

# Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Miles

PRELUDE

*"Bread of Life"*

Sherwen – Whitworth

W R Mahns

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 19:7-10)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.**

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey, so let us worship God!**

\* HYMN

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

# 307, v. 1,2,4

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? God is calling; come to the waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, 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)*

**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

Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. 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, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      Exodus 20:1-17      p. 63 in pew Bible

ANTHEM      *“What Wondrous, Marvelous Love”*      arr. M. A. Cooper  
BPC Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      John 2:13-22      p. 923 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE      *“The First Nail”*      Rev. Kristie Miles

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Westminster Shorter Catechism, A: 42

We believe that:

**The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

\* HYMN      *“Change My Heart, O God”*      # 695  
*Sing Twice*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God, saying:

In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us . . .**

. . . Restore in us, O God, the joy of your salvation; renew and sustain our spirits, so that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our hope and strength. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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                      *"You Do Not Walk Alone"*                      arr. Elaine Hagenberg

\* DOXOLOGY                      *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*                      # 708

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, Creator of our wilderness world,  
O God, Savior of the lost,  
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,  
We give you thanks for your everlasting might;  
We glorify you for your covenant of mercy.  
For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.  
We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**  
For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.  
We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**  
For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.  
We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**  
You became truly human in Jesus our brother.  
For forty days, with fasting and prayer,  
he renounced the power of the devil.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

... We extol his life. Amen. **Amen.**  
We lament his death. Amen. **Amen.**  
We celebrate his resurrection. Amen. **Amen.**  
Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for  
our journey, the body and blood of your Incarnation.  
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**  
Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.  
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**  
Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.  
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**  
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.  
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**  
At the last, lead all your pilgrim people  
through our deserts to your Easter garden.  
To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **Amen.**

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

*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.*

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

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food, so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup. Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love. Now send us out to be Christ's body in your broken and beautiful world to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. **Amen.**

## RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN

*"How Great Thou Art"*

# 625

## CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

*"Psalm 19"*  
W R Mahns

Benedetto Marcello

### Worship Notes

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Cover Art Title: *Christ Overturns the Tables of the Moneylenders*

Artist: Koenig, Peter

Notes: "Peter Koenig is a Catholic artist whose goal in life is "to paint the drama, romance and poetry of the sacred book" (<https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>). In this modern representation of the cleansing of the temple, Jesus holds a whip as he drives away the sheep being sold for sacrifices. The doves have been released and are chaotically flying around above the people, whose expressions are mixtures of shock, horror, irritation, and anger. Jesus has turned over the tables and money is scattering all around the moneylenders. This painting inspires viewers to reconsider what it means to be a church in today's society. Should the church be a place of profit (a den of thieves) or should it use its resources for the good of people? Should it exploit the needy or should it help them? Should the church be an exploitative economic institution or one devoted to alleviating the suffering of all oppressed peoples?"



### **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 Week in Our Church March 4 – 10

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Deacons	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Fundraising	7:00PM
	PB&G	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
	Stewardship/Benevolence Mtg	7:00PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SATURDAY	Church Clean-Up Day	8:00AM – Noon
SUNDAY	*Church School	9:00AM
	<i>for children &amp; adults</i>	
	Worship	10:00AM

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Orders are now being taken for **Old Monmouth Easter Candy** at the Narthex desk. Orders will be taken through March 17.

**CHILI COOK-OFF is Next Sunday!** *Craig Trautweiler has all the info you need!*



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!*

## 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

### 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](mailto:sewinglady.salto145@gmail.com) or phone: 732-477-6332.

## 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**



**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 until March 17th.**

**A *Holy Week performance* by the Church School students will be held on **March 24** following the worship service, in the FLC.**

**An Easter Egg Hunt** will follow the worship service on **March 31**, on the front lawn. *In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the FLC*

## **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*