

Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church



He Is Risen!

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10:00 AM

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Craig Trautweiler, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Arr. Stephen Bulla
Susan Gargano, Flute - W. R. Mahns, Keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glory to you, O God:

You have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ:

For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the Good News we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last, he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this Good News to the world. **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

O God, you gave your very self to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by Christ's glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

* HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

232, v. 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. 22:17

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first in individual, silent prayer and then together using our collective prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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.**

* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Hear the Good News of Salvation"*

441, v. 1

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

ANTHEM
Shackley

"Risen Indeed"

by Larry

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

The Gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

"When Empty Is Good"

Rev. Kristie Miles

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

649, v. 1,4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ¹

O God, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, we come before you to pray for the needs of our world.

Into the light of Easter morning, we raise those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives, or with the breakdown of relationships. May the light of Christ shine upon them.

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter morning, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty, and need are the experiences of everyday life. May the light of Christ shine upon them.

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

And into the light of Easter morning, we bring ourselves, the private struggles, the heart's yearnings, the hidden dreams, the unfulfilled potential. May the light of Christ shine upon us.

May the light of Christ shine upon us all. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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

"Rejoice!"

by Joseph M. Martin

BPC Choir | Keyboardist: W. R. Mahns

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION ²

(unison)

God of great gifts:

This morning, we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Eph. 4:4-6

. . . There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. . .

...On behalf of the Session, I present Zayden Sedem Voegborlo, child of Elorm Banini and Hanson Voegborlo Sr., to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, Zayden, do you desire to be baptized? **I do.**

To the Parents and Family:

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help Zayden to grow into the full stature of Christ? **I will.**

To the Congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Zayden by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? **We will.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God . . .

WELCOME

Zayden, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ. **Alleluia! Amen!**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the session, I present Annmarie Gilman, who has been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer from the Hope Presbyterian Church in Lakewood and Helen Upperman who has been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer from Trinity United Methodist Church in Mullica Hill.

In baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ's own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then, not as strangers, but as friends in Christ and members of the household of God. We rejoice that you now desire to join with this congregation in the worship and mission of the church.

Hear these words from scripture: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized: Annmarie and Helen, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Annmarie and Helen to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one

another as Christ loved us, honoring him in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Annmarie and Helen, remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

Thanks be to God.

WELCOME

Welcome to this ministry that we share in Jesus Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Table of Jesus Christ. All are called, all are welcome.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God. Time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your good to all. And so we raise our voices in praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Power and Might.

Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation: to gather together, to share together, to remember together, and to go and do likewise in the world.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We remember with thanksgiving our Lord's Supper, shared with his closest of friends, in which he took the bread and blessed it, broke it apart, and gave it to them, saying: This is my body. Take and eat it, remembering me.

We remember how he took a cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Drink it, all of you, and remember me.

And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us lovers and tellers of your word. Make us healers and bestowers of your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! **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.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst.

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

The Cup of Salvation; **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

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CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

Arr. Stephen Bulla

Susan Gargano, Flute - W. R. Mahns, Keyboard



WORSHIP NOTES:

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¹ written by Ann Siddall, in Lent to Easter liturgies: Year C. Posted on

<http://stillpoint.unitingchurchsa.org.au/>

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.

Easter Flowers are Given by the Following Members & Friends

The Aldrich Family - *in memory of loved ones*

Jackie & Geoff Blake - *in memory of Kenny Blake*

Mary & Bill Burdge & Nancy Olsen - *in memory of Lewis & Ruth Cook*

Terry Duckworth - *in memory of Roy & Teresa Galiardi and Kaitlyn Duckworth*

Mark & Karen Ellis - *in memory of all our loved ones.*

The Evan & Lane Families - *in memory of our loved ones who are forever in our hearts*

Lori Evans - *in memory of my parents, 2 aunts and sister-in-law*

Susan Gargano - *in memory of Alice & Fred Schwankert*

July Gavan – *in memory of Anna & Kenny Hunt*

The Horan & Palumbo Families - *you are always in our hearts,
- in loving memory of Arthur & Muriel Best and Gary Horan, Jr.*

Joe & Debbie Johnson - *in memory of our loved ones*

Beverly Jones - *in memory of the Jones family*

The Kathenes Family - *in memory of Hank & Gloria Kathenes*

Jimmy Kathenes - *in memory of Larry Kathenes*

The Kathenes Family - *in memory of Florence Mallinson*

Craig & Patrice Law - *in memory of Dorothy & Jewell Law, Patricia Bertrand,
- and our loved ones*

Cheryl McCue - *in memory of my loving husband, Jim McCue*

Walter & Lynda Pullis - *in honor of our Wedding Anniversary*

Jean Reilly - *in memory of Doug, Tim & Erin Reilly*

Wendy & Fred Schweis - *to thank God for our amazing children, Eric Alan & Kelly Sue*

TODAY AFTER SERVICE

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

Stop by and bring some goodies home!

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the service on the front lawn.

Prayer List

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher,
Marlene Hirt, John Hunt, 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

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.



This Week in Our Church April 1 - 7

MONDAY	Church Office Closed - <i>Holiday</i>	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
	Deacons Meeting	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Fundraising Meeting	7:00PM
	PB&G Meeting	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
	Jr. Praise Team	6:30PM
	Stewardship/Benevolence	7:00PM
	Praise Team	7:30PM
THURSDAY	Choir	6:30PM

SUNDAY

*Church School

9:00AM

for children & adults

Worship

10:00AM

New Member Orientation

11:00AM



Come On Out!

Cheat Day For A Cause will take place on April 12, from 4-10pm at the **Brownstone Pancake Factory** located at 979 Cedarbridge Ave., Brick. *Dine in or dine out.*

Pick Up a Flyer for the event on the Narthex

table.

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

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