stamina.**

Transform us: **In your image, in your Son, in your Name.**

Transform us: **To grow, to understand, to see.**

Transform us: **That we - can be - made whole.**

And in wholeness, may we **Believe, believe, and be well. Amen.**

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 *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”* arr. Joel Raney
Soloist: Edmond Murphy | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

* DOXOLOGY *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”* # 708

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (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 *“My Song Is Love Unknown”* # 209, v. 1,2,5

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* Arr. Mark Hayes
W. R. Mahns



Worship Notes

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¹ written by Terri C. Pulaski <https://revgalblogpals.org/2012/03/17/sunday-prayer-lent-4b-belove/>

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.*

TODAY Join us for the CHILI COOK-OFF in the FLC after the worship service



This Week in Our Church March 11 – 17

MONDAY	Finance Meeting	6:00PM
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Session	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
	C & T Meeting	11:30AM

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

SUNDAY *Church School 9:00AM

for children & adults

Worship 10:00AM

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Orders are now being taken for **Old Monmouth Easter Candy** at the Narthex desk. Deadline to order is next Sunday



If you would like to donate for *Easter flowers In Memory of a Loved One or In Honor of a Loved One*, flower card donation envelopes will be in the pews. Next Sunday will be your last chance to place flowers.



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!*

February 14 - March 30

*The
Season
of
Lent*



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

An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the worship service on the front lawn. *In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the FLC.*

All Hand-On Deck!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

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.

In Christian Sympathy

The church has been informed of the death of member, **Helga Schwedhelm**, on February 23. Services were private.

Also

Former member, **Sandra Ayala**, died on March 6. Sandra was the daughter of the late Alice Mergner and the granddaughter of the late Margaret Carroll.

Please hold these families in your prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher,
Marlene Hirt, Rich Irwin, Arlene Liegl, Andy Meehan,
Greg Morrison, 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

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*