

Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Chuck Cumella, Liturgist

OPENING SONG SET

"God So Loved"

Praise Team

by Ed, Franni, Martin and Scott Cash and Andrew Bergthold

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Junior Praise Team

by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus (*God So Loved*)

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God, praise God,
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him,
For the wonders of His love!

Chorus (10,000 Reasons):

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Worshipper, why do you come here today?

We come to hear the Word. We come to do the Word.

We come to experience Comfort. We come to experience Challenge.

We come to find Cost. We come to find Joy.

We come to find Humanity. We come to find Community.

We come to find Church. We come to find God.

So let us worship God!

Amen.

* HYMN

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION ^k

Our prayers of confession can run the range from *simple* to *complicated*, from *individual* to *collective*, and from *mundane* to *grievous*. Whatever our sins, we confess to God with humility, we ask God to gently expose our sins to our consciousness, and gratefully accept that God greets our confession with

grace and mercy. So let us pray, first in silent individual prayer and then collectively:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ^k

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

I'm truly sorry.

Please forgive me.

I won't do it again.

Thank you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ^k

1 John 1:9 says: "If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Receive God's forgiveness now and go and live your life reflecting it.

Alleluia, 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 p. 680 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Be Unto Your Name"* Lynn DeShazo & Gary Sadler

2nd SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-36 p 936 in pew Bible

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

MESSAGE *"He Hid from Them"* Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.08

We believe:

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

* HYMN

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God our strength, we lift to you the deepest prayers of our hearts that you will save us from the time of trial and comfort us in tribulation. . .

. . . Reveal your glory to the nations, that your cross may stand as a sign of the power that conquers human pride and confounds the wisdom of this world.
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

"Make Me A River"

by Mark Hall and Mathhew West

* DOXOLOGY

Doxology (God be Praised)

by Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken, Todd Fields

CCLI Song #7134391

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures 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, Oh God be praised.

* 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

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG - *Reprise*

“Make Me a River” by Mark Hall & Matthew West

Guide ev'ry step I take
Lord let me not wander away
Father fill ev'ry word I speak
With the same grace that You've given me.
Touch the world with my hands
They are Yours
Let my love show the lost
That You are the Lord.

Chorus

Father make me a river.
Come living water flow through me.
You are the one that I thirst for.
So come living water flow through me.



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.*



Worship Notes

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¹ by Katherine Hawker



This Week in Our Church March 18 – 24

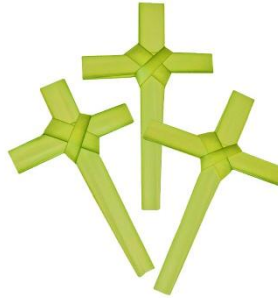
MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Blood Drive	1:00PM – 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
	Jr. Praise Team	6:30PM
	C & T Meeting	7:45PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School	9:00AM
	<i>for children & adults</i>	
	Worship	10:00AM
	CHURCH SCHOOL EVENT-FLC	11:00AM

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TODAY is the final day to place an Easter candy order from Old Monmouth Candy. Easter Candy orders can be picked up at the church next Sunday, **March 24** after the service or on Wednesday, **March 27** between 10 and 2 (*pantry hours*).



TODAY is also the deadline to donate Easter flowers *In Memory of a loved one* or *In Honor of a loved one*. The flower card donation envelopes are found in the pews.



Palm Cross Making TONIGHT @ 6:00 PM

- All Hands are Needed in the FLC!



Reminder that the blood drive takes place this Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 1:00-6:00 pm. *Each donation helps to save lives!* We are full and would like to thank you again for your support.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



February 14 - March 30

Looking Forward to Our Lenten Season:

Palm Cross Making - Tonight - 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 using signup sheet in Narthex or call Pat

Good Friday Service - March 29 - 7:00 PM

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

- in the Manse backyard

Easter Sunday - March 31

- The Youth Group is hosting an **Easter bake sale** after the church service.

- 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.



In remembrance of Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his death, you are invited to share an **agape meal** with your church family on **Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6pm** in the FLC. Please **RSVP** by using the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table or by calling Pat in the church office during the week. A **\$5.00 donation is welcome but not required.**



All Hand-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.

PRAYER LIST

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher,
Marlene Hirt, Rich Irwin, Arlene Liegl, Andy Meehan,
Greg Morrison, Steve Prioli, Rev. Larry Stoess,
Michael Toth, Bob Towlen, Rich West

And Our Homebound:

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

IT'S TIME TO



BECOME PART OF OUR
CHURCH
FAMILY

Speak with Pastor Kristie Today.
New Member Orientation Class is April 7th.

The Bible says,
*"Just as our bodies have many parts and
each part has a special function,
so it is with Christ's body.
We are many parts of one body,
and we all belong to each other"*

(Romans 12:4-5 NLT).

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*