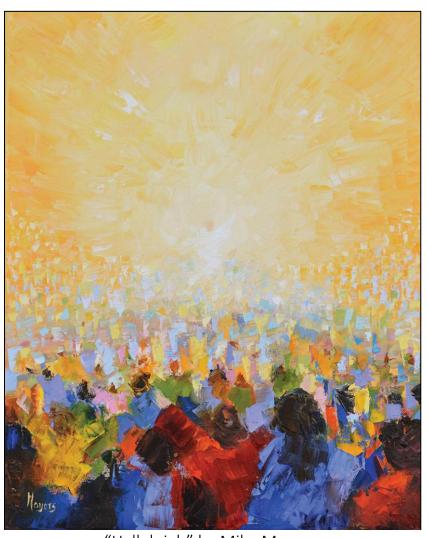
# Welcome to

# Brick Presbyterian Church



"Hallelujah" by Mike Moyers

#### ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

## March 24, 2024

# Palm Sunday

\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold** 

# **GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Lori Evans, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Arr. Jason Krug

BPC Bell Choir with Keyboard Accompaniment

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

\* HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

2 Cor. 5:20

In the name of Christ, I urge you: be reconciled to God. Together, let us confess our sin, first by individual, silent prayer, and then using the collective prayer. Let us pray:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are sometimes as fickle as the Jerusalem crowd. Sometimes our faith is more show than substance. We confess that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive, heal, and receive us as your own. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In Jesus Christ, the gift of true repentance is forgiveness. Hear these words 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.

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE "Hear the Good News of Salvation" # 441, v. 1

# THE WORD

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service.

Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, Hosanna! (Save us!) Lord, grant us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord, we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

ANTHEM "Ah, Holy Jesus" Arr. Jason Krug
BPC Bell Choir with Keyboard Accompaniment

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

p. 879 in pew Bible

. . . Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

# 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 from A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 1-26

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God. and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

## 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 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Arr. Larry Shackley Susan Gargano. Flautist / W R Mahns, Keyboardist

\* 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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 275, v. 1,3,4

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION** 

# 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.



This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by Nana & Grampy Ellis, in celebration of Devin's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

We Love You!

# **Worship Notes**

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# **Holy Week**

# Today

The Church School Easter pageant will be held in the FLC immediately following the worship service. Please come and support the children.

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

RSVP today using the signup sheet in Narthex

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, the hunt will be held in the FLC.

# **PRAYER LIST**

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher, Marlene Hirt, Rich Irwin, Dot Jones, 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



# This Week in Our Church March 25 – 31

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Worship Committee Meeting	5:45PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open Jr. Praise Team Praise Team	10:00AM – 2:00PM 6:30PM 7:30PM
THURSDAY	Agape Dinner & Service	6:00PM
FRIDAY	Good Friday Worship Service	7:00PM
SATURDAY	Campfire Vigil - Manse Backyard	7:30PM – 9:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School for children & adults	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale	11:00AM



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 29**<sup>th</sup> **at 6pm** in the FLC. Please **RSVP** by using the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. *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.

Easter Candy Orders are available for pickup today or this Wednesday from 10am-2pm.

# Do You Like Brownstone Pancake Factory? There is a surprise waiting for you on the Narthex table!

# **IT'S TIME TO**



Speak with Pastor Kristie Today. New Member Orientation Class is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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).

# **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

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# Class of 2026

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

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