Welcome to **Brick Presbyterian Church**



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

April 14, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

by J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep.

We gather to worship Jesus Christ, who calls us to lay down our lives for others.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF DAWSON JOHN MURPHY

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

* 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. ...

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." So let us leave deception behind by confessing together, first in individual silent prayer, then as one voice using our collective prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Shepherd God, your Scriptures, your guidance, and yes, your correction are all gifts to us, born of your love. Yet we rebel against "your rod and your staff," as if they are merely punishment and not the tools for our improvement and protection that they really are.

Help us submit to your loving discipline, trust in your ways, and practice the forgiveness you have already established for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God's promise is fulfilled,

Hallelujah, 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

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. **Amen**.

1st SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24

p. 1066 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"What A Beautiful Name"

Fielding & Ligertwood

Vocalist: Sharon Thomas

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

p. 933 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

Thanks be to God, Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

754

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 "Panis Angelicus" by C. Franck

Vocalist: Sharon Thomas

* DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" # 542

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Heather Sorenson



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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.

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

Take Out Available



IN THE FLC May 3rd Dinner Served 5 - 8pm



<u>This Week in Our Church April 22 – 28</u>

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open Jr. Praise Team Praise Team	10:00AM – 2:00PM 6:30PM 7:30PM
THURSDAY	Choir	6:30PM
SUNDAY	*Church School for children & adults	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM

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

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