

Welcome to  
Brick Presbyterian  
Church



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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas, Liturgist

OPENING SONG: *"Raise a Hallelujah"* by Jake Stevens, Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs CCLI Song # 7119315 The Junior Praise Team

*Chorus:*

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes hope will arise.  
Death is defeated the King is alive!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(inspired by Psalm 4)*

The Lord hears us when we call;

**Come, let us put our trust in God.**

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness;

**Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls

**Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

\* HYMN

*"You Are Holy"*

# 705

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lorrie Haluza

## CALL TO CONFESSION

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin.

Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You reveal yourself to us again and again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do, when the lure of the familiar makes us avoid the new and refuse the gift of your peace for ourselves and the world. Have mercy on us when we hold on to what no longer brings life or hide your peace for ourselves or when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole, that in this world of strife, we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(Based on I John 3)*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,

**And that is what we are.**

Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins and set free for love.

**As God's children, we commit again to love each one who shares this life and world with us.**

This is the message we have heard:

**Love one another. Alleluia. Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sharing God's love begins here and now. Let us offer a sign of God's welcome to us and Christ's love for all as we share the words:

"The peace of Christ be with you."

**And also with you.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"* # 239 Verse 3

**Praise we in songs of victory that love,  
that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3: 12 - 19 p. 949 in pew Bible

ANTHEM *"Forever"* Praise Team  
by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson,  
Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

*"Resurrection Decision"*

Rev. Thomas Sheffield

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast that:

**Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,**

And that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*

# 250

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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                                    *"Because He Lives (Amen)"*                                    Praise Team  
by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram,  
Matt Maher, William J. Gaither

\* DOXOLOGY                                    *"Doxology (God Be Praised)"*                                    Todd Fields

**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

**Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace. You create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church, in our community and throughout our world. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

## RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN                                    *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*                                    # 744

# CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* CLOSING SONG

*"You Are My Vision"*

Praise Team

by Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Rend Collective

CCLI Song # 7134391

### **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 the Kraynick family,  
in memory of their beloved grandmother, Mary Hatala.**

## Prayer List

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher,  
Marlene Hirt, John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dot Jones, Arlene Liegl,  
Bob Mahns, 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! - Sign Up Sheet in Narthex



**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. **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 15 – 21

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	<b>10:00AM – 2:00PM</b>
	<b>Jr. Praise Team</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
	<b>C&amp;T Meeting</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Praise Team</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Presbyterian Women's Gathering</b>	<b>9:00 AM– 1:00PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>*Church School</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<i>for children &amp; adults</i>	
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
	<i>Baptism of Dawson Murphy</i>	

## 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*